New Row Primary School 43 New Row Castledawson **BT45 8AP** 028 7946 8426



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We care

We learn

Parent Information: Monday 9th December 2019 Last week's LINE UP Class winners! Senior: Y5, Junior Y1 & 3 (tie). Well Done!

Mon 9 th Dec	Y6 swimming – LAST WEEK
	Y5&7 Hurling & Camogie with Derry GAA coach & Mr Hasson
Tues 10 th Dec	Assembly & awards from home
	Kiddies' Castle visiting New Row for Christmas music time! (Morning session)
	Performance of Y6 Poems with Liz Weir – Y7 audience
Wed 11 th Dec	Y2 Shared Education activities in CPS
	PE for all Y1-3 pupils with class teachers.
	Violin lessons
	Christmas dinner & Xmas jumper Day
Thur 12 th Dec	Open Day: 9.30-11am & 1.30-2.30pm
	Irish lessons for Y6 9.30am & Y7 10am – Last week!
	Treat Thursday! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break
Fri 13 th Dec	Kiddies' Castle visiting New Row for Christmas music time! (Afternoon session)
	Credit Union collections continue. Flute & Clarinet lessons
Sun 15 th Dec	Carol Service 5pm (All Y3-7 attend) followed by tea in NRPS
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Mon 16 th Dec Parent & Toddler Christmas party – with special guest! <i>Also visiting Y1 & 2</i>	
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Y7 singing in Meadowlane 1.30pm	
Christmas in New Row 9.30am: Y3 nativity play, Y1 & 2 festive songs & Christmas	
Musicians. Parents & family welcome. Performances will be in St Patrick's Church	
Staff Dinner: School Closes 1pm. No A/school available.	
Last school assembly and AR awards for Term 1 (Y4-7)	
FoNR Xmas Disco! Y1-3: 6-7pm, Y4-7: 7.15-8.15pm. Admission £5 per child & £10 per family.	
Family Prayer Service 9.30am in St Patrick's Church	
Last full day of school. Non uniform (£1 donation for charity)	
School officially closes for all pupils & staff at 11am	
Staff Development Day	
School reopens for all pupils – normal school day	

- Enrolment for 2020: Do you have a child starting in September 2020? Please leave your child's details in the office. Our Open Day is this Thursday with 2 sessions: 9.30-11am & 1.30-2.30pm. Spread the word!
- Parish Carol Service & Y3 nativity: Please see important info overleaf. The parish have asked for a parent volunteer to read. Please let me know if you are willing before Wednesday. Christmas musicians: please remember to bring tin whistles, violins & flutes/clarinets etc every day as we have practices scheduled!
- This is the last week of PE for Term 1. This includes Y6 swimming. Y7 will begin lessons again in January.
- Thanks to everyone who joined us for a rather damp Walking bus on Friday. Great support, as always.
- Y7 did an excellent job leading mass on Friday. Thanks to Fr Branigan celebrating these monthly masses.
- Magherafelt Manor Christmas Card Competition was so well supported! Thanks for all the help from home!
- Well done to Y4s and their families great organisation and participation at Bridge Mass on Sunday.
- Irish lessons with Suzanna McKenna from Mid Ulster Council end this week for Y6 & 7. They really enjoyed learning cuplá focal. Thanks to Suzanna who also taught them Silent Night in Irish to perform on Sunday. Many thanks for your continued support.



OPEN DAY 2019 Thurs 12th December

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

Morning: **9.30-11am**

Afternoon 1.30-2.30pm

See the outstanding learning taking place every day

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

Can't make the date? Call & arrange another time

FoNR Calendars now available! Thanks to everyone who has already purchased your calendar. You will not be disappointed! The class pictures included will be displayed in the front foyer. £6 each or £15 for 3 Still have to purchase one? Pop your order into the office in a sealed envelope including the correct amount. Orders will then be processed by Friends of New Row this week. Calendars will be available to buy directly every morning and afternoon next week. Make cheques payable to: 'Friends of New Row'.

Friends of New Row presents



WED 18TH DECEMBER

YI-3: 6-7pm, Y4-7: 7.15-8.15pm Tuck Shop Available Y1-3 must be accompanied by an adult Admission: £5 per child, £10 per family

Arrangements for Carol Service – Sun 15th Dec at 5pm

All Y3-7 children should arrive at 4.45pm. Y4-7 should be in full school uniform All Y4, 5, 6 & 7 children are required to attend as every class will be performing a carol for the congregation. The children are very welcome in the school for refreshments following the service as a thank you for their efforts. Tea back in school: Family, friends and parishioners are very welcome to come to the school for tea and mince pies etc. following the service. CAN YOU HELP? Please talk to a member or Friends of New Row Nativity play performed by Y3: costume arrangements Children should arrive dressed. Costumes were to be sent into school with pupils in a bag labelled with their name on by today (Mon). If you are unsure of what your child needs, please contact Miss McCollum ASAP. Costumes will travel between home & school, so labelling everything is important!

Christmas presents for staff

This year we are once again 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 (male and female) – toiletries, items of inexpensive jewellery, gift vouchers etc. A collection box will be in the foyer from Mon 16th Dec. Thank you all.



Y6 Forest School Project

This comes to an end on Friday and Y6 have thoroughly enjoyed their visits to Dungannon. The outdoor learning doesn't end there! Miss Walls is currently completing Level 3 Forest School Teacher Award which will enable her not only to take outdoor learning

sessions but also to train other staff in how to best use the outdoor environment to extend learning.



Preparing For Christmas Advent programme Reminder

We are now in Week 2 of Advent, preparing for Christmas by coming together at home, school and as a parish. Please take time to complete the activities together weekly. This programme will end with a prayer service on Thursday 19th Dec. There will be two family prizes: one for a family selected from the booklets and one lottery-style prize from all the families who completed the activities. Pupils should bring the booklets in each Monday for a short chat in class about the theme.