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We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 17th June 2019

Class of the week Junior: Y1, Senior: Y6

Mon 17 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Toddler end of year party • Y5 Swimming – remember gear, towel, goggles, cap & £2.50 (on Parent Pay) • St Mary's GS Sept 2019 Y8 intake from 1.50pm • Y6 Literacy & Numeracy afterschool club 3-4pm in Y6 room • Friends of NR AGM followed by Coffee & cake celebration 6.30pm
Tues 18 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly & Awards • Castle Cup Hurling/Camogie
Wed 19 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE for Y1 & 2 (last day) • Y3 & 4 trip: Sperrin Fun Farm • Y7 Salmon release with Knockloughrim PS (in Bushmills) away for lunch • Y6 Gaelic blitz at St Mary's GS (12 children)
Thur 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 & 6 trip: Portballintrae • Y7 trip: Foylehov Activity Centre • all reading books to be returned by today
Fri 21 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 & 2 trip: Fun Factory (Ballymena) • Aaron Devlin tournament (hosted by Derrychrin PS, Ballinderry)
Mon 24 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • final parent & toddler group of the year • final swimming session for Y5 • Y7 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm – all parents of Y7 encouraged to attend. • Y6 Literacy & Numeracy Club 3-4pm
Tues 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of year mass 9.30 am – everyone welcome • Sponsored Bookathon Walk leaving 1.15pm • Rainey Induction Afternoon (Y8)
Wed 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.30am Sports Awards & Spirit of New Row Assembly • 11am AR awards assembly (Y4-7) • 2.30pm: beginners' concert (Y4-6 musicians). .Parents of children involved welcome.
Thur 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last full day of school – children can wear own clothes. £1 donation for charity.
Fri 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school closes for summer holidays at 11am

We remember Fr Paddy Mackle, past pupil and friend of New Row who passed away last week – one day short of the 69th anniversary of his ordination. Fr Paddy always took such interest in the life of New Row. We have happy memories of him joining us for our celebrations in October. May he rest in peace. Looking back...

- Congratulations – a fabulous **assembly** on Friday, **Y1!** The whole school, parents and families were so proud of you! Well done also to Miss Gribbin, Miss McAuley, Jessica and Maura for all their help.
- Thanks to Marie for a great **BBQ dinner** last week. It was a treat that we all enjoyed.
- Well done to our boys who competed in a very tough **Castle Cup competition** last week. Great determination and spirit shown by all players. We had a better day out on Thursday when they won **FP McCann Soccer tournament**, hosted by Knockloughrim PS. Our first time entering this, too! Well done!
- **Y2** have now completed their **Shared Education** play sessions with Castledawson PS. Reports of very enjoyable and educational activities for all pupils, thanks to joint staff planning.

Lots more information overleaf

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin (Principal)

Important Reminders & Messages

- **School Trips.** The cost per child is £10. Family rate: 2 or more children £20. Please pay any outstanding amounts to the teacher of your eldest child.
- **End of Year reports:** All classes should have received their reports, with Y1, 5 & 6 sent out today (Monday). Please sign (writing a comment if desired) and return a copy to your child's teacher ASAP. We need these all returned for your child's file.
- Are you registered on **Parent Pay**? From September our office will be cashless, so all payments should be via the online system. If you have difficulties, see Mrs Graffin directly before the end of this week.
- **Free School Meals.** Please collect a form from the office or one can be sent home on request. A new form needs to be completed each year as it is not renewed automatically. It takes 6-8 weeks to process, so don't leave it until the kids come back to school! Any dinners taken before this is renewed will have to be paid for by the parent and cannot be claimed back. Lots of reasons to get the form in quickly!
- **Recycling:** remember that we will have another collection at the start of September to help with any summer wardrobe decluttering. This might include uniforms that are too worn/small to reuse next year. A **lost property table** will be set up in the front foyer next week to help locate missing items.
- **Eileen (Fresh Little Minds) is running a summer camp in Toome 1-5 July.** See facebook page *Waymaker Child Therapy* for more information

New Row BOOKATHON

Tuesday 25th June - Leaving School at 1.15pm

It's that time of the year again! We will walk to the Hillhead and back.

Any parent or family member who is free is very welcome to join us and

all helping hands would be much appreciated. **Bookathon sponsor forms:** All pupils will receive a sponsor form, so please help by getting as many sponsors as possible. In every class, all returned forms will be entered into a draw, as well as a prize for most sponsorship. This is our last fundraiser of the year and it is a great afternoon!



Friends of New Row AGM Reminder: tonight at 6.30pm

Calling all parents! Our AGM takes place this evening in P5 room. We will also be having a coffee and cake celebration immediately afterwards as a token of thanks for all the great work of FoNR throughout the year.

UPDATED Parent info: School opening and holidays 2019/2020

Fri 30 th Aug	School opens for all Y1 & Y7 pupils only 9.30-12 noon
September	Mon 2 nd Sept- School Reopens for All Pupils Fri 27 th Sept – School Closes at 1pm (Staff Development)
October	Mon 28 th Oct (Staff Development Day) Tues 29 th Oct to Thurs 31 Oct (Mid-term break)
November	Fri 1 st Nov (mid-term break)
December	Fri 20 th Dec – school closes at 11am Mon 23 rd – Tues 31 st Dec (Christmas holidays)
January	Wed 1 st Jan -Thurs 2 Jan 2020 (Christmas holidays) Fri 3 rd Jan and Mon 6 th Jan (Staff Development Days). Children return on Tues 7 th Jan
February	Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb (Mid-term break)
March	Tues 17th Mar (St Patrick's Day Holiday) <i>typing error corrected</i>
April	Thurs 9 th Apr school closes at 11am Fri 10 th Apr to Fri 17 th Apr (Easter holidays) Mon 20 th Apr (Staff Development Day). Children return to school Tues 21 st Apr 2020
May	Fri 8th May (Bank Holiday) **NEW DATE confirmed by EA for all public sector bodies** Mon 25 th May (Bank Holiday) Tues 26 th May (Staff Development Day)
June	Tues 30 th June – school closes at 11am

These dates are subject to change. **1 additional school closure to be finalised.** Pupils **do not attend** on Staff Development Days. Parents are requested not to take children on holiday during term time. Every effort has been made to block holidays to facilitate parents. Other key dates will be confirmed at the start of Term 1.