



We care

We share

We learn

### Week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent &amp; toddlers 9.15-11am. Everyone welcome</li> <li>• Swimming for Y5. Remember gear, towel, £2 &amp; goggles. £1 refundable for locker</li> <li>• Y6 &amp; 7 Camogie/hurling in school (pm)</li> <li>• Y6 Literacy &amp; Numeracy afterschool 3-4pm</li> <li>• FoNR First Communion prep meeting 6.30pm</li> </ul>
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y5 Sport for Life (in school)</li> <li>• Bee Safe Bus visiting for workshop with Y7</li> <li>• Y4 Camogie/hurling in school. Helmets and hurls provided. Bring outdoor PE gear.</li> </ul>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamentals with Eoin Ulster GAA for Y1-3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Y2 wear gear &amp; change into uniform. Y3 bring in gear.(Y1 no change)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Y1 Health Appraisals (day 4 of 4)</li> <li>• Violin lessons</li> </ul>
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1 &amp; 2 school trip to Rosepark Farm</li> <li>• Hurling &amp; Camogie Festival in Owenbeg (B &amp; G 9+3)</li> <li>• Y7 service of light 7.30pm (Magherafelt)</li> </ul>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Mass 9.45am led by Y5</del> (postponed due to work in chapel)</li> <li>• *NEW DAY/TIME* flute/clarinet lessons</li> <li>• guitar lessons</li> </ul>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed (Bank holiday)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 Literacy &amp; Numeracy afterschools 3-4pm – Tues this week only</li> </ul>

- Y7 (Bellaghy parish) **Confirmation photos** reminder. Please return unwanted photos and payment for those purchased. £7 each & 2 for £12.
- Well done to those children who will make their First Communion later in May. They attended the last mass of the **Bridge Programme** in Milltown on Sunday. Thanks to all the families for their participation and to Eileen McGlone who has helped with the organisation.
- Many thanks to everyone who came along to **Friends of New Row AGM** last week. See overleaf for details of the new committee. I know they can count on the support of all parents.
- Year 7 have completed their **Shared Education programme** with Castledawson PS Year 6&7 class. They have benefitted from shared lessons in Literacy, PDMU & history. Year 3 will soon embark on some shared play sessions, too. Already plans are underway for next year, with Y2-7
- **Policy update:** We regularly review all policies and present these to the Board of Governors. We will then add relevant policies to the website. Please remember that other policies are available on request from the office. Following on for the addition of a reviewed Parental Complaints policy last week, we will be uploading *Promoting Positive Behaviour and Discipline Policy* later this week and will inform you by text when it is available to view online
- We're collecting **Irish News tokens** for their Croke Park competition. Please send in to Year 7

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

**Parking reminder: Pedestrian gate:** We appreciate the pedestrian exit via Chichester Ave is very congested with traffic at drop off & pick up times. Thanks for your support in parking responsibly when using the pedestrian gate via Chichester Ave, remembering the safety of pedestrians and residents. Stay clear of pavements, grass and driveways and keep access to the cul de sac free. There are ongoing discussions and meetings with DENI to finalise options for the pedestrian walkway and car park access work.

## Friends of New Row AGM

Many thanks to all the parents and friends of New Row who came along to our AGM. It was great to see new and old faces. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing committee for all their work. I would particularly like to pass on my sincere gratitude to Sinead Campbell who has stepped down as Chairperson. Sinead has worked tirelessly for the children of New Row since taking over the reins 3 years ago. She will be a hard act to follow, but having Marianne at the helm will no doubt ensure that our children benefit from the very best support. A great team effort!

### **Friends of New Row AGM: Summary of Chairperson's Report**

I am very happy to present my fourth and final report as Chair of Friends of New Row (PTA). We once again had a very successful year in terms of money raised, well attended events and support from the parent body.

Our PTA has several purposes but a big part of this is to raise the funds which allow us to support our school and our aim is to do this in ways which include as many children and their families as possible. The various fundraising events also provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together and it also provides support for school trips, outings and other events. A few of the items purchased this year with funds from FONR included Sports day medals, reading books for A.R and prizes for end results in A.R, tables and chairs within classrooms, buses for Christmas cinema trip, leavers awards for all Y7 pupils, new blinds bought for hall and in general supporting the curriculum throughout the year where necessary. It is essential that we get the support of all parents, whether as members of the committee, occasional helpers or as supporters to our events. It is always important to remember that the money raised goes straight back into the school for the benefit of our children.

I personally would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has helped me in my role as Chairperson. We have a fantastic team with such a positive attitude and each person brings a unique quality to our committee. Please don't ever think you are not helping enough, every little bit helps and I have always a little statement "ALL INCLUSIVE". Thanks each and every one of you for all your time, effort and support. A big thank you to Deirdre and the staff of New Row for their continued support of the work of the PTA. Unfortunately, I feel it's my time to step down as chairperson due to my commitments at home and with elderly parents. I have enjoyed my time as chairperson and it has been great to see the progress which FONR has made over the past 4 years. The school after the renovation looks fantastic and it has benefited immensely from our work which in turn is to the benefit of each and every one of our children. I have no doubt that this is only the start of a bigger and better things to come. It is a fantastic school and it has been a pleasure to have been a part of it all. Good Luck to Marianne Cushley in her new role as chairperson and please keep the continued support going for FONR for all future ventures.

*Mrs Sinead Campbell, Outgoing Chairperson (Friends of New Row)*

**Chairperson:** Marianne Cushley

**Vice Chairperson:** Carmel Diamond

**Secretary:** Michael Hughes

**Vice Secretary:** Orlaith Heaney

**Treasurer:** Pat Hanson

**Vice Treasurer:** Kelly O'Neill Skelly

**PR:** Rachel Hassan & Maria McMullan

**A word from our new chairperson:** I'm delighted to take up the position of Chair for Friends of New Row, although I've some large shoes to fill! Having been involved with the committee for the past two years, I've been privileged to be a part of a great group, and see just how much the school and pupils have benefited from the money raised by FNR. We couldn't do it without the support of parents and the wider family circles! If you would like to get involved, or have any thoughts/suggestions you'd like to share, we would love to have you at one of our next meetings - new faces are always welcome. Thank you! Marianne