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We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Mon 2nd May 2017

Tues 2 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr Ryan McAleer (Diocesan RE Adviser) visiting our school All-tex clothes recycling begins today – leave bags at back of hall thanks
Wed 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1-3 hurling & camogie taster morning with St Malachy's CC & Ulster GAA Y7 S Derry championship festival day (Magherafelt – bring lunch) 3pm: Y6 Transfer club – <i>note change of day for this week only</i> New Row Runners – Meadowbank 5.15pm. Still time to join!
Thur 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration for Term 3 Afterschools opens at 8.45am. Sorry – no early registrations. Y4 invitation to Ceili in Draperstown (early lunch - leaving 12.30pm – back for 3pm) Piloxing starts: 7.30pm £20 for 5 week course
Fri 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIRST FRIDAY MASS (Fr Branigan) 9.45am. Parents/families & friends of NR welcome
Mon 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health awareness week begins 3pm: Y6 Transfer club Friends of New Row meeting 6pm
Tues 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustrans Assembly for Y1-7 (promoting safe and active travel to school)
Wed 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Baking workshop in CPS (am only)
Thur 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Awareness Day – visitors to all classes to discuss healthy bodies and minds South Derry Track & Field Day (Y7 pupils) Y4 football blitz in Meadowbank
Fri 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 Assembly 9.30am. All parents/families of Y2 welcome. Over by 10am Y7 Shared Ed Bake Sale in Church Hall from 10am
Sat 20 th May: First Communion 11am	
Sun 21 st May: Confirmation in Magherafelt 3pm	
Fri 26th May: School closed for pupils; Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM	

- **Important reminders & updates re attendance and lateness overleaf – please take time to read**
- **Michael Morpurgo competition** – Congratulations to Roisha Lupari who won our 'Get Caught Reading' competition. The entries were excellent and a selection have been displayed in the hall.
- Are you free to help us next Thursday 11am-12.30pm? **Do you work in a health-related role?** Could you come and talk to a small number of children? We need some more volunteers for our Health Awareness Day next week. Please contact myself or Miss Gribbin.
- **Bernie McGoldrick (Health visitor)** visited Y1 last week – what a great morning we had!
- Congratulations to the U14s from **St Malachy's GAC** on winning the Feile B2 competition yesterday!
- Well done to **Y7** on a lovely Service of light last week and to **Y4** on excellent participation in their 5th and final Bridge mass at the weekend. Next stop, First Communion & Confirmation!
- Do you have a **child starting Year 1 in Sept 2017** or do you know someone who is? All parents received letters confirming placement last week. Contact the office ASAP if a letter has not been received.
- **Term 3 dates:** We are finalising dates for term 3 including school trips, sports day and prize giving etc. A full list will be circulated at the start of next week.
- May break money: £5.50 (pay Marie) & May milk: £4 (pay in office). Both due at the end of this week. Please see overleaf for info re unpaid bills

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

Attendance update

Absences from school: illness

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please make sure you let the teacher know on the morning of the first day. You can do this by notifying the office or an adult calling with the class teacher. We must be able to account for all absences, so please *send in a short note on the first day back* if your child is off for more than one day. Teachers will not send home extra work if your child is sick. Let them rest properly and make a full recovery. They can do some extra reading which teachers agree would be of greater benefit.

Absences from school: other reasons

Holidays/trips during school time: interrupt children's learning and cannot be condoned by the school. Any unavoidable absence should be explained by *sending in a short note for our records*. We must record all such absences as 'unauthorised'. Unauthorised absences are monitored by the school in conjunction with Education Welfare. No work will be prepared by teachers for these absences.

Arriving late to school

Children should arrive from 8.50am onwards (unless at breakfast club). There is no supervision before 8.50am. Class begins with prayers at 9am and the security buzzer at the front door turned on. Any child arriving from 9.10am will be marked as late in the register. Education Welfare requires us to monitor lateness. Make sure your child is in class by 9am! 10 mins late every day = over 3 ½ hours in one month.



Is the big wardrobe clear-out on?

Please keep your bags of clothes, fabrics etc and drop them down to the school any time that suits. This is a great fundraiser as the school gets a higher rate than the public do.

Collection begins today for 2 weeks only!

Overdue bills

There are a significant number of unpaid amounts to both the office and the kitchen.

As I'm sure you understand, there is no facility to 'write off' such debts. Further, several parents have been informed by text/letter about outstanding break/dinner/milk bills and have not as yet contacted the office. Please do this immediately to discuss as we need to arrange payment.

I find this difficult for me to communicate. However, it is an aspect of school life that is taking more energy and time than I feel it should – and we have no reserve funds to compensate.



Friends of New Row



Easter Draw: THANK YOU!

We were delighted with the success of our Easter Raffle. You helped us raise £2,210 which will be put to excellent use by the school. The focus is on new Maths teaching materials to help provide more up to date lessons and activities for all pupils.

Thank you to all the businesses and friends of New Row for their donations

If any business or anyone is missing, let us know immediately so we can ensure they are recognised.

Amy Rose Flowers - Ash Blondes - Barber Shop - Bellaghy Pharmacy

Burns & Co (Draperstown) - Castledawson Pharmacy - District 45 - El Toro Restaurant

Gems - Lloyds Pharmacy - Mary Keenan (Massage) - Mossview Potatoes - Muldoon's

O'Brien's Pharmacy - Serephina Boutique (Cookstown) - Specsavers - Sportique

The Ramble Inn - The Inn - Vivo Castledawson - Vivo Granville

...and all the gifts donated by generous parents, families and friends of New Row

Thanks also to Bedroom and Beds for sponsoring the tickets and a special Easter Bunny who delivered an Easter egg for every pupil in our school!