



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
7th September 2023

- **Welcome back!** We hope that everyone enjoyed their Summer Break. It is wonderful to see the children return to St Anne's in their full school uniform, including plain black shoes or plain black trainers (as we do The Daily Mile). Please ensure your children continue to wear these as the year proceeds.
- **School start and finish times:**
- The school gates open at 8.50am. All pupils must go directly to their classrooms. Registration for all pupils is at 9.00am.
- P1 children will go home at 12.00p.m. from Friday 1st until Friday 15th September. Children are to be collected from the main school gate at 12.00pm.
- P1 children will go home at 1.00pm from 18th September until 29th September. As the P1 children will stay for lunch before collection from the front yard (or dinner hall if wet), please ensure children bring a packed lunch or dinner money from 18th September.
- P1 children will stay in school until 2.00pm from Monday 2nd October until the end of the school year.
- P2 children will finish at 2.00pm every day.
- P3 to P7 children will stay in school until 2.50pm every day.
- **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.
- **Split the Pot Bulk Buys**—The new cycle of Bulk Buys will begin on **Wednesday 13th September** and continues until 15th November. We sent home two envelopes this week, and more can be obtained from any PTA member, the school office, or the Corner Shop. Purchases can also be made using the QR code to the right ↗
- **Split the Pot Pupil Draw for £5**—resumes on Wednesday 13th September. Remember, every pupil who brings a completed envelope into school for the weekly draw is entered into the pupil draw to win £5. This will take place very week at Assembly—every envelope = one entry into the draw.
- **St Anne's PTA Needs You!** St Anne's PTA are currently looking for new members to help with fundraising activities and assistance with school events. Funds raised by the PTA are benefitted by **all** the children in our school. The PTA are an invaluable part of our school community and any help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact Mr Duffin on 02827641429 or hduffin422@c2kni.net
- **St Anne's PTA will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm in the school.** Everyone is most welcome to attend, especially anyone wishing to become a member.



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.

QR Code for Split the Pot Bulk Buy



Scan to pay

Please turn over

- **School records** are now being updated. Please fill in the Information Forms sent home today and return to school as soon as possible. As this is the only way we have of keeping up to date contact numbers, it is important that these forms are returned as soon as possible.
- **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.
- **Education Welfare** will be informed of pupils with attendance falling below 85% at any time throughout the year.

•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!

The Department of Education have launched their media campaign "**Miss School. Miss Out**". Further information can be found at: www.nidirect.gov.uk/miss-school-miss-out

- **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.
- **Brain Gym**—For P7 pupils will continue on Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm.
- **Swimming** for P5 & P6 will commence swimming on Wednesday 13th September. The cost will continue at £3.00 per child per week. Please complete the consent form has been sent home with your P5/6 child and return to Mrs McQuaid/Mrs Black as soon as possible.
- **Violin Tuition**—Continues on Wednesday 13th September. Anyone interested in having lessons in school should contact the school office.
- **Curricular Hurling with Woody** will start on Friday 15th September for all P3, P4 & P7 pupils, until November. Children with their own stick and helmet may bring them. We can provide sticks and helmets for those who do not have their own.
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—School savings will resume on Wednesday 13th September. Application packs for our new P1 class will be sent home in due course. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.
- **Flu Vaccine Programme**—The school nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 11th October** to administer the Flu Vaccine to all pupils. Consent forms will follow in due course.



•Please remember that StAnne's Primary School is a "NUT FREE ZONE"

•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.

- **P5 to P7 Lunchtimes:** We wish to make more use of our grass area, so we ask all P5 to P7 children who wish to play on the grass at lunchtime to bring in a pair of old trainers which they can change into. These trainers will be kept in school for lunchtime use. In order to keep our school clean, only those with old trainers brought in will be permitted to play on the grass when it is damp.
- **P5-P7 Lunchtime Hurling/Camogie**—Children may bring in their sticks and helmets from Monday 11th September.
- **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.
- **Transfer Test**—Registration for the SEAG Entrance Assessment opened on 3rd May 2023 and closes at 5pm on Friday 22nd September 2023. Further details are available at www.seagni.co.uk We have been informed that St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena has a limited number of places available for pupils to sit the SEAG Assessment, therefore if you wish your child to complete the exam in St Louis, please complete the registration as soon as possible.
- **St Patrick's Choir**—Practices will recommence on **Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's Church. All singers & musicians from P4 and above are very welcome to attend.
- **Blood Donation**—The Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service will be at the Millennium Centre, Loughgiel on **Wednesday 13th September 2023 from 12.30pm-4pm & 5pm-7.30pm**. To book an appointment go to www.nibts.org or call 08085 534 653.
- **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.
- **St Anne's School Closures List for 2022-2023** is attached and is available to view on the school website under "**Thursday Notes**".
- **After School Clubs**—Soccer Club will begin on Tuesday 7th November. More details will follow in due course.
- **Free School Meals**—If you think that your child/children may be entitled to free school meals, application forms are available from the Education Authority Website: www.eani.org.uk. **These applications have to be renewed annually**, therefore we would encourage parents to submit their applications if they have not already done so. **Any applications or enquiries are completely confidential. We encourage all who are eligible to apply**, even if they do not intend to take a free meal, as our school funding can be supplemented by the Department of Education if we have a significant number of children entitled to free school meals.
- **Milk**—begins on Monday 11th September. Please send any outstanding money into school by Monday 11th September. The cost is £7 per child.

