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Parent Information: Monday 11th November 2019
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2019

Mon 11 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 swimming, Y5&7 PE with Derry GAA coach, Mr Hasson, Miss Brown & Mrs McElroy Y7 Afterschool Literacy & Numeracy Club
Tues 12 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-Bullying Week Assembly & awards from home Y6 Our Place Project with Liz Weir (am) 1 of 2 Friendship Dinner: Chips, chicken nuggets/sausages & beans, ice cream & sponge
Wed 13 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE for all Y1-3 pupils with class teachers. Violin lessons
Thur 14 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Fit For Life Treat Thursday! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break Irish Language Classes continue with Y6 & 7 (Mid Ulster Council tutor) Y7 Afterschool Literacy & Numeracy Club (last session this week)
Thur A/S	Music club: Last week! Collectors v welcome at 3.45pm for a short performance in hall.
Fri 15 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit Union collections continue. Y6 Forest School 3/6 (Dungannon) leaving 10.30am sharp Flute & Clarinet lessons
Sat 16 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GL assessment for some Y7 pupils
Sun 17 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge Mass 1 for Y4 pupils
Sun 15 th Dec	*SAVE THE DATE* Y3 nativity and Y4-7 performances at carol service (5pm)

- **Walking bus:** Thanks for all the support! It was a great morning with Y4 & 7 topping the walker polls!
- **In November we remember:** As part of our Catholic School Ethos, in November at assembly and during class prayer time, we remember the loved ones who have passed on. You may wish to discuss who your child might keep in their thoughts during these times, focussing on happy memories of these people.
- **Any more altar servers?** Need more Y5 & 6 pupils to sign up to allow the parish to organise a rota.
- **Friends of New Row Calendar** is good to go! Thanks very much for all the sponsorship received. Another great year and looking forward to seeing the end product. Pre-orders will begin next week.
- **Christmas dates:** see overleaf. Any unavoidable changes and additional dates will be made asap.
- **Peace proms:** Is your Y6 & 7 pupil performing on Sun 1st March at 1pm in SSE Arena? Visit www.peaceproms.com asap to get your ticket for the show - participating pupils do not need a ticket.
- **Road of Hope:** Fiona was genuinely overwhelmed with the generosity shown by the New Row community and asked that I pass on her sincere thanks. There will be lots of smiles on faces this year!
- Following a successful application to **Poetry Ireland**, Y6 pupils are about to engage in a mini-residency with well-known and celebrated poet Liz Weir. Liz will visit Y6 for two poetry-writing workshops focussing on the themes of place and shared space. This is an excellent opportunity - engaging in the poetry-writing process with an inspirational poet. We look forward to reading the final drafts!
- Any outstanding **break money** for the canteen? Unfortunately, there is no ability to carry this forward. From today, only breaks where balances have been settled will be distributed.
- Did you complete your weekly **head lice check** at the weekend? Please continue to do this every week as this is the only way our school can stay as head lice-free as possible.
- Good luck to Y7 pupils sitting **GL assessment** on Saturday. They have worked very hard – like all Y7 – and we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Many thanks for your support.



We are once again supporting Anti Bullying Week NI, launching tomorrow with our whole school assembly. Teachers have met and planned special lessons in every class and a whole school anti bullying homework focus on Thursday, including an Anti-Bullying Summary Leaflet. Our Anti Bullying Policy is online and will be updated again shortly when the training for staff, governors, parents and children covering the new Anti-Bullying legislation is rolled out by DENI.

We use 3 key messages in New Row:

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's **BULLYING**.

Y4 First Communicants: Bridge Programme 2019/20

This Sunday is the first Bridge Mass of the year for all our Y4 pupils at 9am in St Patrick's Church. The parish have asked to remind parents that is *very important* that all children making their First Communion attend with family members.

The children will gather at the back of the church, process in, gather around the altar and in to their seats. Please be in the church in good time so the children know where their family are sitting! The children will also come out around the altar at the end of mass to sing a hymn together.

There will be a meeting immediately after the first mass with parents about organising future masses.

Staff will attend this Sunday and help with this mass with parents taking the lead in subsequent masses.



OPEN DAY 2019 Thurs 12th Dec

Morning: **9.30-11am** Afternoon **1.30-2.30pm**

Is your child starting school in September 2020? Are you a parent of school age children, a current parent or friend of New Row? Come along!

See the outstanding learning taking place every day

Take a walk around our *EXCELLENT FACILITIES*** guided by School Council members**

If for any reason you are unable to attend, please call, talk to the principal and arrange another time

December events in New Row

Fri 6 th Dec	Walking bus (leaving Broagh Village at 8.30am) Monthly Mass 9.45am
Wed 11 th Dec	Christmas dinner & Xmas jumper Day
Thur 12 th Dec	Open Day: 9.30-11am & 1.30-2.30pm
Sun 15 th Dec	Carol Service 5pm (All Y3-7 attend) followed by tea in NRPS
Mon 16 th Dec	Parent & Toddler Christmas party – with special guest!
	Y7 singing in Meadowlane 1.30pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas in New Row 9.30am: Y3 nativity play, Y1 & 2 festive songs & Christmas Musicians. Parents & family welcome. <i>Performances will be in St Patrick's Church</i>
	Staff Dinner: School Closes 1pm. No A/school available.
Thurs 19 th Dec	Last full day of school. Non uniform (£1 donation for charity)
Fri 20 th Dec	Term 1 officially ends at 11am
Friends of NR are planning a Christmas event for our pupils! More details to follow when confirmed.	

School information reminder: Morning routine

Breakfast club is available from 8.15am until 9am and children will receive a drink, toast & cereal. School opens at 8.50am for all other pupils. Please remember your child(ren) are supervised only from these times and should not be left unattended by parents/carers before then. Class starts promptly at 9am and all parents/carers should make their way off school premises promptly when 9am bell sounds.

Remember it is very important that Y3-7 pupils can walk to class independently. Thank you for understanding that for a range of reasons there is no opportunity to talk to teachers before class begins.