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We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 3rd December 2018

****Congratulations to last week's winners of Class of the Week! Junior: Year 1 Senior: Year 7****

Mon 3 rd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Toddler 9.15-11am • Y6 Swimming and Y5 & 7 PE (pm)
Tues 4 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Day: 2 sessions 9.30-11am & 1.30-2.30pm SPREAD THE WORD! • 4xY7 & 4xY6 at NRC Hour of Code event in Magherafelt Campus 11-12 noon
Wed 5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violin lessons • Y1-2-3 PE with Eoin (Ulster GAA) • AS: Y5 Speedwell Club with CPS
Thur 6 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat day! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break • Irish lessons for Y6 & 7 children with Suzanna McKenna (Mid Ulster Council)
Fri 7 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Mass 9.45am led by Y7 – all very welcome • Flute/Clarinet lessons • Credit Union Collection • AS: Gaelic Football with Derry GAA Coach (LAST WEEK – postponed from last Fri)
Sun 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Carol Service 5pm (Y3-7 pupils) Followed by tea in school. More info overleaf.
Wed 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas dinner & Xmas jumper Day
Mon 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1-3 Movie Afternoon: All Y1 & 2 stay until 3pm
Tues 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Christmas Dinner. Reminder: SCHOOL CLOSSES @ 1PM (no afterschools)

- Well done to Y4s and their families – great organisation and participation at **Bridge Mass** on Sunday.
 - **Class of the week:** Our School Council have also been busy revamping our Class of the Week awards. There are now 2 winners each week (Junior & Senior), with a special reward at the end of the half term for the most successful classes.
 - **Irish lessons** with Suzanna McKenna from Mid Ulster Council have now ended for Y6 & 7. They really enjoyed learning cuplá focal. Irish is now something many are keen to continue in their next schools.
 - **Our focus in November was Safeguarding & Child Protection.** We held 3 themed weeks - Anti bullying, Road safety and Online safety – with lessons and homework in all classes. Hopefully there were conversations at home, helping our children learn important messages about staying safe.
 - **Parents of Y3** - we need your help! The cloak area is getting very congested. Y3 children should bring either their book bag or a small schoolbag. Some children are bringing both - or larger schoolbags. Please help us keep this area – which is beside a fire exit – tidier by making sure your child carries just the essentials into school in a small bag/book bag. Lunch bags/boxes are stored in the room. Thanks.
 - **Calendars now available!** Thanks to everyone who has already purchased your calendar. You will not be disappointed! The class pictures included are on display in the front foyer. If you still have to purchase one, please ask at the office. £6 each or £15 for 3. Make cheques payable to: 'Friends of New Row'.
 - **Break money** now due: £4.20 for December. Please pay Marie in kitchen directly asap.
 - **Milk money** now due: £4 for December or £28 for the rest of the year. Please pay Sharon in office asap.
 - Enrolment for 2019: **Do you have a child starting in September 2019?** Please leave your child's details in the office. Our **Open Day is Tues 4th Dec** with 2 sessions: 9.30-11am & 1.30-2.30pm. Spread the word!
 - **Parish Carol Service & Y3 nativity:** Please see important info overleaf. Also, can you help with teas?
- Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal



OPEN DAY 2018 Tues 4th Dec

Morning: 9.30-11am
Afternoon 1.30-2.30pm

Is your child starting school in September 2019? Come along!

See the outstanding learning taking place every day

Enjoy a tour of our *NEW FACILITIES*** guided by School Council**

Take a walk around and see the different outdoor areas

If for any reason you are unable to attend, please call and arrange another time

Kiddies' Castle

OPEN MORNING

Sat 15th Dec

10-11.30am

1-4 Parker Ave,
Castledawson

Derrytrasna Pastoral Care Award

recognises school communities who show exceptional pastoral care for the emotional health and wellbeing of pupils. *We are really delighted to have received a nomination!* If any other parent would like to nominate us, please google *Derrytrasna Pastoral Care Award* for info. Closing date: Fri 14th Dec.



Credit Union Art Competition: WINNERS!

11-13 years:

1st Aoibheann Heaney, 2nd: Anna McCloy

8-10 years:

2nd Ethan Bothwell, 3rd Jason Moffett

Congratulations to you all – lots of talent to celebrate!

Christmas presents for staff

Every year parents are very generous in showing your appreciation. This year we are a collection point for **St Vincent de Paul's Family Appeal**. If you would rather contribute to this in lieu of presents for staff, please do. We have been asked to focus on gifts for teenagers – toiletries, perfumes/aftershave, small items of inexpensive jewellery etc. Collection box in the foyer from Mon 10th – Fri 15th Dec. Thank you all.

Arrangements for Carol Service – Sun 9th Dec at 5pm

All Y3-7 children should arrive at 4.45pm. Y4-7 should be in full school uniform All Y4, 5, 6 & 7 children are required to attend as every class will be performing a carol for the congregation. The children are very welcome in the school for refreshments following the service as a thank you for their efforts. Please note: McNicholl School of Dancing Class Feis (Glenullin) – All 8-10 year old dancers will be finished by 4.30pm
Tea back in school: Family, friends and parishioners are very welcome to come to the school for tea and mince pies etc. following the service. **CAN YOU HELP? Please talk to a member or Friends of New Row**
Nativity play performed by Y3: costume arrangements These were to be sent into school with pupils in a bag labelled with their name on by today (Mon). If you are unsure of what your child needs, please contact Mrs Murphy ASAP. Costumes will travel between home & school, so labelling everything is important!

December events in New Row

Tues 4 th Dec	Open Day: 9.30-11am & 1.30-2.30pm
Fri 7 th Dec	Monthly Mass 9.45am
Sun 9 th Dec	Carol Service 5pm (All Y3-7 attend)
Mon 10 th Dec	Kiddies Castle Christmas Visit (pm)
Wed 12 th Dec	Christmas dinner & Xmas jumper Day Carol singers & Musicians visiting Castle Nursing Home 2pm
Thur 13 th Dec	Kiddies Castle Christmas Visit (am)
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas in New Row 9.30am: Y3 nativity play, Y1 & 2 festive songs & Christmas Musicians. Parents & family welcome. Y7 singing in Meadowlane 1.15pm
Sun 16 th Dec	Magherafelt Community Carol Service (5 singers & 3 readers from New Row)
Mon 17 th Dec	Parent & Toddler Xmas party! Junior Movie Afternoon! All Y1-3 stay until 3pm (treats sponsored by FoNR)
Tues 18 th Dec	Staff Dinner: School Closes 1pm
Wed 19 th	Y4-7 Christmas Movie Afternoon! With treats sponsored by Friends of NR
Thurs 20 th Dec	Christmas Fun Day & Disco– non uniform. Last full day of school.
Fri 23 rd Dec	Term 1 officially ends at 11am