

Weekly Update: Friday 27th November 2020

Dear parent or carer

I trust and hope you and yours are safe and well as you read this. I can't believe we are now at the end of week 10 of term 1, squeezing in Christmas preparations between Numeracy, Literacy and handwashing! Please remember to follow the guidance should your child or a close contact display symptom or test positive for COVID. This is - in no small way - helping to keep us all safe.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Stay safe and God bless.

Mrs D Graffin

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

Dates for your diary

Mon 30 th Nov	• Y3 stay until 2.55pm for Nativity rehearsal
Tues 1 st Dec	• Break (£5.50) & Milk (£4) due for December – pay via Parent Pay • Our Connected Assembly featuring Y5 • Y3 stay until 2.55pm for Nativity rehearsal
Wed 2 nd Dec	• Y1 walk to post letters (tbc)
Thur 3 rd Dec	• Treat Thursday: Bring a small snack – remember we are a nut-free school!
Fri 4 th Dec	• Y7 Transfer Club 8am • Miss Scullion finishes placement in Y5 • Return your family Christmas decoration to hang on our school tree
Mon 7 th Dec – Fri 11 th Dec	• Open Week – more info below
Mon 7 th & Tues 8 th Dec	• Y3 stay until 2.55pm for Nativity rehearsal
Wed 9 th Dec	• Christmas Dinner

Advent 2020

We are working hard to be creative in how we keep a sense of being connected at a time when we are forced to stay apart.

Week 1: As we prepare together for Christmas, we would like all families to design a simple Christmas tree decoration to hang on our school Christmas tree in the foyer of the school. A simple template will be sent home on Monday and families will have all week to complete it before family members can hang them on the tree next Friday.

Week 2: Our collection for the local St Vincent de Paul charity begins – leave a gift for someone else under our tree. They are particularly grateful for gifts for older teenagers (unwrapped).

Christmas in New Row



Your child's class are preparing their Christmas party piece. *It would be helpful if every child (except Y3) had their own red Santa hat (or hairband – no lights!) to wear.* Each class will be recorded & parents will be notified to make sure the children bring their hat, cleanest uniform & brightest smile!

Year 3 will perform a nativity. This will take some extra time to prepare and for this reason we ask that they stay on until 2.55pm for 4 afternoons (see above). Miss McNicholl will share info on Seesaw about parts, costumes etc. next week.

Remember – Christmas isn't cancelled! **#NRPSXmas Ver 2.0**

Out of hours contact

Need to get in touch about a COVID-related emergency at evenings or weekend? Please e-mail details and a contact number to info@newrowps.castledawson.ni.sch.uk which is checked daily.

Friends of New Row 2021 Calendar now available to order!

School Calendar 2021



Our School Prayer

This is our School:
Let peace dwell here
Let the rooms be full of contentment

Let Love abide here:
Love of one another, love of life itself
And love of God.

And let us remember
That as many hands build a house,
so many hearts make a school.

Amen

We care - We share - We learn

Our calendar this year will be as special as ever, including **individual class photos** and group shots of some classes together. We can't wait for you all to see them!

These are an **ideal present for loved ones** - family, friends and anyone with a connection to New Row. EVERY PUPIL OF NEW ROW PS is in the calendar. There are a limited number of calendars available to pre-order. **£5 each & 3 for £12**. Following feedback, we have changed the format so that the calendars can be easily sent in the post. This is particularly important for the year that is in it!

WHAT TO DO: Simply pre-order using the form sent home. Alternatively, write your name & contact details on an envelope with the correct amount (£5 each or £12 for 3) and return to school office. The orders will then be processed by Friends of New Row. Order today!

Please support our sponsors: Once again many thanks to all the business and friends of New Row for their very generous sponsorship during such trying times.

Road Safety Week 2020



Well done to everyone who helped us mark Road Safety Week. There were lots of opportunities to learn more about keeping safe whilst out and about in the neighbourhood and beyond. Wednesday Wheels and Walking bus will return each month and are a great way to practise the rules of the road together.

One of the messages that PSNI officer Wendy shared was the importance of wearing a cycling helmet. Not sure? Ask Y6 & 7 to show you what happens an egg without a helmet!

Connected Assembly

On Tuesday we were treated to a performance from Y4 who had written their own song! Well done, Y4! We look forward to sharing this very special song with the entire school community.

Music Lessons: Update

Interest in playing a musical instrument is higher than we had anticipated. EA string tutor has conducted ear tests and the wind tutor will conduct more next week. Once complete, we will advise on the number of pupils they can take next week. Thanks for the enthusiasm shown.

Friends of New Row: Caring & Sharing

This year, more than ever, families in our local community, and within the school, are facing difficult times. If you would benefit from our new Food Voucher Scheme, simply speak to Mrs Graffin, in complete confidence.



Financial or other worries? Need some assistance or support?
Call ST VINCENT DE PAUL Confidential Local Helpline 028 7930 0819.

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Enrolment for September 2021

Is your child due to start Y1 in Sept 2021? Do you have a relative, neighbour or friend who would like their child to join the New Row family? Please contact the school office (and encourage others to) so we can gather some information. This will allow us to keep parents informed about key dates etc in the application process. See below for our Open Week plans.



Ready-for-P1?

Is your child starting school in September 2021?

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to hold our traditional open day. However, we would still love you to come along and safely visit our school in action.

Open week:

Mon 7th – Fri 11th Dec 2020

Morning and Afternoon sessions available



See the outstanding learning taking place every day

Enjoy a tour of our *UPGRADED FACILITIES*****

Take a walk around and see the different outdoor areas

To arrange a visit, please call and talk to Mrs Graffin (Principal).

If this week does not suit, don't hesitate to contact us to arrange an alternative time.

Coming soon...!

A sneak peek of all we offer! Our Digital Leaders and staff are preparing a video celebrating all that is special about our New Row Family. Follow us on @NewRowPS for more news!

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk



EDUCATION RESTART

