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We care

We share

We learn

Week beginning Monday 8th October 2018

W/B 8 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent meetings – school closes at 1pm all week. A/schools 1-3pm £4, 1-4pm £5
Mon 8 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Toddler Group • Y7 historical tour of the town • Irish dancing 6pm
Tues 9 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly & Awards • Meeting of singers for Celebration Day 6.30pm in chapel – everyone welcome!
Wed 10 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violin lessons • Y1-2-3 PE with Eoin (Ulster GAA)
Thur 11 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish lessons for Y6 & 7 children with Suzanna McKenna (Mid Ulster Council) • Cross Country with Karen & Conor (& Maura?) • Y4 Fit for Life £2.50 per child. Bring PE gear & change in school. Tracksuit & warm jumper/coat. Bring a drink. Canteen break will be sent along. Others bring snack.
Fri 12 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Flu vaccination (all morning) • Last day to return school photo orders • Flute/Clarinet lessons • Credit Union Collection
Mon 15 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of New Row meeting re celebration day 6.30pm

Dates for your diary:

Sat 20 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Open Day/Community Event with mass at 10am, St Patrick's Church
Confirmation (Bellaghy Parish) Sat 9 th Feb 12 noon (Magherafelt Parish): date to be confirmed by diocese	
First Communion: Sat 18 th May 2018 at 11am, St. Patrick's Church Castledawson	

- Homework! Invitations to Community Celebration day attached. See more information overleaf
- Well done to Y6 who mass on Friday for the first time in a very prayerful and special way.
- Headlice. These unwanted visitors are about. Please check your child's hair and treat as necessary – this includes older classes. Failure to treat causes distress and severe annoyance to other families, also!
- Our Charity Collection for flood victims in India finished last week and we are looking forward to calculating the total. If there are any more bottles at home, please send them in. Great response!
- Healthy break responses – many thanks for the good number of replies so far. If you have not done so, please send in your reply slip to your child's teacher tomorrow.
- We hope you find the parent meetings useful in sharing personal and learning targets we have for your child. Y4-7 We would appreciate if you could complete, sign and return the questionnaire regarding use of stanines and reporting test performance which will be given out at the end of your meeting.
- October: Milk £4 and Break £5.70. Any outstanding bills need to be settled asap.
- School photo orders need to be returned by this Friday (12th October).

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Deirdre Graffin Principal

Please detach & return.....

Healthy Break – treat day? Seeking the views of parents
Please complete and return the slip overleaf.



Invitations to Community Celebration day: *Celebrating the past – building the future* are attached. We would be very grateful if you/your child could think of 3-4 people who you could invite. Please write their name at the top of the invitation and pass it on. Perhaps include those who are not on social media (maybe even some grandparents or older neighbours?). Please help us spread the word.

Celebrating the past...

Calling all past pupils, family members and friends of New Row!
We need your voices!
Come and join...
NEW ROW CHOIR (FOR A DAY)
Singing some of our old favourites
ALL abilities welcome!
NEXT PRACTICE: TUES 9TH OCT @ 6.30PM IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

...building the future!

Big Outdoor Clean Up: Thank You!

Thanks again to everyone who helped out on Saturday to tidy up and finish some of last week's jobs. It was a very successful morning and both the sensory garden and outdoor play area are looking great. We were assisted also by students from Saint Mary's Grammar School who volunteered their time. Thanks also to Lennox Paint Shop and all the parents and friends who donated paint, materials, compost, bark, plants, plant pots and other items. You know who you are! It made a huge difference.

Missing Uniforms: Please check your child's bags, wash baskets etc for any items of PE or school uniform which do not belong to your child. Already children have misplaced items and as they are not in school, we are appealing for all families to check and see if they have been brought home accidentally. If this has happened, please send them back in and we will be only too please to reunite them with their owners. Names on uniform items are obviously essential. A lost property box is at the front of the school.

Reminder: Absences from school: illness

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please make sure you let the teacher know on the morning of the first day. You can do this by notifying the office or an adult calling with the class teacher. We must be able to account for all absences, so please send in a short note on the first day back if your child is off for more than one day. Teachers will not send home extra work if your child is sick. Let them rest properly and make a full recovery. They can do some extra reading which teachers agree would be of greater benefit.

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Healthy break: Treat day. Seeking the views of parents

I would like to see the introduction of a 'treat' day (same day for everyone in the school) when children can bring a treat. I think this would help in the overall promotion of healthy breaks and lunchboxes Preferred 'treat' day: (please circle)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Any additional comments (including any alternative suggestions)

(Signature)