



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
5th October 2023



Remember:

- **St Anne's Opening Mass** will be on **Friday 6th October** in **St Patrick's Church, Loughguile**. All pupils will attend the mass. We ask parents to leave their children at the church **from 8.50am**. Pupils who usually travel to school by EA bus, will be taken to the church. All staff will be at the church from this time and will supervise the children until mass begins. Bus transport will be provided to bring the children from the church to school afterwards. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend the mass and can take their children to school after mass. We ask that you let your child's teacher know if this is your intention.
- **A new floor will be installed in the Foundation Stage Classroom on Friday 6th October**. To facilitate this, **P1 & P2 children only will go home at 1pm on this day**. The school bus is available to take the children home at this earlier time. Class will resume as normal on Monday 9th October. Apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.
- **P2—P7 Parent Interviews** will take place the **week beginning 16th October**. **All pupils will go home at 1pm each day that week**. The school bus is available to take the children home at 1pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. **Please check your child's bag over the coming days for notes regarding appointment times**.
- **Flu Vaccine Programme**—The school nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 11th October** to administer the Flu Vaccine to all pupils. Please send any outstanding forms into school, even if you do not wish your child to have vaccine.
- The **Tempest Photographer** will be in school on **Friday 20th October**.
- **Hallowe'en Disco**—Organised by St Anne's PTA will be held on **Thursday 26th October from 6.30-8pm** in the School Hall. We are asking parents if they would kindly donate a Trick or Treat to put in Hallowe'en Hampers which will be raffled on the night. We would really appreciate it if all donated items could be in school by **Friday 20th October**.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Martin Scullion won an amazing £79.50 in this week's draw. Well done Martin!. 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**.
- **Split the Pot Pupil Draw for £5**—continues next week. 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.
- **Pantomime**—A trip to **The Grand Opera House** on **Thursday 11th January 2024** to see **"Snow White"** had been arranged for all our pupils. St Anne's PTA have once again very generously agrees to cover the transport costs. The means the cost of the trip will be £13 per pupil. A permission slip has been sent home today and is also available to print from the school website. **Please complete and return with the payment/first instalment as soon as possible**.

- 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.

- **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.
- **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.
- **Brain Gym**—For P7 pupils will continue on **Tuesday** afternoon from 3-4pm.
- **Swimming** for P5 & P6 will every Wednesday. The cost will continue at £3.00 per child per week.
- **Violin Tuition**—Continues every Wednesday. Anyone interested in having lessons in school should contact the school office.
- **Loughquile Credit Union**—School savings collections continue every Wednesday. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.
- **Loughquile Credit Union Annual Art Competition**—Entry forms have been sent home today with your child. **Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.** All entries for the competition will be completed in school.
- **Curricular Hurling with Woody** continues every Friday 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.
- **P5-P7 Lunchtime Hurling/Camogie**—Children may bring in their sticks and helmets.
- **P4-P7 Guitar Lessons**—An Expression of Interest Form is on the school website: Parents/After School Clubs. If you think you would like your child to participate in lessons, please complete the form by **Friday 13th October**.
- **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.
- **Smart Watches**—Children are not permitted to bring a watch or any other device to school which has the capacity to take photographs. These devices can be very expensive and the school cannot guarantee they will not be damaged or lost during normal school activities, therefore they should be kept at home.
- **St Patrick's Choir**—Practices will continue on **Thursdays at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's Church. All singers & musicians from P4 and above are very welcome to attend.



•Please remember that St Anne'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.

•**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.

•**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.