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We care

We share

We learn

Parent Information: Monday 2nd December 2019

Last week's LINE UP Class winners! Senior: Y7, Junior Y2 & 3 (tie). Well Done!

Mon 2 nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 swimming, Y5&7 Hurling & Camogie with Derry GAA coach & Mr Hasson
Tues 3 rd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly & awards from home
Wed 4 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE for all Y1-3 pupils with class teachers. Violin lessons
Thur 5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish lessons for Y6 9.30am & Y7 10am – Last week! Y6 Final session with storyteller Liz Weir as part of <i>Our Place</i> poetry workshop Treat Thursday! Bring a <i>small</i> bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break
Fri 6 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Bus (leaving Broagh Village at 8.30am) Monthly Mass 9.45am led by Y7. Credit Union collections continue. Flute & Clarinet lessons Y6 Forest School Wk 5/6 leaving 10.15am sharp (£10 total for 6 weeks via Parentpay)
Sat 7 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kiddies' Castle Open Morning – more info overleaf. 10-11.30am
Sun 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge Mass 2. See overleaf for reminders re roles.

Dates for your diary

Wed 11 th Dec	Christmas dinner & Xmas jumper Day
Thur 12 th Dec	Open Day: 9.30-11am & 1.30-2.30pm
Sun 15th Dec	Carol Service 5pm (All Y3-7 attend) followed by tea in NRPS
Mon 16 th Dec	Parent & Toddler Christmas party – with special guest! Y7 singing in Meadowlane 1.30pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas in New Row 9.30am: Y3 nativity play, Y1 & 2 festive songs & Christmas Musicians. Parents & family welcome. <i>Performances will be in St Patrick's Church</i> Staff Dinner: School Closes 1pm. No A/school available.
Wed 18 th Dec	FoNR Xmas Disco! Y1-3: 6-7pm, Y4-7: 7.15-8.15pm. Admission for families & individuals tbc.
Thurs 19 th Dec	Family Prayer Service 9.30am in St Patrick's Church Last full day of school. Non uniform (£1 donation for charity)

- Great Peace Proms rehearsal last week! Parents: Remember to get tickets asap. Sun 1st March 1pm.
 - Lovely feedback from Armagh Diocesan Advisor Mary Hampsey who visited last week. She was very impressed with Y4 & 7 pupils who talked about their work and sang songs from their RE programme.
 - Kiddies' Castle Open Day: **this Saturday (7th Dec)**. Info overleaf (incorrect date in last week's note).
 - Reading books. Your child's reading book should be sent into school every day. A new book will only be issued if the previous one is returned. Have any at home? Please return! I appreciate your support.
 - Magherafelt Manor Christmas card Competition homework this week! See overleaf for more info.
- Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

Friends of New Row: 2020 Calendar now available to order!

Our calendar this year will be as special as ever, including **individual class photos** and group shots of some classes together. We can't wait for you all to see them!

These are an **ideal present for loved ones** - family, friends and anyone with a connection to New Row. EVERY PUPIL OF NEW ROW PS is in the calendar. There are a limited number of calendars available to pre-order. £6 each & 3 for £15 WHAT TO DO: Simply pre-order using the slip overleaf! All orders must be returned in a sealed envelope including the correct amount. Return to school office. The orders will then be processed by Friends of New Row. Don't miss out – order today!

Advent programme



Fr Branigan has designed an Advent programme with a weekly homework for families to complete – usually on a Thursday night. These are around the Advent themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy & Love**. At this busy time, it is lovely to stop, think and talk together about some of the Christmas messages. This programme will end with a **prayer service on Thursday 19th Dec**. There will be **two family prizes**: one for a family selected from the booklets and one lottery-style prize from all the families who completed the activities. Pupils should bring the booklets in each Monday for a short chat in class about the theme.

Design a Christmas Card Competition: This week as part of our homework, all pupils are asked to design a Christmas Card for the residents of Magherafelt Manor Care Home. We take part in the Annual Christmas link-up projects with **Magherafelt Manor** and always receive lovely feedback about our children’s work and how it helps to bring Christmas into the lives of the residents. Pupils design their own Christmas card at home and bring it to school on Friday. Your little artist can be as creative as they want – using lots of colour and even a little glitter! ALL cards will be displayed in the home and winners picked by staff from the home. What a great start to Advent! Good luck!

Bridge Mass Sun 1st Dec 2019 @ 9am

Reminder: Children process in together at the start of mass & out to sing the last hymn (This little light of mine). Fr Branigan might find other jobs for them, too! As these masses are led by parents rather than staff, thanks to Denise Maguire (mum of Piya) & Christina O’Kane (mum of Clíodhna) for helping to coordinate. Any queries, please chat to these ladies.

Roles	Family of:
Organising children at start of mass	Oisin McK & Brogan H
Preparation of Altar	Alisha T & Mollie D
Readers	PARISH (ROTA)
Offertory (2 per family)	Lucia O’D & <i>other</i>
Organise final hymn	Kayla Cushley

OPEN DAY 2019

Is your child starting school in September 2020? Are you a parent of school age children, a parent or friend of New Row? Come along!

Thurs 12th December

Morning: **9.30-11am** Afternoon **1.30-2.30pm**

See the outstanding learning taking place every day

*Take a walk around our ***EXCELLENT FACILITIES*** guided by School Council members*

Can’t make the date? Call & arrange another time

Friends of New Row presents



CHRISTMAS DISCO

WED 18TH DECEMBER

Y1-3: 6-7pm, Y4-7: 7.15-8.15pm

Prices for individuals and families to be confirmed

Christmas presents for staff

This year we are once again a collection point for **St Vincent de Paul’s Family Appeal**. If you would rather contribute to this in lieu of presents for staff, please do. We have been asked to focus on gifts for **teenagers** (male and female) – toiletries, items of inexpensive jewellery, gift vouchers etc. A collection box in the foyer from Mon 16th Dec. Thank you all.

Kiddies’ Castle Open Morning

Sat 7th Dec 10-11.30am

1-4 Parker Ave, Castledawson BT458AR

Is your child due to start preschool in September 2020? Forms for Education funded places will be available online from 7th Jan (closing date 30th Jan 2020) at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

Name (please print clearly)		Contact Number	
£6 each or £15 for 3. Please include the correct amount in a sealed envelope clearly marked ‘Calendar Order’. Cheques should be made payable to ‘Friends of New Row’. Return before Fri 13 th Dec.			
Quantity ordered		Total £ enclosed	

Many thanks for your support. Calendars will be distributed as soon as they are available. Updates via text.