



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
16th March 2023

- **School Holiday**—St Anne's will be closed on **Friday 17th March** for St Patrick's Day.
- **St Patrick's Day Celebrations**—We had lots of fun in school celebrating everything Irish including music, speaking Irish and enjoying a delicious St Patrick's Day themed lunch from the school kitchen! Photos of all the activities are available to view on the school website.
- **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.
- **First Confession**—Well done to our P3 class who celebrated their First Confession on Monday. Thank you to all the children who participated in the choir. Photos of the ceremony are available to view on the school website.
- **Confirmation** will be on **Thursday 23rd March at 11am**. The school will be open as normal, with only P7 pupils, their siblings 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, outlines all the arrangements for this day.
- **Lenten Fundraising for Trocaire/Sr. Patricia**—

P5 & P6 will be having a **Toy & Book Sale** on **Tuesday 21st March**. All pupils can purchase a toy or book priced at £1 per item.

P1 & P2 will be having a **bun sale** on **Friday 24th 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.

We had a fantastic start to our bun sales and would like to thank parents for their very generous contributions.

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).
- **Loughgiel GAC**—Camogie for girls born in 2015 and 2016 will be on **Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am for this week only** (because of St Patrick's Day), then moving to Friday evening **5.30pm to 6.30pm from next week**.



Remember:

- The **Thursday Note and Dinner Menu** are available on the school website: 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 before 12 noon.

Please turn over

- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Karen Watt won an amazing £70.50 in this week's draw. Well done Karen! 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.

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.
- **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.
- **Best Attendance**—Congratulations to P1 & P2 who had the best attendance for the second month in a row in **February**.
- **After School Multi Sports for P4-P7 pupils** will conclude on **Tuesday 21st March**.
- **Swimming** for P7 will continue on Wednesday. The cost is £3 per child.
- **Violin Tuition**—continues on Wednesday.
- **Loughguile 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.