



# St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday  
10th February 2022

- **Reminder: Mid-Term Break.** The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 11th February. There is no school dinner and the school bus is not available to take the children home. School will re-open on Monday 21st February at 9am.
- **The Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service** are asking for donors from our local community to attend their next session in **The Millennium Centre, Loughiel on Tuesday 15th February**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.
- **Anti-Bullying Policy Consultation**—Thank you to everyone who submitted a response. If you would like to discuss anything further, please contact Mr Duffin on 028 2764 1429 or [hduffin422@c2kni.net](mailto:hduffin422@c2kni.net).
- **St Anne's Breakfast Club** returned on a trial basis at the beginning of September. Since then, it has not been sustainable with the current numbers attending. Therefore, we have no alternative but to suspend it as it has been putting a significant financial strain on our budget. We will review this again later in the school year, should a need be identified. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.
- **P1 Enrolment**—Thank you to everyone who enrolled their child for P1 in September. A visit to St Anne's can be arranged by contacting [hduffin422@c2kni.net](mailto:hduffin422@c2kni.net)
- **School Milk for March & April**—Please complete the online order form on the school website under "Parents/School Milk" and send the fee into school in an envelope with your child's name on it by **Friday 11th February**. The cost is £7.56 per child.
- **After School Multi Sports**—Multi Sports for P4-P7 pupils will begin on Tuesday 22nd February from 3pm-4pm and continue for 5 weeks until Tuesday 22nd March. The cost is £12.50. **Please complete the online form on the school website under "Parents/After School Clubs" if you would like your child to attend by Friday 11th February.**
- **Transfer Information**—P7 parents are reminded to complete the Post Primary transfer application on the EA portal by **Wednesday 23rd February**.
- **Dates for the Diary**—

**First Confession** will be during the week beginning 7th March.

**Confirmation** will be on Friday 25th March at 11am.

**First Holy Communion** will be on Saturday 11th June.



## Remember:

- The **Thursday Note and Dinner Menu** are available on the school website: [www.stannespacorkey.com](http://www.stannespacorkey.com)
- **Register your email address on the school website to receive email notifications.**
- 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 ordering online from the school website.

## Collection of Children

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

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- **Best Attendance**—Congratulations to P3 & P4 who had the best attendance in January.
- **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. Please ensure all details are included in any absence notes.
- **Parents must inform the school of any changes to home travel arrangements as soon as possible.** Please take steps to ensure any messages sent to staff within 24 hours of a change to collection arrangements have been received.
- **Swimming** for P7 will continue every Wednesday. The cost will continue at £3.00 per child per week.
- **School Dinner**—An online menu order for next week is available to complete on the school website early next week. 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. **Due to kitchen staff shortages, they are only able to offer a packed lunch for next week. They hope to be able to resume hot school dinners as soon as possible and apologise to everyone for the inconvenience.**
- **COVID-19**—due to increasing numbers of Covid positive cases in our school, letters from the PHA have been posted to our Home Learning webpages. We remind parents to remain vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms and encourage good hand washing and sanitizing practices. A guidance flowchart for close contacts of a positive case in a school setting is available to view on the school website. **If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please inform the school as soon as possible, so that we can relay this information to the PHA.**
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Our P4 pupil Tom Quinn won an amazing £106 in this week's draw. Well Done Tom!. 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! Envelopes are also available to complete in all the usual outlets.
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—School savings will continue every Wednesday (max £5 per week). Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.
- **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.
- **Safety Warning**—'Sweets' infused with cannabis or other drugs are in circulation around the greater Ballymoney area. These items look very similar to normal sweets. Please remind your children to leave any discarded sweets where they find them and to inform an adult.



•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.

•**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.