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## Parent Information: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Congratulations to last week's winners of best class! Junior: Y3; Senior: Y6.

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	NRPS Child Protection Week begins. Whole School Child Protection Homework.				
	Parent & Toddler Group 9.15-11am				
	• Y6 swimming – continues every Monday in Term 1. Y5 & 7 PE (prepare for outside).				
	Y7 afterschools Literacy & Numeracy Club continues 3-4pm				
	McNicholl School of Irish Dancing in assembly hall 6pm				
Mon A/S	Lego (Y3) week 2/6	Art (Y4 & 5	5) week 2/6	Golf (Y4, 5 & 6) week 2/5	
	Mrs McElroy in Y5 room	Miss McN	icholl in Y2	Tony in hall (change in Y6)	
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Whole School Child Protection Assembly (& awards from home)				
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<ul><li>Violin lessons</li><li>PE for all Y1-3 pupils with class teachers</li></ul>				
Wed A/S	ICT (Y4 & 5) week 2	ICT (Y4 & 5) week 2/6		Eco Warriors (Y6 & 7) week 2/6	
	Miss Laverty in Y4 ro	om		Miss Walls in Y6	
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Treat Thursday! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break				
	• Y4 Fit for Life in Meadowbank. £2.50. More info below. Bring gear, snack & water.				
	Y3 Fresh Little Minds workshop week 3/6				
Thur A/S	Multisports (Y5-7) week 2/6		Music (Y4-6) week 1/6		
	Steven in hall (change in Y5)		Mrs Graffin in Y4		
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Assembly & awards				
	<ul> <li>Flute &amp; Clarinet lessons.</li> </ul>				
	School closes @ 1pm for pupils (Staff training). Reminder: no afterschool available				
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y1 stay until 2pm				
	<ul> <li>Y5 &amp; 7 PE and Y6 swimming as usual</li> </ul>				
	■ GOLF AFTERSCHOOL CLUB WITH TONY rescheduled				

## Dates for your diary

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Walking bus & First Friday/Back to school mass 9.45am. Everyone welcome!	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent/Teacher Interviews all week. School closes 1pm Monday – Friday.	

- Going home today: Monday note, Parent Interview times, child protection packs, school photos.
- NRPS Child Protection Week starts today. See more info overleaf.
- Still time for Y4 to be ear tested to learning the **flute, clarinet or violin**. Please contact Mrs Graffin directly to discuss. This is a great opportunity. Child not in Y4? We will also consider beginners from Y5.
- Y4 will take part in MU Council's Fit For Life programme. They will have 5 morning sessions this term, starting Thursday. This costs £2.50 via Parent Pay. Children should bring gear (PE T-shirt, trackbottoms or leggings & trainers) & change in school. Remember snack (canteen break supplied), water and a coat.
- Music club starts on Thursday (Y4 room). Children should bring a tin whistle marked with their name.
- Jumpers: do you have a jumper at home that does not belong to your child? Please return to school.
   Make sure names are on all jumpers. From today, children will leave school with jumpers/cardigans on, not in bags. This way, we can guarantee children leave with a jumper. Also our school is heated and children should never need to wear skins or thermals under their t-shirts. This causes them to overheat.
- **Treat Thursday**: Thanks for being responsible with treats. Crisps and bars should not be lunchbox items. Many thanks for your support.

## **CP & Safeguarding Week: A reminder for parents & carers**

Our annual Child Protection & Safeguarding Week is an important opportunity to make sure all pupils, staff and parents are up to date with the arrangements we put in place to keep our pupils safe and secure. As principal, Mrs Graffin is Chair of the Safeguarding team. Miss Gribbin is our Designated Teacher and is supported by Deputy DT Mrs McElroy. In Mrs Scullion's absence, Miss McNicholl is acting as Online Safety Officer. CP & Safeguarding policies have been updated and approved by the Board of Governors. The Designated Governor for Child Protection is Maurice Diamond.

A Safeguarding pack will be sent home today with the eldest in each family Teachers have already received their annual training and all other staff will receive updates this week. Children will be reminded of key Child Protection messages. Please read, complete sign and return BOTH pink forms

## **Important**

Is something making you sad or worried?
Got something on your mind that's bothering you?
Have you seen something you knew wasn't right online?
Need someone to talk to?

We can help!



Miss Gribbin Y1 Teacher Designated Teacher



Mrs McElroy
VP & Y5 Teacher
Deputy DY



Miss McNicholl
Online Safety Officer
(acting)



Mrs Graffin
Principal & Chair of
Safeguarding team

Adults: Remember also that copies of all Safeguarding and Child Protection policies (and a range of other policies) are available on request from the school office. A selection of policies are also available online at newrowps.com



ble for morning meetings/discussion
REMINDER: End of day collection

Supervision begins when the bells rings, so children should not arrive early. Teachers are not available for morning meetings/discussions on progress, books etc unless arranged.

REMINDER: Morning drop off. School doors open at 8.50am

Car park reminders. Our collection arrangements were reviewed by EA who helped identify risks in the car park. Parents should park on the right side of the car park and walk across to collect children. No parking in disabled bays (non-badge holders) or on yellow lines/box. This is to make sure the pedestrian entrance to the car park is kept clear and safe for the children.

Y6 & 7 pupils are not permitted to walk younger children and to the car park (or home). ALL Y1-5 CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL BY AN ADULT.

Y1, 3 & 4: Front Door Y2: Room door Y5: Back gate. Y6&7: Back gate or consent to walk

**Photos** have been distributed in all classes. Remember there is no obligation to buy any prints. Check the envelope for details of online offers. Cash orders must be returned to office on/before Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.



Please appreciate it is very difficult to reschedule due to the tight timeframe and staff training during this week. School closes at 1pm all week. Afterschools is available - must be booked (£3 to 3pm, £5 to 4pm). There is no facility to look after children whilst parents attend meetings. Please make arrangements.

**School Payments Update:** THANK YOU! We have seen a real improvement this week as parents and carers appreciate that we now book and pay in advance for dinners (before 9.30am), breakfast club (before 8.30) and 2-3 club & homework club (before 1.30pm). Contact the office immediately if you are having issues and we will try to help you with the process.