



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
2nd September 2021



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

- **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. Please ensure your children continue to wear these as the year proceeds.
- **School start and finish times:**
- P1, P2 and P7 pupils enter the school grounds from 8.50am, through the main pedestrian gate.
- P3, P4, P5 & P6 pupils enter the school grounds from 8.50am, through the lower pedestrian gate (P1-P2 playground)
- 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 Wednesday 1st until Friday 17th September. Children will be escorted to the main pedestrian gate for collection by parents by a member of staff at 12.00pm.
- P1 children will go home at 12.55p.m. from 20th September until 1st October. As the P1 children will stay for lunch before collection from the main gate, please ensure children bring a packed lunch or dinner money from 20th September.
- P1 children will stay in school until 2.00pm from the 4th October until the end of the school year.
- P2 children will finish at 2.00 pm every day.
- P3 to P7 children will stay in school until 2.50pm every day.
- **COVID-19**—A guidance flowchart for close contacts of a positive case in a school setting is available to view on the school website.
- **St Anne's Breakfast Club** commenced on Wednesday 1st September. The club runs from 8.00am until 8.50am every morning, on a trial basis. If you wish your child/children to attend the breakfast club, please complete the online form on the school website and send the money in an envelope with your child on a Monday morning. 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.**
- **After School Clubs**—We hope to be able to resume these clubs next term.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Ciabha McGuckian won an amazing £100 in this week's draw. Well Done Ciabha! A huge thanks to everyone for their support—especially over the summer months. 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 McMahon's Corner Shop, The Chip Inn, The Pound, McAllister's, The Golden Plough, and Moores of Cloughmills.**

- **School records** are now being updated. Please fill in the Information Forms sent home at the beginning of the 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 attached; 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!

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

- **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. A link is available on the school website under "Notices". **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.
- **Curricular Hurling with Woody** will start on Friday 10th September for all P3 to P7 pupils, until November. Children will not change for PE at this time. Children with their own stick and helmet may bring them. We can provide sticks and helmets for those who do not have their own. All shared equipment will be sanitised after use.
- **Milk**—If you wish your child/children to have school milk from Monday 13th September until Wednesday 27th October, please complete the online order form on the school website, under "Parents/School Milk". Please send the fee into school in an envelope with your child's name on it by Monday 6th September. The cost is £6.72 per child
- **Swimming** for P5 & P6 will commence swimming on Wednesday 11th 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. Please return to Mrs McQuaid/Miss Martin as soon as possible.



•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, Breakfast Club 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **St Anne's School Closures List for 2021-2022** is available to view on the school website under "Thursday Notes".
- **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 need to know the numbers in advance.
- **Flu Vaccine Programme**—The school nurse will be in school on Wednesday 20th October to administer the Flu Vaccine to all pupils. Consent forms will follow in due course.
- **Transfer Information**— The closing date for the PPTC (Formerly GL) Transfer Test is Friday 24th September at 2pm. The registration closing date for the AQE Transfer Test is Friday 24th September at 5pm.
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—School savings will resume on Wednesday 8th September (max £5 per week). Application packs for our new P1 class will be sent home next week. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.
- **Violin Tuition**—Anyone interested in having lessons in school should contact the school office.

