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**Week beginning Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

Welcome to a new year! We hope that everyone's summer was relaxing and you were able to make your own sunshine. We are looking forward to another great year. No doubt it will be busy!

**The week ahead:**

Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1&amp;7: 9.15-12, no breakfast club or afterschools club, canteen break/dinner</li> <li>Children should bring a healthy snack (fruit, small sandwich, pancake etc.) for break</li> </ul>
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal school day for all Y2-7</li> <li>Y1 intake Group A 9.30-1pm (including break and dinner) – collect from front door</li> <li>Breakfast Club (from 8.15am, £1) and Afterschool Club (2-4pm, £2 per hr.) as usual</li> <li>Canteen break money due for Sept: £6 in an envelope payable to Marie in kitchen</li> <li>School Dinners available: £2.50 (payable to office)</li> <li>Milk money due (£4 for Sept or £16 for Term 1) in an envelope –payable to office</li> </ul>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1 intake group B 9.30-1pm (including break and dinner) – collect from front door</li> <li>Guitar lessons resume: 9am-9.45am (musicians should arrive no later than 8.55am)</li> <li>Y2-7 attend Mass 10am – all parent, family and friends welcome.</li> <li>All milk orders <u>must</u> be placed before 12 noon</li> <li><b>School closes for all Y2-7 pupils at 2pm</b> (This week only)</li> </ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk deliveries begin.</li> <li>All Y1 pupils attend from 9am until 1pm (until Thur 29th Sept)</li> <li>Parent &amp; Toddler Group begins again 9.15-11am – everyone welcome!</li> <li>Swimming begins (Y6). £2 pw &amp; £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag.</li> <li>McNicholl School of Dancing classes resume in school hall, 6.30pm</li> </ul>

**Dates for your diary:**

Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violin, Clarinet &amp; Flute lessons resume. Remember your instrument!</li> </ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Tex Recycling Collection begins – ONE WEEK ONLY – leave bags in hall thanks</li> </ul>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roald Dahl Day – details to follow</li> </ul>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Photographer visits NRPS</li> </ul>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Training Day – No school for pupils</li> </ul>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm)</li> </ul>

- **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. Please also complete the relevant consent sections.
- **Year 1 School bags** – Reminder: Every child starting school will be given a gift of a NRPS school folder, courtesy of *Friends of New Row*. These will be distributed W/B 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Your child will not need another schoolbag. However, lunch should be carried in a labelled lunch bag.
- **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 to communicate at this time of year. I will continue to send out a weekly note every Monday and keep other letters to a minimum. So check the bags, website and parent information board every Monday to make sure you're kept up to date with all that's going on.

Many thanks for your continued 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 online in our new *Parent Information for 2016/17* booklet.

## Classrooms:

**Years 1-4:** remain in existing rooms, **Year 5:** now in middle room within main building (previously Y6)

**Year 6:** now in first room within main building (previously Y7), **Year 7:** now in first mobile (previously Y5)

## Staffing:

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Una McAllister who is moving on to work as a behaviour support assistant for EA. This is an excellent opportunity for her. We sincerely thank Una for all her efforts over the years and wish her well in her new role. We are delighted that Miss Oonagh Gribbin is now a permanent member of staff. Miss Gribbin will now teach Year 1. Mrs McElroy has taken over teaching duties in Year 6, with Miss Carla Darragh covering Year 5.

## Building update

We have been busy preparing the school and classrooms for the children's return. A special word of thanks to Kevin and Barbara, who have been extremely busy. Many thanks to everyone who helped get this and the rest of the school ready. Year 4 and & 7 mobile classrooms have been painted throughout and are like new. Miss Gribbin has been busy also painting a lovely mural outside in what is going to be our new Foundation Stage Outdoor Play area. The play equipment has been refreshed and the playground and school grounds power-washed from corner to corner. Our PE store has been revamped also, with new shelving and storage.

We have received official notification that our major building project will proceed, with a planned start date of February 2017 and completion in early Autumn. This will include a new staffroom, classroom provision revamped in the main building, a new reception area (with offices) and toilets refurbished throughout. This will be an exciting project and we look forward to improving the facilities for our children.

## Parent & Teacher interviews: (Schedules will follow)

Autumn: Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Spring: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Please note: School will close for all pupils at 1.15pm on each of these days.

Places will be available in our afterschools club but will have to be pre-booked to allow us to organise staff.

## Class assemblies 2016-17 – Advance notice for your diary

\*Parents and families of the class leading assembly are very welcome to attend.\*

9.30am Assembly Hall	<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>
	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
Year 7	Year 5	Year 2	Year 1

**Child Protection Week: W/B Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> October,**

**eSafety Month: October 2016**

## Friends of New Row

Please watch out for an update on the latest work undertaken using funds raised by our very supportive *Friends of New Row*. Their first meeting of the year will be arranged shortly, with an event in October.

**Please take time to read the new information leaflet for 2016/17, containing lots of useful information for parents. Available at [www.newrowps.com](http://www.newrowps.com) now!**