



St. Anne's Primary School

Friday
18th March 2022

- We have been notified by the Education Authority Transport Branch that **the school bus drivers will be on strike all of next week**. Therefore, there will be no buses from Monday 21st March. School transportation will resume on Monday 28th March. If you have any queries about this, you can contact the Education Authority on Transport-Ballymena@eani.org.uk
- **Confirmation** is on **Friday 25th March at 11am**. The school will be open as normal, with only P7 pupils and members of the choir attending the ceremony. Choir participants will be taken to and from the church by bus for the practices and the ceremony. A permission slip has been sent home today. Please complete and return to school on Monday morning. All pupils must wear full school uniform.
- **St Patrick's Day**—St Anne's had a **"Wear Green Day"** on **Wednesday 16h March**. Pupils participated in some cultural activities to celebrate the feast day of St Patrick. These can be viewed on the school website
- **After School Multi Sports** continues for P4-P7 pupils on Tuesday from 3-4pm. **Tuesday 22nd March will be the last session**.
- **P1 Health Appraisals** will take place on Wednesday 23rd March by the School Nursing Team.
- **Date for the Diary—**

First Holy Communion is on Saturday 11th June.

- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Noelle McDevitt won an amazing £108 in this week's draw. Congratulations Noelle! 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.
- **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 **9am on Monday morning**. As the dinners are prepared in St Patrick's kitchen, the cooks need to know the numbers in advance.
- **Ulster GAA Football** coaching sessions continues for all pupils with Marty every Thursday. Please see the school website for photos and videos of the lessons.



Remember:

- The **Thursday Note and Dinner Menu** are available on the school website: www.stannespscorkey.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.

Please turn over

- **Best Attendance**—Congratulations to P7 who had the best attendance in February.
- **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 be **suspended on Wednesday 23rd March** due to the strike action of the EA bus drivers. **Swimming will resume on 30th March.**
- **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.**
- **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.