



We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 10th September 2018

Mon 10 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Toddler Group returns – spread the word! 9.15-11am – everyone welcome! • Swimming (Y6). £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag. • Y7 Literacy & Numeracy Club 3-4pm • McNicholl School of Dancing, school hall 6pm • Friends of New Row 6.30pm in Y5 room
Tues 11 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Leader Assembly • St Mary's Grammar GL Assessment registration & info evening for Y7 & parents 7pm
Wed 12 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violin lessons & ear tests. Return expression of interest & continuing musician letters • Y1-2-3 PE with Eoin (Ulster GAA). See more info overleaf • Y4 PE session (12th & 19th Sept only). See more info overleaf
Fri 14 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescheduled monthly mass in St Patrick's Church 9.45am. Everyone very welcome. • Flute/Clarinet & ear tests. Return expression of interest & continuing musician letters
Mon 17 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Toddler Group • Clothing Collection ends at 9am • Y5 & 7 PE begins

Dates for your diary:

Wed 19 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterschool clubs registration morning 8.45am
Fri 21 st Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GL Assessment (Y7 Transfer Test) registration closes at 2pm
Tues 25 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School photographer
Thur 27 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Fit for Life session 1
Fri 28 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Training – School closes at 1pm
Mon 1 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closed: Staff development day
Tues 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm)
W/B 8 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher meetings – school closes at 1pm all week
Sat 20 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Open Day/Community Event with mass at 10am, St Patrick's Church

- **Music lessons** continue this week. Please return the renewal letter asap. A letter giving consent for an ear test has been sent out today to all Y4, 5 and 6 pupils. A limited number of places for violin, flute and clarinet tuition are available. This is an excellent opportunity. Any queries, please talk to me this week. Unfortunately, EA are no longer able to offer guitar lessons following the retirement of Mr McCusker.
- Please take time to read the 'save the date' letter for **Sat 20th October** sent home today with all families. There are 4 things we need your help with!
- Free to join the **church choir** at 9am mass? They really need some more singers – young and old(er)!
- **Recycling Collection:** Only 1 week to go! Get filling those bags and leave them in the back of the hall. See overleaf for more info on what you should/should not include. Remember to tie your bin bags.
- **Afterschools Clubs are back!** From Monday 24th Sept we begin our latest round of clubs. These will run for 6 weeks in Terms 1 and 2 and we hope there will be something for everyone! This is only possible through the commitment and willingness of staff. Finalised options will be sent out next Monday.
- **Messages from the office:** Please make sure all outstanding money is paid by Friday morning at the latest as we have no facility to carry over. Children cannot be added to our Free School Meals register until a letter of confirmation is received. Until then, children must either pay or take a packed lunch. Parents are welcome to contact EA to try and speed things up!
- **Text system:** are you getting messages? If not, contact the office immediately so we can check details. Many thanks for your support.

PE Arrangements: Term 1

Class(es)	Day	Activity	Uniform
Y1	Wednesday (am)	PE in hall	Do not change for PE
Y2	Wednesday (am)	PE in hall	Wear PE gear in to school; change back in to uniform after PE lesson. Parents make sure uniform is sent into school in a labelled bag and items labelled also.
Y3	Wednesday (am)	PE in hall	Bring PE gear in to school in a labelled bag and items labelled also. Change after PE before going home.
Y4	6 sessions (fortnightly) Starts Thur 27 th Sept	'Fit for life' Meadowbank	£2 per child. Bring PE gear & change in school. Tracksuit & warm jumper/coat. Bring a drink. Canteen break will be sent along. Others bring snack.
	<i>Additional Wednesday sessions in school 12th & 19th Sept only – bring PE gear</i>		
Y5 & 7	Monday (pm)	Gaelic Football	Change in school. T-shirt & track bottoms (outside sessions). Pupils change after PE before going home
Y6	Monday (pm)	Swimming	Bring gear, goggles, and bag. £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers

Children Y4-7 are expected to wear the new PE uniform, with track bottoms if outside. Y1 do not need a PE uniform. Y2 & 3 may purchase if they wish. Top & shorts: £13.50, navy socks £4. Available from Sportique.

Charity Collection for flood victims in India: collect those coppers!

Remember we are supporting the families in need from Sebiyoor parish whose lives have been so affected by the recent floods. Empty milk bottles to fill will be sent home on Wednesday.

Pope Francis visits Ireland: New Row remembers

Well done to all the families who helped with the completion of whole school Pope Francis homework last Thursday. Samples will be displayed on the Wall of Fame outside the principal's office. Congratulations also to the children who received principal's awards for being great role models, showing others when and how often we should say the words please, thank you and I'm sorry. Pope Francis himself would have been very impressed last week if he'd been in NRPS! Let's keep it up!

Start/end of day reminders: School lane & parking

For your children's safety please make sure you accompany them down our lane. It is very tempting for them to run ahead, but the end of the lane is very dangerous and there have been several near-misses. This is particularly important if children have bicycles or scooters. Children should never be on scooters or bicycles as they travel down the lane. Vehicles are not permitted on the lane at start/end of day and staff are working hard to enforce this. Remember also to respect residents, particularly when parking on/around Chichester Ave. Leave driveways clear and stay off grass areas.

Recycling Collection: Just one week to go!

What we collect

We accept:

- Men's Clothing
- Women's Clothing
- Children's Clothing
- Household textiles i.e. Curtains
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Belts



Unfortunately we cannot accept

- Dirty or wet clothing
- Single shoes
- Off cuts of material
- Mats
- Carpets



Please leave all bin bags (secured) at the back of the hall before 9am, Monday 17th September

Information has been sent home with Y5 pupils about **Y5 Speedwell Club: An afterschool peace building programme for young people.** This free club will form part of our Afterschools Menu. It is a new project between New Row PS and Castledawson PS and sounds very exciting! Any queries, talk to Mrs Graffin