



We care

We share

We learn

**Week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School council meeting</li> <li>Y7 swimming – as usual.</li> <li>Fresh little minds afterschool (Y4/5) Week 5 of 6</li> </ul>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly &amp; awards</li> <li>Y5-6-7 Meadowbank 10-12 noon</li> </ul>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE for Y1-3 with teachers</li> <li>Violin lessons</li> <li><del>Y5 Speedwell afterschool</del></li> </ul>
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Treat day</del></li> <li>Fresh little minds afterschool (Y4/5) Week 6 of 6</li> </ul>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y3 assembly at 9.30am – all families and friends very welcome!</li> <li>Flute &amp; Clarinet lessons</li> <li>St Pius Maths quiz 2 teams 3xY6 &amp; 3xY7 (12 pupils) 10 – 12 noon</li> <li>Shared Education Online Questionnaire to be completed by today-More info overleaf.</li> </ul>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Raffle 1.15pm</li> </ul>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Service of Light in Magherafelt at 7pm</li> </ul>
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish mass 5pm with singers from Y4-7</li> </ul>

- **Y7** enjoyed **releasing salmon** fry last week with Mark Patterson. It was also the first time we have teamed up with Knockloughrim PS and it was good to make a few more friends! Thanks also to Moyola Anglers who were a great help in organising the morning.
- Thanks to all **Y6 parents** who scheduled appointments to discuss transfer arrangements. Please contact the office if you did not yet secure a time
- **Y7** have been learning **debating skills** as part of a literacy project with St Mary's GS. Last week two teams travelled to SMG and reports are of very confident debaters. A great new skill developed!
- Well done to everyone for our **walking bus** on Friday. The weather was against us but still a good number. Thanks to everyone who made more active journeys. We showed a real improvement!
- **Y5 Speedwell**: Good numbers last week! Y6s who joined in are welcome for the rest of the sessions.
- **Easter raffle** – see more info overleaf. Tickets were sent home – please let us know if you need more!
- **Y5-7** will travel to **Meadowbank** on Tuesday to take part in activities including a timed mile. They will repeat this in June and work until then to improve their time.
- **Holy Thursday mass** at 5pm. Twelve Y6 & 7 pupils will get their feet washed during the ceremony and we would like a good number of Y4-7 to join with the choir. More info next week so keep the date free!
- Advanced notice: **Y5** will be **swimming after Easter** and will need swim shorts/suit (not bikini), a towel, goggles. A swimming cap is recommended for *all* swimmers, not just girls with long hair.
- Please see important info overleaf about **Shared Education Parent Questionnaire** for all Y3-7 parents
- Reminder: Clothes
- **Lent '19**: Please continue to collect coppers for our chosen charity supporting work in Sri Lanka.
- Now due for April: **Milk** £4 (£12 until end of year) **Break** £4.50 (£15.90 until end of year)

Many thanks for your continued support

### Farewell to Mrs Maeve Murphy

Many thanks to everyone who came along to mass on Friday when we also said farewell to Mrs Murphy. She was very touched by the reception she got and loved seeing the children taking such an active part on the mass – and so confident, too! We all have very fond memories of Mrs Murphy over the years and thank her sincerely for her contribution to the New Row community.



### FRIENDS OF NEW ROW

#### Easter Draw

Book of 6: £5 or £1 each Books have been sent home with all families. Additional books are available from the office.

Remember to add the seller's name for a chance to win a prize, too! Prizes on display in the foyer. Get your tickets today! Raffle will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** at a special assembly at 1.15pm

*Know any business that would sponsor prizes?*

### General uniform reminders

In keeping with health and safety, jewellery should not be worn as part of school uniform. This includes visible chains, bracelets and earrings other than small studs. Please remember also that trousers/bottoms should be plain navy - without logos or stripes. Now is also a good time to check that names are still on jumpers!



### Recycling Collection

Get filling those bags!  
We will be holding a collection immediately after Easter so now is a good time

to start your Spring clear-out!

Please remember to tie bin bags.

*We will accept all types of clothes, curtains, bedding, handbags, belts, shoes (paired)*



Fresh Little Minds afterschool programme comes to an end this Thursday. Six sessions have flown by and the kids have loved it! Eileen has offered to run an evening parent session and last one hour to share some of the activities she was doing with the children. Possible dates/times to follow.

### Important Health & Safety Reminders

#### Access to school via pedestrian gate

Please do not park outside the houses in the cul de sac at the front of the school.

Residents are getting blocked in and driveways/grass damaged.

#### End of school lane

This is very dangerous. Please exercise caution and do not park, drop off or collect at the bottom of the lane.

There are serial offenders who are risking the safety of our children!

The new walkway to the chapel carpark remains closed and we will let parents know immediately when this is open.

### Shared Education Parent Questionnaire

We are now in our fourth year of Shared Education with our partners Castledawson Primary School. In New Row Primary School, we have children involved in shared learning from Primary 3 to Primary 7, with activities planned for Primary 2 in the third term. In addition, teachers from both schools have been working together to share good practice, with a focus on outdoor learning through Numeracy. We have designed an online survey for the parents of both primary schools whose children have been involved in the Shared Education Programme so far. (NRPS: Primary 3-Primary 7 & CPS: Primary 2 –Primary 7) the link to this questionnaire will be texted to all parents this evening so it can be completed on any smartphone. We encourage all parents to complete it before Friday. Many thanks for your continued support. Miss C Walls (Shared Education Coordinator)