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Parent Information: Monday 16th September 2019

Mon 16 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent & Toddler Group 9.15-11am• Y6 swimming as usual. Y5 & 7 PE begins (outside). PE kit, bottoms & school jumper• Y7 afterschools Literacy & Numeracy Club continues 3-4pm• McNicholl School Irish dancing in assembly hall 6pm		
Mon A/S	Lego (Y3) week 1/6	Art (Y4 & 5) week 1/6	Golf (Y4, 5 & 6) week 1/5
	Mrs McElroy in Y5 room	Miss McNicholl in Y2	Tony in hall (change in Y6)
Tues 17 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Photographer. Family photos from 9.15am (No Assembly)		
Wed 18 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violin lessons & ear tests for Y4 – return any consent letters asap• PE for all Y1-3 pupils with class teachers		
Wed A/S	ICT (Y4 & 5) week 1/6	Eco Warriors (Y6 & 7) week 1/6	
	Miss Lavery in Y4 room	Miss McNicholl in Y2	
Thur 19 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treat Thursday! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break• Y3 Fresh Little Minds workshop week 2/6• Staff training: Barefoot Coding Workshops 3.30-5.30pm		
Thur A/S	Multisports (Y5-7) week 1/6	Music (Y4-6)	
	Steven in hall (change in Y5)	Starts on Thur 26 th Sept	
Fri 20 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly & awards• Flute & Clarinet lessons. Y4 musicians finalised.• Registration for GL assessment closes at 2pm.		
Mon 23 rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 & 7 PE and Y6 swimming as usual• NRPS Chid Protection Week begins		
Thur 26 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y4 Fit for Life in Meadowbank. £2.50. Bring PE gear & change in school.		

Dates for your diary

Fri 27 th Sept	School closes 1pm for all pupils (Staff training). No afterschool clubs or provision.
Mon 30 th Sept	Y1 stay until 2pm
Fri 4 th October	Walking bus & First Friday/Back to school mass 9.45am
Mon 7 th Oct	Parent/Teacher Interviews all week. School closes 1pm Monday – Friday. A/s available.

- **Clothes Collection:** Excellent response once again! We also run this in April to help with Spring Cleaning.
 - Did you get the updated **School Information Leaflet** last week? If not, you can request another through the office. It is also available on the website homepage under *useful documents*
 - **Eco council:** The judges had a tough job selecting the team. We look forward to another exciting year.
 - **Afterschool Clubs.** Online booking worked well. All run for 6 weeks except for golf, which is 5 weeks. Looking ahead...
 - **Photographer** tomorrow! 9am: Family photos with siblings not at NRPS. Others will be taken during day.
 - **Treat Thursday:** See overleaf for a reminder of the arrangements for our weekly treat.
 - **'Flu consent forms.** It is vital that these are returned even if you do not wish your child to receive it. Please read the letter from the school nurse about this very important vaccination.
 - **Consent forms etc:** Please return any green sheets and data forms ASAP
 - **Parent & toddler group.** Free to lend a hand 9am – 11am on Mondays? Please talk to Mrs Graffin asap.
 - **First Communion** (Y4) has been confirmed for Saturday 2nd May 2020 at 11am in St Patrick's Church, Castledawson. Dates of Confirmation for Y7 to follow. Dates for **Class Assemblies overleaf.**
- Many thanks for your continued support.

School Payments Update

- **Continued thanks to all parents/carers** who have helped us introduce the Parent Pay system to make our office cashless. This system was well-tested with our afterschool registration last Thursday. *Contact the office immediately if you are having issues and we will try to help you with the process.*

Reminders:

- Meals must be booked and paid before **9.30am**.
- There is a list of help sheets added on the website under *parent* section. These are very useful!
- **Please remember to scroll on down when making a booking to 'view and make a booking'** so you select the day you wish your child to have a dinner/club etc. Otherwise we do not know and they are not counted in the dinner numbers for that day.
- Pupils on our **Free School Meals register** will be pre-booked by the office weekly. Remember that until the school and parent have official notification, parents/carers must meet the cost of the meals.
- There has been confusion when booking afterschool provision. This provision has been renamed to **2-3 club** (for Y1, 2 & 3) and **Homework Club** (from 3-4pm Mon-Fri for Y1-7). Please make sure you select the correct club when booking. These also need to be booked in advance.

Healthy Eating & Lifestyle Updates

Treat Thursday continues this year. We hope by encouraging the children to enjoy treats in moderation, we will support healthier lunchboxes and break times. Treat items should only be brought in on Thursday to eat with break and should be limited to a small bar/packet of crisps. Remember also we are a **nut free school** as there are pupils and staff with nut allergies.

Drinks bottles: Some children are bringing in their own bottles to drink from when going to canteen dinner. Parents mightn't be aware that children are offered a choice of milk or water and there is no need for them to bring in their own drink. However, children are welcome to bring a bottle of water to drink in class during the day and this can be refilled in school – make sure it is clearly labelled with their name.

Attendance

(taken from NRPS School Information updated August 2019)

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.

Illness reminders

Children should not be brought to school if they are unwell. Even though they may want to come, we have a duty of care to all the children and staff. There are good reasons for this:

- It is important that they enjoy their time at school and feel well enough to participate in all activities.
- If your child has diarrhoea, vomiting or other infections please keep him/her at home until it has cleared (at least 24 hours). This is essential to prevent the unnecessary spread of infection to others.

General health reminders:

- Some children in our school have allergies and in the interest of their safety and well-being we can no longer allow children to bring in birthday cakes to share with their class.
- Head lice are common among primary-aged children. Please check your child's head regularly. Many treatments are available from the local pharmacy and many are available on prescription. It would also be useful to inform the class teacher so a general reminder could be issued (of course without highlighting your child!). Failure to check and treat headlice is a child welfare issue.

Class assemblies 2019-20 – Advance notice for your diary: All assemblies begin at 9.30am in the hall. Y4 will perform First Confession/Communion plays for the whole school community at dates tbc.

Y2 assembly will be incorporated into the mass celebrating Mary at the start of May.

Fri 31 st Jan	Fri 28 th Feb	Fri 27 th Mar	Fri 1 st May	Fri 29 th May	Fri 12 th June
Year 6	Year 7	Year 5	Year 2 (mass)	Year 3	Year 1