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Parent Information: Monday 16th December 2019

Mon 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musician's practice for Christmas at New Row • Parent & Toddler Christmas Party! With special guest (who will also visit Y1 & 2) • Y7 carol singing in Meadowlane Shopping Centre 1.30pm – come along!
Tues 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly & awards from home • 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 • P3: wear costume into school & bring your uniform in a labelled bag to change after • Visit to Y6 & 7 from St Patrick's College Maghera re Open Evening in January • Staff Dinner: School Closes 1pm. No A/school available
Wed 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last school assembly and Accelerated Reading 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. Y1-3 must be accompanied by an adult. More info overleaf.
Thur 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat Thursday! Bring a small bar/packet of crisps to eat along with your break • Family Prayer Service 9.30am in St Patrick's Church • Last full day of school. Non uniform (£1 donation for charity)
Fri 20 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School officially closes for all pupils & staff at 11am

Dates for your diary

Mon 6 th Jan	Staff Development Day – no pupils
Tues 7 th Jan	School reopens for all pupils – normal school day Registration for Y1 Sept 2020 opens online at www.eani.org.uk
Mon 13 th Jan	Y7 swimming programme begins. Remember gears, goggles, towel & £1 for locker. Pay via Parentpay £2.50 pw or £25 for the term.

- **What a fabulous Carol Service!** Please read overleaf. Madeleine Gribbin has taken some photos and are available to order online, with a donation made to school funds. A link will be texted to all parents.
- Well done to Y1 & 2 who entertained our visitors from **Kiddies' Castle** last week. Their performances were excellent and very much enjoyed by the children and staff alike. Well done also to Y7 musicians!
- Thanks to Marie, Jacqueline & Shauna for another super **Christmas dinner** – and all they do every day.
- **Enrolment for 2020:** Do you have a child starting in September 2020? See important info overleaf.
- We are looking forward to **'Christmas in New Row'** tomorrow at 9.30 in St Patrick's Church.
- **Christmas Family Prayer Service on Thursday at 9.30am:** More info overleaf
- Please send in all **reading & other school books** etc that may be at home. No formal homework this week.
- New Row PS 2019 **Calendars** available to purchase in office: £6 each or 3 for £15. Excellent gift!
- Please settle any **outstanding balances** on PARENPAY before the end of term
- **Miss Laverty** will continue to teach Y4 until Mrs Scullion's return date has been finalised. We thank Miss Laverty for her efforts and commitment to date and know Y4 are in safe hands!

As the Christmas break approaches, it is timely for me on behalf of New Row to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. Thanks to the children for their enthusiasm (hope Santa rewards them), the staff for their dedication (hope they have a well-deserved rest), parents for entrusting their children to us (hope they enjoy the gift of time with their kids) and all those who support the work of New Row in a whole variety of ways (hope they realise how grateful we are). I sincerely wish you all a lovely break and God's blessing for a happy and healthy 2020. Nollaig shona dhaoibh!

Many thanks for your continued support

Parish Carol Service

Our school's contribution to the carol service yesterday in St Patrick's Church was simply outstanding. Y3 told the story of the nativity beautifully. Their confident and enthusiastic performance and singing stole the hearts of the entire congregation. Y4-7 carol singers were also a credit to their teachers and families. Many thanks to everyone who came along – they were not disappointed! Thanks for all the help back at the school with the teas as well. Definitely another very positive celebration of all that is great about our school! #bestschoolcommunity

Advent Prayer Service arrangements: Thursday at 9.30am

We will take a little time to organise the children into families at the start of the service. Any child with no family member present will sit with the class teacher. Please bring a tin or item of foodstuff for a collection at the end.

BEFORE THE PRAYER SERVICE Please complete Week 3 & 4 of the Advent Booklet together at home. All family booklets should be sent in on Thursday morning with the eldest in the family. Remember there are two prizes – one chosen by Fr Branigan and one from all those returned. Every family will be invited to the altar to present their workbook. This will be organised like communion, with families going up seat at a time.

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. Please pop them into the collection boxes in the foyer. *Collection ends Thursday 19th Dec.* Thank you all.

Spare uniforms at home?

During the year we sometimes require spare uniforms if spills, accidents etc occur. We have lots of t-shirts and jumpers but our stock of spare trousers, bottoms, skirts, pinafores are low. Do you have any at home that your child has outgrown and are in good condition? It would be very helpful if you could donate these for us to use. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Friends of New Row presents



CHRISTMAS DISCO

WED 18TH DECEMBER

Y1-3: 6-7pm

Y1-3 must be accompanied by an adult

Y4-7: 7.15-8.15pm

Admission

£5 per child, £10 per family

Tuck shop available

£2 goodie bag includes drink, crisps, bar & glowstick



Is your child starting school in Sept 2020?
Online applications open Tues 7th Jan 2020

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.

The closing date and time for primary one applications is 12.00 midnight on Thursday 30th January 2020. *If you need any advice or have any queries, please contact the school asap.*

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 7th Feb

Important dates for P6&7 pupils & their parents: January 2020

All pupils in Y6 & 7 are strongly encouraged to visit the local post primary schools on their Open Days

St Pius X College	Saturday 11 th January 9.30 – 1.30pm
St Patrick's College	Tues 14 th & Wed 15 th Jan from 16:30 – 18:30 in St Mary's Building. Also Saturday 18 th January 2020 at 10:00 in St Patrick's Building
Rainey Endowed School	Thur 16 th Jan at 7pm (For pupils from NRPS)
St Mary's GS Magherafelt	Tuesday 21 st & Wednesday 22 nd January 2020 at 19:00