

**Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent &amp; Toddler – last day. Begins again MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• final swimming session for Y5</li> <li>• Y7 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm – all parents of Y7 encouraged to attend.</li> <li>• Y6 Literacy &amp; Numeracy Club 3-4pm</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of year mass 9.30 am – everyone welcome</li> <li>• <b>Sponsored Bookathon Walk leaving 1.15pm. Come along!</b></li> <li>• Rainey Induction Afternoon (Y8)</li> </ul>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please return your Bookathon forms today!</b></li> <li>• 9.30am Sports Awards &amp; Spirit of New Row Assembly</li> <li>• 11am AR awards assembly (Y4-7)</li> <li>• 2.30pm: beginners' concert (Y4-6 musicians). .Parents of children involved welcome.</li> </ul>
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last full day of school – children can wear own clothes. £1 donation for charity.</li> </ul>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• school closes for summer holidays at 11am</li> </ul>

Looking back...

- Well done to our camogs who competed in a very tough **Castle Cup competition** last week. Great determination and spirit shown by all players.
- Congratulations to our wonderful **Y5 storywriters** who entered the Tafelta Creative Writing Competition a few weeks ago. The standard was very impressive and we were delighted to have several winners in the class, including Eva Robb who was awarded overall first place across all schools!
- Y7 enjoyed a day with **Knockloughrim PS** travelling to Bushmills to release salmon. A great experience.
- Thanks to **St Mary's GS** who held a great morning of Gaelic football skills and matches for our Y6 pupils
- Congratulations to the Gaelic team who competed so valiantly at **Aaron Devlin Tournament**. They were very unlucky to be beaten shield finalists, going to extra time and finally sudden death.
- What a great week of trips we had! Every class came back smiling and full of thanks and praise for their venues and the day out. Thanks to parents who helped out, too.
- **FoNR AGM** was last week – see message from Chairperson M Cushley overleaf. I would like to say on behalf of the pupils & staff how grateful we are for the assistance in buying two interactive panels for Y2 & 3. The existing boards were on their last legs and teachers & pupils alike love their upgrade.
- Today is the last day of **Parent & Toddlers** for the year. Many thanks to Nuala Mulholland - it wouldn't run without her support! Can anyone help Nuala out next year? Let me know!

**End of year reminders: Have you...**

- Returned a signed copy of your child's **End of Year report**?
- Collected and completed a **Free School Meal form**? This is not renewed without you doing this.
- Checked the house –bags, bedrooms and down the back of the sofa – for any **school reading books**?
- Paid for your child's **school trip**? £10 each, £20 per family.
- Helped your child collect sponsorship for the **Bookathon sponsored walk** on Tuesday?
- **Paid all bills (including canteen break & music tuition)** to the office or on Parent Pay? Any problems, see Mrs Graffin immediately.
- Remembered to **pre-book your child's dinners** for the rest of this week?

And finally, may I extend my huge thanks for all your support throughout this year. I'm proud to be part of the team – pupils, staff, parents and community – that, without question, makes the #bestschool. Have a lovely summer – stay safe and God bless. Many thanks for your continued support

**Mrs Deirdre Graffin** (Principal)

### Update from Friends of New Row

Friends of New Row (FoNR) AGM took place last Monday. There was lots to celebrate! A huge thank you to our pupils, families and local businesses, who have helped raise more than £9,200 this year, all of which goes directly towards enhancing the facilities and environment for the children of New Row PS. We are now a recognised charity! *Marianne Cushley* (Chairperson)

### Staffing Updates

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful staff of New Row. We are blessed with very hardworking teachers and support staff who regularly go the extra mile to do their best for our pupils. Next year, Mrs Diamond has been granted an extension to her career break by the Board of Governors. Miss McNicholl will continue to take on all Mrs Diamond's teaching duties. Mrs Scullion's maternity leave is nearing an end and she will be back with us in August. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gunning for all her hard work and endeavour in teaching Y4 since January. I would also like to wish Naomi Jean Diamond & Molly Devlin (who have been assisting in various classes) every best wish as they both return to full time education in September. Naomi Jean will be training as a children's nurse and Molly travelling to Liverpool to complete a PGCE. They have both made such a contribution to the life of New Row and know they will be very successful in their chosen careers. Any other changes to the teaching arrangements for 2019/20 will be confirmed with parents at the end of August.

### 2019/20: Information & Dates for your diary

Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> August	School opens for all Y1&7 pupils only 9.30-12 noon. No Breakfast club or afterschools club. No canteen break or milk. <i>Y2-6: Transition visits 10-11am</i> Any parent who feels that their child would benefit from a visit to their new classroom & teacher is welcome to come along and visit at any time <i>between 10 &amp; 11am</i> on this day.
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	School reopens for all other pupils Breakfast club from 8.15am (£1 includes breakfast - payable through Parent Pay) P1: Intake group A attend until 1pm (after dinner) School Dinners available: £2.60 (payable through Parent Pay) Canteen break available: £6.00 for September (payable to kitchen) Afterschools club 2-3pm & Homework club 3-4pm as usual 2-3pm (£2 per hour)
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	P1: Intake group B attend until 1pm (after dinner)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	P1: Intake group C attend until 1pm (after dinner)
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All P1 pupils attend until 1pm until Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September.
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School closes at 1pm for all pupils. Last shorter day for Y1.
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y1 stay until 2pm

**REMINDER: A full list of all school closures for 2019/20 can be found on the website and previous notes.**

### Uniforms 2019/20

Available from Sportique and Select Schoolwear. All children are expected to wear their uniform always.

Make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all items of uniform.

- Light blue polo shirt & Navy sweatshirt, both with school logo
- Navy skirt / pinafore with white socks/navy tights OR Plain navy bottoms / trousers. School track bottoms are to be plain, with no logos/labels or embroidery.
- Shoes should be plain and dark (black/navy). Bright coloured trainers are not part of the uniform.
- Summer: Pupils are welcome to wear plain navy shorts and summer dresses
- PE: Children Y4-7 will be expected to wear PE uniform. Y1 will not need a PE uniform. Y2 & 3 parents may purchase if they wish. Top & shorts: £13.50, navy socks £4. All available from Sportique.
- **Year 7 PE:** All pupils are expected to have PE kit (including navy socks) and *plain navy bottoms* to wear when attending sporting events. Make sure all items are labelled. NRPS half zips will be kept in school and supplied to wear when attending events to complement this sports uniform.

**Parent information for 2019/20:** A note with more up-to-date information will be posted on the website at the end of August and a message will be sent to all parents when this information will be made available.