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We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Mon 5th June 2017

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| Mon 5 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Swimming (pm) <i>A/S 3pm: Y6 Transfer Club</i> |
| Tues 6 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3&4 visit Carnfunnock Park, Larne. REMEMBER YOUR CONSENT FORM & £10 <i>A/S 2pm: Fundamentals (Y1&2) CW</i> |
| Wed 7 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derrychrin Soccer Tournament (boys & girls) Y1-3 Ulster GAA Fundamentals with Ciaran Sharkey Y4 Shared Education Workshop in CPS 9.15am – 12 noon Y5 tour of M'felt Bus station (Pick up 10am) New Row Runners – Meadowbank 5.15pm. <i>A/S 3pm: Songtime (Y3&4) DD & DG, Golf (Y5-7) Tony Mulholland</i> |
| Thur 8 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 & 2 visit Rosepark Farm, Ballymoney Y6 taster day to St Mary's GS M'felt 9.15am sharp pickup – 3pm (lunch provided) <i>A/S 2pm: Soccer (Y3) Danny, Sum Fun (Y2) 3pm: Camogie & Hurling (SD & EB)</i> |
| Fri 9 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass 9.45am – all friends of New Row very welcome. 1pm: Year 1 intake September 2017 <i>A/S 3pm: Gaelic Football (Y4&5) MMcl</i> |
| Mon 12 th Jun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam practice for violinists 9am SPECIAL DINNER – BBQ DAY! Y5 Swimming |
| Tues 13 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 & 6 visit Portstewart Strand (incl guided activities and games on the beach) |
| Wed 14 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am: Y4&5 Bike Skills workshops. Bring your bike & wear a helmet! |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Fri 16th June: Sports Day Option 1 Mon 19th June: Sports Day Option 2 </div> | |
| Wed 21 st June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear your Gaelic Jersey Day - Gaelic Football activities for Y1-7 |
| Thur 22 nd June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Trip to the North Coast, including surfing in Portrush |
| Fri 23 rd June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 Assembly & presentation of Sports Awards 9.30am Y4 Fit for Life fun day 10-1pm |
| Mon 26 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Afterschools Activities (finished Fri 23rd June). Afterschools club as usual 2-4pm BOOKATHON Sponsored Walk leaving 1pm (provisional date) No Y5 Swimming |
| Tues 27 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am – New time |
| Wed 28 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Mass 10am (no Y1-3 fundamentals) |
| Thur 29 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Musicians' Assembly 9.30am Performances from Y3, 4 & 5 & singers Y3&4 |
| Fri 30 th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closes 11am – no breakfast club or afterschools club |

- Welcome back to the 2nd half of Term 3. I hope you had a lovely break – it's going to be a busy 4 weeks!
- See above for lots of info about dates etc. These can change or be added to, so check the weekly notes
- First Communion: I want to also extend my thanks for the very generous donations of sandwiches and buns etc. It was amazing & a great example how these occasions really are whole school celebrations.
- Reminder - School trips: All trips cost £10 per child, *payable to teacher*. Don't forget the consent form!
ALL CHILDREN WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM ON TRIPS AND NO POCKET MONEY REQUIRED 😊

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

Goodbye, Mrs Donnelly

Mrs Sinead Donnelly has officially retired following many years teaching. Mrs Donnelly began her teaching career in St Pius X College before taking over the reins in Y1. Sinead brought many things to New Row, particularly her excellent teaching, promotion of maths and a love of drama. We send her every best wish for a long and happy retirement and thank her for the many years of dedicated service to New Row. Sinead will be joining us for our monthly mass on Fri 9th June 9.45am. Parents & friends of NR are very welcome to come along too and take the opportunity to pass on their retirement wishes at the end of mass.

Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance 2017/18

Who is eligible? If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: -

- Income Support;
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-Related Employment & Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less.
- if you are an Asylum Seeker or your child has a statement of SEN & requires a special diet.

Not sure if your child is eligible?

We strongly advise that you apply and let those that know make that decision. Pick up a form from us today.

Did you know...

The budget given to a school is affected by the % of pupils receiving free school meals. So, if you apply and are successful, not only are you helping your child, but you are helping the school too!

IMPORTANT: Break, Milk & Dinner Money

Canteen Break for June is now due: £5.50

Please pay Marie immediately.

From Wednesday, break will only be distributed to those pupils whose parents have paid Marie.

It is extremely difficult to refuse a child break but the canteen simply does not have the funds or powers to prepare food which is not paid for.

Milk Money now due: £4 for June. Pay office

Dinner Money: All dinners must be paid in time or in advance. Payment at end of week is only by prior arrangement with Mrs Graffin.

I appreciate your support and am aware that money can be hard to find in many houses. However, I know that you understand paying the bills of those that have forgotten is a very unsatisfactory use of school funds. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

GL Transfer Test: Saturday 18th November 2017

GL Registration is now open

How do I register my Year 6 child? Please visit

www.stmarysmagherafelt.com and click on

>Practical Information, >Year 8 admission

download POST PRIMARY TRANSFER CONSORTIUM

Entrance Assessment Registration Form

You must complete this on behalf of your child and return before the closing date (Fri 22nd Sept 2pm.)

Reminder: Parking outside school

Please make sure when collecting & dropping off (even for the shortest of times) that the cul-de-sac outside the pedestrian gate is always kept free.

This will allow local access for residents and emergency vehicles if/when required.

Your cooperation would be very much appreciated by all at New Row.

Age Restrictions On Social Media

| 13 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
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| Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat | LinkedIn | WhatsApp | Vine Tinder | Path | (13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr |

Online Safety Update: Many thanks to all those parents who came along to our Online Safety & iPad evening before mid term as part of our Shared Education project with Castledawson PS. Over the next few weeks, we will share some of the messages so those not able to attend can benefit from what we learned.

First up, do you know your social media age restrictions? Does your child have an account? How do you know? Take time this week to find out the answer!