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## Week beginning Monday 10th December 2018

\*\*Congratulations to last week's winners of Class of the Week! Junior: Year 3 Senior: Year 7\*\*

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent &Toddler 9.15-11am
	<ul> <li>School council meeting 11am to select films for Xmas Movie Afternoons</li> </ul>
	Kiddies Castle visit 1.15pm
	Y6 Swimming - No Y5 & 7 PE
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Assembly & Awards
	<ul> <li>Y6 visiting St Pius X College for Home Economics activities (all morning)</li> </ul>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Violin lessons
	• Y1-2-3 PE with Eoin (Ulster GAA)
	Christmas dinner & Xmas jumper Day
	<ul> <li>Y6 &amp; 7 Singing at Nursing home 2pm</li> </ul>
	AS: Y5 Speedwell Club with CPS
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kiddies Castle visit 9.30am
	<ul> <li>Y7 (3 or 4) Gaelic Football skills test Meadowbank</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Treat day! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break</li> </ul>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul> <li>9.30am Christmas in New Row (Y1 &amp; 2 and Y3-5 musicians etc)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Y7 Singing in Meadowlane 1.15pm</li> </ul>
	Flute/Clarinet lessons
	Credit Union Collection
	<ul> <li>AS: Gaelic Football with Derry GAA Coach (LAST WEEK – postponed from last Fri)</li> </ul>
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul> <li>Kiddies' Castle Preschool OPEN MORNING 10-11.30am</li> </ul>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul> <li>Y6 &amp; 7 readers and singers participating in St Mary's GS Carol Service, 3pm (M'felt)</li> </ul>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Y1-3 Movie Afternoon: All Y1 & 2 stay until 3pm
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Staff Christmas Dinner. Reminder: SCHOOL CLOSES @ 1PM (no afterschools)

- Carol service: Fabulous!! See overleaf for more
- Open Day: Another very successful event with lots of visitors. They all without exception praised our guides and the way they were greeted in each of the classrooms. Well done! #bestschool ☺
- Monthly mass: thanks to everyone who came along and well done to Y7 for their great leadership.
- Parents of Y3 Thanks for your help! The cloak area is improving keep it up! Remember either a book bag or a small schoolbag. Lunch bags/boxes are stored in the room.
- **Hour of code**: Thanks to NRC for inviting us to join them for an hour of code last Tuesday. The children had a great time, designing games and learning new skills.
- Enrolment: **Do you have a child starting in September 2019?** Please leave your child's details in the office. See overleaf for important enrolment info. Missed our open day? Arrange another time that suits.
- Did you pre-order your calendar and have not received it? Please contact the office and we will pass your info onto Friends of New Row. Calendars still available to buy from office. £6 each or £15 for 3.
- Break & Milk money. Please pay any outstanding amounts asap. Many thanks for your continued support



## **Parish Carol Service**

Once again our school made a fantastic contribution to the carol service yesterday in St Patrick's Church. The Year 3 pupils told the nativity story beautifully, with lots of enthusiasm. Our Y4-7 classes provided the singing and music and were also a credit to the school. Many thanks to everyone for their preparation and for families who took time out to come along – they were not disappointed! Thanks for all the help back in school with the teas as well. Definitely another very positive celebration #bestschoolcommunity ©



# Is your child starting school in Sept 2019?

If for any reason you were unable to attend our open day, you are very welcome to arrange another time for our pupils to give you a tour and chat with the principal.

## Online applications open Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2019.

The closing date and time for primary one applications is 12.00 midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019. *If you need any advice or have any queries, please contact the school as soon as possible.* 

- 1. Read the admissions criteria
- 2. Apply online https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions
- 3. Bring documents to your 1st choice school before Fri 8th Feb

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Thank you all.

#### **DENI/Ulster GAA Primary Schools Curriculum Sports' Programme**

DENI finally confirmed that the funding has ended for the PE programme, delivered in our school by Eoin McNicholl every Wednesday for Y1-3. This is disappointing for everyone. PE will continue on Wednesdays with the same changing arrangements in place, with our own staff ensuring the children still have positive experiences in PE. We thank Eoin (and all the Ulster GAA coaches) for their commitment and enthusiasm.

## **December events in New Row**

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kiddies Castle Christmas Visit (pm)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas dinner & Xmas jumper Day
	Carol singers & Musicians visiting Castle Nursing Home 2pm
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kiddies Castle Christmas Visit (am)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Magherafelt Community Carol Service (5 singers & 3 readers from New Row)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent & Toddler Xmas party!
	Junior Movie Afternoon! All Y1-3 stay until 3pm (treats sponsored by FoNR)
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff Dinner: School Closes 1pm
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y4-7 Christmas Movie Afternoon! With treats sponsored by Friends of NR
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fun Day & Disco- non uniform. Last full day of school.
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Term 1 officially ends at 11am