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Week beginning Monday 19th Dec 2016

Mon 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent & Toddler Christmas party 9.15-11am NO swimming – Y7 begin on Monday 9th Jan Parish CHOIR PRACTICE 6.15-7PM: Very important that all attend!
Tues 13 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaelic F'ball sessions for Y6 & 7. Bring PE gear.
Wed 14 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO Y1-3 fundamentals with Ulster GAA or Fit for life (Y4) – wear full uniform 9.30am: Violin, 11.30am: Flute/clarinet lessons Carol singing & music in Castledawson Home, 2pm
Thur 15 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Fun Day with Paul Diamond (am) & disco (pm) – last full school day NO Gaelic F'ball sessions for Y4&5
Fri 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No breakfast club - school closes at 11am

Dates for your diary:

Fri 6 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School reopens for all pupils – full day, No mass Break money: £4.80 payable directly to canteen. Milk £4 for Jan – payable to office. From 6 Jan School dinners will be £2.55
Mon 9 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming begins for Y7 – remember £2, swim gear and goggles(& hat for girls) Friends of New Row meeting 6.30pm
Wed 11 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APPLICATIONS FOR Y1 SEPT 2017 <u>MUST</u> BE RETURNED BY 12 NOON
Thur 12 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Mary's College Clady open night 7pm
Fri 13 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly mass – 9.45am – every one very welcome
Sat 14 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Pius X College Open Morning 9.30am

- **Places for P1 September 2017:** If you know someone who needs an application form for P1 please contact the office immediately. Closing date for return is Wed 11th Jan 2017 AT 12 NOON.
- **Homework:** After a great term's work, we are rewarding the pupils (and parents!) with no written homework for this week. Pupils are free to complete online games if they wish such as Education City. Please return all reading books, particularly Years 1-3. Enjoy the break!
- Thanks to all who expressed an interest in a **Couch to 5K**/improve your 5K time running programme. Mrs McElroy is hopeful and is finalising a programme to begin in the New Year. Text update to follow.
- **School Dinner Menu overleaf** – This week dinners will end on Thursday. The **last day to pay for dinners** is Wednesday. Any dinner for Thursday must be prepaid on Wednesday. All **outstanding money owed** for dinners, breaks, etc. needs to be settled as a matter of urgency so we can finalise accounts. EA have informed us that the price will rise to £2.55 in January and £2.60 in Sept 2017. This is unfortunate
- **Canteen break for Jan** £4.80 payable to kitchen. Please do not send in any extra treats for your child to eat at breaktime if they take canteen break. They don't have time and it is unnecessary considering lunch follows 1½ hours later. Also, if your child does not take canteen break, please remember our healthy eating policy: snack on fruit/sandwich, no crisps, chocolate, sweets or biscuits at break thanks

As the Christmas break approaches, it is timely for me on behalf of New Row to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. Thanks to the children for their enthusiasm (hope Santa rewards them), the staff for their dedication (hope they have a well-deserved rest), parents for entrusting their children to us (hope they enjoy the gift of time with their kids) and all those who support the work of New Row in a whole variety of ways (hope they realise how grateful we are). I sincerely wish you all a lovely break and God's blessing for a happy and healthy 2017. *Nollaig shona dhaoibh!*

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal