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Week beginning Thursday 30th August 2018

Welcome to a new year! We can't believe that already we have arrived at the start of another term. I'm sure it will be as busy as always. We certainly have lots planned! The weekly note will be sent home so please take time to read it to find out about all we are doing, enjoying and learning in New Row.

Thur 30 th Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1&7: 9.15-12, no breakfast club or afterschools club, canteen break/dinner Children should bring a healthy snack (fruit, small sandwich, pancake etc.) for break
Fri 31 st Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal school day for all Y2-7 Y1 intake Group A 9.30-1pm (including break and dinner) – collect from front door Breakfast Club (from 8.15am, £1) and Afterschool Club (2-4pm, £2 per hr.) as usual Canteen break money due for Sept: £6 (£53 for year) payable to Marie in kitchen School Dinners available: £2.60 (payable to office) Milk money due (£4 for Sept or £16 for Term 1, £40 for year) payable to office School closes for all Y2-7 pupils at 2pm (this week only)
Mon 3 rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 intake group B 9.30-1pm (including break and dinner) – collect from front door NO Parent & Toddler Group – spread the word! Milk deliveries begin – get ordering before then! Swimming begins (Y6). £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag. McNicholl School of Dancing classes resume in school hall, 6pm
Tues 4 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 intake Group C 9.30-1pm (including break and dinner) – collect from front door
Wed 5 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Y1 pupils attend from 9am until 1pm (until Fri 28th Sept)
Fri 7 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly mass in St Patrick's Church 9.45am. Everyone very welcome.
Mon 10 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent & Toddler Group begins again 9.15-11am – everyone welcome!

Dates for your diary:

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

- Y2-7 Consent forms for photographs & trips and up to date information.** Annually we ensure that all the information we have for Years 2-7 is correct. Please check the *Data Collection Form*, amend as appropriate, sign and return to *class teacher*. Also complete the relevant consent sections. Remember there should be one of these completed for every child, not just one per family.
- Y6 & 7 end of day consent forms:** arrangements for 3pm (end of day pick up). Please ensure that these are completed and returned by Monday 3rd September so arrangement can be put in place.
- Money in September:** There are a lot of arrangements to be made in September via the office. Please ensure that all monies are in an envelope with the child's name and amount clearly marked on the front. We really appreciate your cooperation in helping the office run smoothly.

Dinner prices	1 dinner	2 dinners	3 dinners	4 Dinners	5 Dinners
	£2.60	£5.20	£7.80	£10.40	£13.00

- Canteen Break** continues and is paid monthly. The cost for September is £6, payable to Marie in the kitchen. Years 1 & 2 have toast every day. Years 3-7 have a choice. This is a very popular scheme and a great way of monitoring what children eat as part of their mid-morning energy boost.

There is a lot of information at this time of year. I will continue to send out a weekly note and keep other letters to a minimum. Please check bags, website and parent board weekly. Many thanks for your support.

The school day

Reminder: Children should arrive in school no earlier than 8.50am unless they are attending the breakfast club (available from 8.15am). Only those at breakfast club are supervised in the hall. There is no supervision for children arriving before 8.50am and not attending breakfast club. Class starts at 9am. Other information about the school day is available in our revised *Parent Information for 2018/19* booklet which will be sent home with all families on Monday. **After school Club:** We continue to run a one pick-up club 2-3pm & homework club 3-4pm. (£2 ph –booking required).

Arrangements for classes 2018/19

Staffing:

We welcome Miss Kerrie McNicholl who is covering Mrs Diamond's career break in the first instance.

Year 1	Miss Oonagh Gribbin
Year 2	Miss Kerrie McNicholl
Year 3	Mrs Maeve Murphy
Year 4	Mrs Emer Scullion
Year 5	Mrs Karen McElroy
Year 6	Miss Sinead Dillon
Year 7	Miss Catherine Walls

**Parent & Teacher interviews
(Schedules will follow)**

Autumn: Mon 8th – Fri 12th October 2018
Spring: Mon 4th – Fri 8th March 2019
Please note: School will close for all pupils at 1pm for each of these weeks.

Reconstitution of Governors: Parent Rep

We welcome nominations from candidates interested in becoming a Parent Governor Please speak to Mrs Graffin for information on what the role entails
Nominations close Monday 10th September

Homework Diaries: Y4-7

In an effort to make our children more independent, the teachers have introduced homework diaries for Y4-7. Children will note down all homework daily, as well as reminders and other information. To support the children in developing independence, we ask that parents sign the diary every Thursday night. By doing so, you can keep a track of their organisational skills, praising them for their efforts. We do also hope it will help parents keep in touch with their children's school work. However, we do not consider this to be a suitable means of communicating directly with parents. Should you have any concerns, please contact your teacher in the usual ways, including contacting the office to arrange an appointment or call.

Building update

The project to improve pedestrian access to our school is still progressing. I have been reassured that work will commence promptly when planning permission has been granted. Until completion, we will have temporary arrangements in place.
2pm: Y1 & 2 teachers escort children to the door (Y1 front door, Y2 classroom door)
3pm: Y3 & 4 teacher escorts class to the front door P5 teacher escort class out to back gate. Children are handed over to adult.
P6 & 7: Consent forms and more information sent home today – please complete and return ASAP
Children should be collected promptly and should be supervised by parents at all times once handed over. The safety of our pupils is paramount.

Helping others in need: Appeal for Coppers

A few years back, the parish and school fundraised for Saint Sebastian Church in the Sebiyoor parish in India as they were renovating their church. The parish has family connections to our parish and school. Tragically, the entire Kerala region have suffered from the worst floods in decades. Families are homeless and their homes flooded or washed away. Many people had to be rescued from their houses. This is a traumatic and devastating time for them all.
Castledawson parish have shown their support by holding a collection last Sunday. We would also like to show our support. How? We will dedicate our Charity Copper Collection for the month of September to this very worthy cause.
Next week, the children will also bring home an empty milk carton. We hope that they will return this at the end of September, filled with coppers and loose change.

Class assemblies 2018-19 – Advance notice for your diary: All assemblies begin at 9.30am in the hall. Y4 will perform First Confession/Communion plays for the whole school community at dates tbc.

Fri 28th Sept	Fri 30th Nov	Fri 25th Jan	Fri 12th Apr	Fri 10th/17th May (tbc)	Fri 14th June
Year 7	Year 6	Year 5	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1