



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
7th November 2019

- **A BIG thank you to our PTA** and all those who helped in any way at our Hallowe'en Disco last week. It was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. Photos taken on the night are available to view on the school website and the St Anne's PTA Facebook page.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** The Hennessy Boys won an amazing £128.50 in this week's draw. Well Done Boys! 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! Split the Pot will be celebrating it's First Birthday this month. Watch this space for more details. **Envelopes are also available to complete in McMahon's Corner Shop, The Chip Inn, The Pound Bar, McAllister's Bar, The Golden Plough, Sharon Reid's Salon, Salena Henry's Salon, Shaunie's Hair Salon, Joanne McIlhatton Beauty, Loughguile Credit Union, The Deli and Moores of Cloughmills.**
- **SaffronAid Shoebox Appeal 2019**—Antrim GAA are teaming up with St Vincent de Paul again this year to help some of the most vulnerable people in our society over the festive period. We would like the families of St Anne's to take part in this initiative. Next time you are out shopping it would be fantastic if you could purchase a few additional items. Suitable items for the shoeboxes are Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash, Lip Balm, Sanitary Products, Flannels, Combs, Hairbrushes, Hand Cream, Deodorant Spray/Roll On, Chocolate, Hot Chocolate Sachets, Notepad and Pen/Pencils, Torches, Batteries, Mobile Phone Chargers, Travel First Aid Kits, Socks, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Small Towels, Earplugs, and Eyemasks. After wrapping the shoebox, please make sure you mark on the shoebox if the items are suitable for a man or woman, boy or girl. Any donations, however small would be greatly appreciated. **Shoeboxes should be left in school on or before Friday 22nd November.**
- **Tempest Photography**—All individual, family and group photographs and order forms have been sent home with the children. Online orders need to be submitted to Tempest by midnight on Sunday 10th November to avail of free postage. **Orders made through the school need to be returned no later than Friday 15th November.**
- **After Schools Clubs** for November & December have been launched. It's not too late to join! We have Hurling & Camogie on Mondays, Art & Craft on Tuesdays, Cultural Club on Wednesdays and Soccer and ICT on Thursdays. Permission slips can be printed from the school website and are available from the school office.
- **Peace Proms Tickets**—There is a special one week presale for parents **from Friday 1st November. Please visit www.peaceproms.com** for ticket information.
- **P1 Shared PE Lessons** with Knockahollet Primary School began today and will continue every Thursday until Christmas. **Please ensure children bring their PE gear to school with them.**
- **St Anne's PTA** are having their next meeting on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm in the school. New members/helpers will be made most welcome.



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 a Monday morning by returning the correct money and slip attached.

Collection of Children

- Class Teachers should be informed of any changes to arrangements for collecting children.

Please turn over

- **St Anne's Breakfast Club** will continue as usual from 8.00am until 8.50am every morning until the end of the year. If you wish your child/children to attend the breakfast club please send £2 per day in an envelope with your child's name and days they wish to take breakfast. As we need to know numbers for Monday can we ask that this is sent to school, when possible, on the Friday before. **Parents please note that supervision for children who are not attending the Breakfast club begins at 8.50am; children will not be permitted to enter the school building before this time.**

•**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

- **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.
- **Swimming** - The Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre have informed us that there will be **no swimming lessons until further notice**.
- **School Dinner**—A menu for next week is attached. **Please complete and return with the money if applicable by Monday morning at the latest.** As the dinners are prepared in St Patrick's kitchen, the cooks need to know the numbers in advance.
- A trip to the **Grand Opera House** on **Tuesday 7th January 2020** to see "**Beauty and the Beast**" has been arranged for all our pupils. St Anne's PTA have once again made a generous donation amounting to over half the price of the trip. This means the cost of the trip will be £8 per child. A permission slip has been sent home and is available to print from the school website. Please complete and return with the payment/ first instalment as soon as possible.
- **PE Lessons**—P3 & P4 have PE on Fridays, P5 & P6 have PE on Wednesdays and P7 have PE on Mondays and Fridays. **Please ensure that all pupils bring their PE gear to school with them.**
- **Christmas Dinner** will be on Wednesday 4th December. Order forms will be sent home next week.



•**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, Breakfast Club etc.) should be made payable to St Anne's PS.

•**Packed Lunches**—Please ensure that all fruit & vegetables (e.g. grapes and cherry tomatoes) are cut lengthways to avoid a choking hazard.

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

•**Loughguile Credit Union**—Remember to send in your child's savings (max £2) on a Wednesday in the folder provided.