



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
4th January 2024

- **Happy New Year!** Welcome back to a new school term. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break.
- **Pantomime** — A trip to **The Grand Opera House on Thursday 11th January 2024** to see **"Snow White"** has been arranged for all our pupils. Could all outstanding permission slips and payments be sent into school tomorrow. If anyone is unable to go for any reason can you please let us know tomorrow as we need to finalise numbers.

The buses will leave the school at 11am and we aim to be back at St Anne's for approximately 5.00pm. We will use our text parents service when we are leaving Belfast to give a more definite time. Unfortunately, this will mean that all children will need to be collected from the school as there will be no school bus at this time.

All pupils will need to bring a healthy snack and a packed lunch with them (no glass bottles). They can also bring a treat with them to eat during the performance. Full school uniform is to be worn and all pupils should bring a coat as we will have to walk from the bus to the Opera House.

- **P1 Enrolment** — Parents of children starting P1 in September 2024 can apply for their place online at www.eani.org.uk from **12 noon on Tuesday 9th January 2024**.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" will be drawn tonight.** 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. This weeks winner was Emily Doyle. 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. All bulk buy envelopes will be entered for 10 weeks.
- **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. There is still quite a bit of dinner money outstanding from December can this please be sent in.
- **Swimming** — P7 will commence swimming on Wednesday 10th January. The cost is £3.00 per child per 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

- **Best Attendance** — Congratulations to P1/2 who had the best attendance in December!
- **Peace Proms 2024** — St Anne's PS and Knockahollet PS will be taking part in the Peace Proms Choir. The event will be staged at the SSE Arena Belfast on **Sunday 25th February 2024**. Tickets can be purchased from www.ssearenabelfast.com or by calling 0844 847 2455
- **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.
- **Violin Tuition** — Continues every Wednesday.
- **Loughguile Credit Union** — School savings collections will continue every Wednesday. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.
- **P5-P7 Lunchtime Hurling/Camogie** — Children may bring in their sticks and helmets
- **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 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.