

## Weekly Update: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parent or carer

I am very grateful to have reached the end of another week! Many thanks once again for all your help and cooperation with our arrangements. Keep washing the hands – and water bottles – when the kids come in from school. 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 safe.

Remember also to keep checking into SEESAW. Should your child be off school for a length of time, SEESAW is vital in keeping in touch with your child's learning. Any problems with it, just let us know. 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 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Bullying Week begins! More info overleaf. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Including ODD SOCKS DAY today!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *NEW* Our Connected Assembly featuring Y1</li> </ul>
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole-school Anti-Bullying Week homework</li> <li>• Treat Thursday (Bring a small snack – remember we are a nut-free school!)</li> </ul>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 Transfer Club 8am</li> </ul>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRPS Road Safety Week begins – watch out for activities!</li> </ul>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday Wheels – info to follow</li> </ul>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking bus</li> </ul>

### \*NEW\* Connected Assembly



On Tuesday we were treated to a performance from Y2 of the song *Thank You God for Everything* from their Grow in Love (RE) programme which they have worked hard to learn.

All classes tuned in through their interactive panels and they were mesmerised to see their friends in Y2 so proud to have a chance to perform for an audience. Well done, Y2! We just loved to see what you have been doing! Next week it is the turn of Y1. Can't wait!

### Friends of New Row: Annual Calendar

Once again, our Friends of New Row have organised a calendar which celebrates life in New Row. HUGE thanks to all the businesses who so generously sponsored the calendar. During tight times, they still appreciate the value in getting involved in such a worthwhile project. All classes feature twice throughout – so it is a lovely keepsake for family and friends – an ideal Christmas gift! Thank very much to Carmel and Madeleine – and everyone else who helped along the way! We will be in touch about orders and pricing when they are printed.

## Anti-Bullying Week



We are looking forward to activities to mark Anti-Bullying Week in New Row. Pupils and staff have been working hard throughout Term 1 to review our understanding of socially unacceptable behaviour and situations when bullying behaviour occurs. This links to our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy – also under review. Through continued work and exploration of key messages, we will all have a better understanding of what bullying is, what it isn't and when socially unacceptable behaviour becomes bullying behaviour.

### What will we be doing?

On Monday we will kick off with an ODD SOCKS DAY for everyone. We will then take part in activities in class, staff training and a special Anti-Bullying Week homework on Thursday evening.



## What is bullying?

Our teachers have worked with EA staff to review our understanding of bullying behaviour, linked to the use of the words rude, mean and bullying:

When anyone says or does something occasionally unintentionally hurtful to you and others that's RUDE – **behaving rudely is socially unacceptable.**

When anyone says or does occasionally intentionally hurtful to you and others that's MEAN – **behaving meanly is socially unacceptable.**

When a particular person chooses to pick on you (i.e. targets you) and intentionally keeps on saying and doing things which they know hurt and upset you even when you've told them to stop that's **BULLYING BEHAVIOUR.**

**Rude, and Mean Socially Unacceptable Behaviours** can include: · name calling or teasing; · making things up to get you into trouble; · nipping, biting, hitting, punching, pushing; · taking or damaging your belongings; · taking your friends away from you; · spreading unkind rumours or making threats; · exclusion from friendship groups.

**REMEMBER When someone intentionally targets you, and keeps on saying and doing rude and mean things to upset and hurt you then their Socially Unacceptable Behaviours HAVE BECOME BULLYING BEHAVIOURS.**

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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.

As we will not be able to hold an Open Day in the same format as before, we are working on ways to let parents and children know more about our school and answer some of their questions about the New Row experience. Having contact details would really help share information. Our Digital Leaders are already working on a project to share with prospective parents and pupils! More information to follow.

## BBC – Two Minute Tales: COMPETITION CLOSING SOON!



We are encouraging Y5-7 pupils to take part in BBC story-writing competition: A Christmas to Remember. They have written their stories in school and need to upload to the website at home. This competition is open to any child in Northern Ireland who is aged between 5 and 16 years old. Parents must complete this form and submit their child's story before 8pm on Friday

13th November 2020. Click on the link to find out more and to upload your child's story.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5ITDWfmhGQR9Tlf93LkgMzv/send-in-your-two-minute-tale>

## Road Safety Week 2020

# Road Safety Week



This year NI Road Safety Week has been scheduled for the same week as Anti-bullying week. We have decided that because there are very important messages to share during both weeks, we will hold our own Road Safety Week beginning on Mon 26<sup>th</sup> November. As well as reminding everyone that it is important to be bright and be seen all week, there will be other activities and messages! We have already planned an information session for Y6 & 7 on safety when travelling

home from school. We will also introduce a new family-led initiative, encouraging children and parents to cycle to and from school together using their *Wednesday Wheels*. The week will end with the return of an old favourite - the Walking Bus. More reminders next week, so dust off your cycling helmet and walking shoes!

## Road of Hope: Thank you!



What a fantastic response to our annual Road of Hope appeal! Fiona & Geraldine from



the charity are very grateful for all the support of New Row families. School council also were a great help sorting

all the donations. Well done to everyone! You've sent lots of smiles across the miles!

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## Christmas in New Row – Definitely NOT CANCELLED!



Many people have been asking if we have thought about what Christmas will look like this year in New Row. This year will certainly be different (as one Y7 described – covered in a COVID blanket) but rest assured we are working hard to make it a very special Christmas. Some events will go ahead as usual (Christmas jumpers, here we come!), others with few changes (Christmas dinner is in the diary for 9<sup>th</sup> December) whilst others will require a little more work – like a virtual visit from the big man in a red suit! Every class will get a chance to spread some Christmas cheer by learning a carol or two and performing it for others. Our musicians are preparing their party pieces. We also hope to present a Year 3 nativity as usual. How we share this with each other and the New Row community will be a little different, but we will keep you posted. We have also planned a few more bubble-friendly activities to help add some extra sparkle at the most wonderful time of the year – celebrating the greatest story ever told. So, remember – Christmas is not cancelled! Watch out for **#NRPSXmas Ver 2.0?**

## In November we remember

In November we will take time in school to remember all the people who have died.

What can we do at home?

- ❖ We can attend the grave of our loved ones and pray for them
- ❖ We can light a candle in the Chapel for them.
- ❖ We can create a little spot in the home where we can stop, say a prayer and remember our loved ones.
- ❖ We can think of happy times we spent with our loved ones.



*Prayer for those who have died (or say a prayer of your own):  
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## Friends of New Row: Caring & Sharing

This year, more than ever, families in our local community, and within the school, are facing difficult times. 2020 has given each of us enough to worry about. We are delighted to introduce our new Food Voucher Scheme, funded by Friends of New Row. If you would benefit from a little help with groceries, simply speak to Mrs Graffin, in complete confidence.



## Review of Arrangements: The School Day

We are continuing to review arrangements for the start of school/end of day. We are also making some changes to lunchtimes and class contact time. We will be in touch when any changes that may affect your child when arrangements are finalised.

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

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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/](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](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk)



## EDUCATION RESTART

