



# St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday  
9th March 2023



## Remember:

- The **Thursday Note and Dinner Menu** are available on the school website: [www.stannespscorkey.com](http://www.stannespscorkey.com)
- Lots of other news and information is also available to view

## School Dinners

- The price of a **school meal** is £2.60 per day or £13.00 per week. Dinners for the week (paid and free) should be ordered on the school website by 9am on Monday morning.

## Collection of Children

- Class Teachers should be informed of any changes to arrangements for collecting children. Please send a note to school with your child or email [gmclements388@c2kni.net](mailto:gmclements388@c2kni.net) before 12 noon.

- **Breaktime Toast** will continue to be served every day next week, thanks to the funding obtained from our PTA in the recent "Cash for a Cause" initiative. Photos of the launch and our P7 class who are in charge of the preparation and delivery of toast to the classes are available to view on the school website.
- **First Confession** In the interests of safety and information provided by the Met Office and the Education Authority, we will unfortunately have to postpone First Confession until Monday 13th March. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. School remains open at this time. We will inform parents using our text service of any changes.
- **School Holiday**—St Anne's will be closed on **Friday 17th March** for St Patrick's Day.
- **St Patrick's Day**—St Anne's will be having a "**Wear Green Day**" on **Thursday 16th March**. We will also be participating in some cultural activities to celebrate the feast day of St Patrick.
- **Confirmation** will be on **Thursday 23rd March at 11am**. The school will be open as normal, with only P7 pupils and members of the choir attending the ceremony. Choir participants will be taken to and from the church by bus. All pupils must wear full school uniform. A letter from Mr Duffin which was sent home last week, outlines all the arrangements for this day.
- **Lenten Fundraising for Trocaire/Sr. Patricia**—  
**P1 & P2** will be having a bun sale on **Friday 10th March**.  
**P3 & P4** will be having a bun sale on **Friday 31st March**.  
Buns can be either home-made or shop bought (no nuts please). All pupils can purchase buns, which will be priced at 20p each (max of 5). **Please send a spare lunch box or takeaway carton to school so that the children can take the buns home.** Photos of last Friday's Bun Sale hosted by P5, P6 & P7 can be viewed on the school website.  
**10p Trail**—Bring in as many 10ps as possible through Lent.  
Lots of other fun activities will be happening in each class!
- **Date for the Diary**—
- **First Holy Communion** will be on **Saturday 13th May (time to be confirmed)**.

Please turn over

- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Geraldine McClements won an amazing £75 in this week's draw. A huge thanks to everyone for their support. We have sent home two envelopes to each family but feel free to return as many as you like! **Envelopes are also available to complete in all the usual outlets.**

### •EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

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| 100% Attendance | 0 Days Missed      |
| 95% Attendance  | 9 Days of Absence  |
| 90% Attendance  | 19 Days of Absence |
| 85% Attendance  | 28 Days of Absence |
| 80% Attendance  | 38 Days of Absence |
| 75% Attendance  | 46 Days of Absence |

90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year - that's nearly 4 school weeks! **School attendance will be focused on by our Board of Governors this term.**

- **School absences** must be reported in writing to your child's teacher as soon as possible, usually on your child's return to school. This ensures the correct absence code can be entered to the official attendance register. A pro-forma is available to download from the school website.
- **Best Attendance**—Congratulations to P1 & P2 who had the best attendance for the second month in a row in February.
- **School Dinner**—An online menu order for next week is available to complete on the school website. After completion, please send the fee in an envelope with your child's name on it by **Monday morning**. As the dinners are prepared in St Patrick's kitchen, the cooks must know the numbers in advance.
- **After School Multi Sports for P4-P7 pupils** will continue on Tuesday 7th March from 3-4pm and continue until Tuesday 21st March. The cost is £12.50 per child.
- **Swimming** for P7 will continue on Wednesday. The cost is £3 per child.
- **Violin Tuition**—continues on Wednesday.
- **Loughquile Credit Union**—School savings collections will continue on Wednesday.



•**Allergy Aware School:** As we have a number of children with nut and egg allergies, please send no nuts (including products containing nuts) or eggs to school as lunch items.

•When paying **dinner and milk money** cheques should be made payable to: **The Education Authority—NE Region**. Everything else (After Schools Clubs etc.) should be made payable to St Anne's PS.

•**Healthy Breaks:** Please send only fruit or a plain biscuit to school as a break-time snack. **ONLY water or milk may be taken at break-time**. One sweet or savoury treat is appropriate for lunchtime. No fizzy drinks should be brought to school at any time.