



St. Anne's Primary School

Friday
28th August 2020

- **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. Please ensure your children continue to wear these as the year proceeds. We all have returned to school in challenging times and the safety of our pupils and staff is always our priority. We appreciate that some of our new arrangements are inconvenient for everyone and we thank you for your patience and understanding. We will keep you fully informed of any changes or additional arrangements through our Text Parents Service and the School Website.
- **Reminder of school start and finish times:**
- P1 and P2 enter the school grounds at 9.10am, through the main pedestrian gate.
- P3 and P4 enter the school grounds at 9.10am, through the lower pedestrian gate (P1-P2 playground).
- P5 and P6 enter the school grounds at 9.00am, through the lower pedestrian gate (P1-P2 playground).
- P7 enter the school grounds at 9.00am, through the main pedestrian gate
- P1 children will go home at 12.00pm from Friday 28th August until Friday 18th September. Children will be escorted to the main pedestrian gate for collection by parents by a member of staff.
- P1 children will go home at 12.55pm from 21st September until 2nd October. As the P1 children will stay for lunch before collection, please ensure children bring a packed lunch or dinner money from 21st September.
- P1 children will stay in school until 2.00pm from the 5th October and exit through the main pedestrian gate.
- P2 children will finish at 2.00 pm and exit through the main pedestrian gate.
- P3 and P4 children will finish at 2.40pm and exit through the lower pedestrian gate (P1-P2 playground).
- P5 and P6 will finish at 2.50pm and exit through the lower pedestrian gate (P1-P2 playground).
- P7 children will finish at 2.50pm and exit through the main pedestrian gate.
- **St Anne's Breakfast Club** is temporarily cancelled. Parents will be updated on when we can begin offering this service again.
- **First Holy Communion** is on Saturday 5th September at 10.00am in St Patrick's Church. More details to follow next week.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot"** is back!! The next draw will take place on Wednesday 2nd September. We will send home envelopes to each family on Monday 31st August for return on Tuesday 1st September. Envelopes will be quarantined until the draw takes place. **Envelopes are also available to complete in all the usual outlets.**



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

- **School records** are now being updated. Please fill in the Information Forms which will be sent home at the beginning of next week 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 print from the school website. Please ensure all details are included in any absence notes.

•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!

- **Brain Gym for P7 pupils** will begin on **Thursday 3rd September from 3.00-4.00pm**. Parents will have to collect their children from school as there will be no school bus available at this time.
- **School Dinner**—A menu for next week is available on the school website. 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.
- **Free School Meals**—If you think that your child/children may be entitled to free school meals, application forms are available from the school office or 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.
- **Swimming** - There will be no swimming lessons until further notice
- **Violin Tuition**— Further information will follow after consultation with the EA Music Service.
- **After School Clubs** for this term have been postponed. We hope to have clubs available after the Hallowe'en break and will publish details in due course.
- **St Anne's School Closures List for 2020-21** will be published shortly.



•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, Breakfast Club 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. 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.

•**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 Information**—The registration closing date for the AQE Transfer Test is Friday 25th September at 4.00pm. The closing date for the GL Transfer Test is Friday 9th October at 2.00pm.

