



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
15th June 2023



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 the school website by 9am on Monday morning.

QR Code for Split the Pot Bulk Buy



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- **Saffron Day**—The children have been participating in creative writing, art competitions and other fun activities in class. To celebrate Cumann na mBunscol week, we are having a wear county/club/favourite colours day on **Friday 16th June**. We kindly ask parents to make a donation, with all proceeds going to Sr. Patricia in Peru. Your support will be greatly appreciated.
- **EA School Transport**—We have been notified by the Education Authority Transport Branch that the school bus drivers will be on strike from **Thursday 15th June—Friday 23rd June inclusive**. School transportation will resume on Monday 26th June. If you have any queries about this, you can contact the Education Authority at Transport-Ballymena@eani.org.uk
- **Sports Day**—Well done to all the children who participated in Sports Day. It was lovely to see so many family members there to see the children compete. Thanks also to the PTA who provided fruit for the children and refreshments for the spectators. Photos of all the activities can be viewed on the school website
- **P7 Leavers' Mass** will be on **Monday 26th June in St Patrick's Church, Loughguile**. All pupils will attend the mass. We ask parents to leave their children at the church in the morning from **8.45am**, where they will be supervised by staff until mass begins. Children will travel by bus back to school after mass. There will then be a short assembly in St Anne's for the P7 pupils, where parents and family members are most welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Kathryn Kelly won an amazing £75.50 in this week's draw. Well done Kathryn!! 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.**
- **Split the Pot Bulk Buys**—The new cycle of Bulk Buys will begin on **Wednesday 21st June** and continues over the summer until 23rd August. We sent home two envelopes last week, and more can be obtained from any PTA member, the school office, or the Corner Shop. Purchases can also be made using the QR code to the right ☺
- **Split the Pot Pupil Draw**—Congratulations to Eva Lavery in P3 who was this week's winner of the £5 pupil jackpot! Remember, every pupil who brings a completed envelope into school for the weekly draw is entered into the pupil draw which takes place every week at Assembly—every envelope = one entry into the draw.
- **End of Year School Trips**—Well done to all our classes who enjoyed their trips to the Jet Centre in Coleraine over the past number of days. The children were extremely well behaved and are a credit to their parents. A fantastic time was had by everyone! Photographs of the trips are available to view on the school website.
- **Transfer Test**—Registration for the SEAG Entrance Assessment opened on 3rd May 2023 and closes at 5pm on Friday 22nd September 2023. Further details are available at www.seagni.co.uk We have been informed that St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena has a limited number of places available for pupils to sit the SEAG Assessment, therefore if you wish your child to complete the exam in St Louis, please complete the registration as soon as possible.

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- **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 must know the numbers in advance.
- **Collection of Children**—Class Teachers should be informed of any changes to arrangements for collecting children. Please send a note to school with your child or email gmclements388@c2kni.net before 12 noon.
- **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 download from the school website.
- **Guidance on Infection Control in Schools**—If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, the guidance from the PHA is that they should only return to school 48 hours after the last episode.
- **Best Attendance**—Congratulations to P7 who had the best attendance in May.
- **Brain Gym** will continue for P6 pupils on Tuesday 20th June from 3-4pm.
- **Swimming** will hopefully continue for P3 & P4 pupils on Wednesday 21st June. We will keep parents notified by text. The cost is £3 per child.
- **Violin Tuition**—The last session for the year is on Wednesday 21st June. We kindly ask all those who take part to bring in their violin for the last lesson.
- **St Anne's Daily Mile** continues every day—all pupils are walking/jogging/running a mile every day.
- **School Transport**—Applications for transport assistance for Primary School should now be completed online. The web address is ea.org.uk. Post primary applications will be available from Tuesday 23rd May.
- **Sunny Days**—We are hopeful that current glorious weather continues over the next few weeks and are looking forward to having lots of outside activities, therefore we would appreciate it if children came to school wearing **high factor sun cream**.
- **Loughgiel Shamrocks Camogie**—

Camogie for girls born in 2015 and 2016 will be on **Friday** evenings from **5.30pm to 6.30pm**.

Camogie for girls born in 2017 and 2018 continues every **Saturday** at **12.15pm** in Fr Barrett Park. This is entry level camogie, therefore all abilities are welcome, including beginners. If interested, please call Bernie McGarry on 07824706054 or Joey Scullion on 07515387254.

- **Children's Liturgy**—Due to numerous sporting events taking place on Sunday mornings, Children's Liturgy will now take place in St Patrick's Church, Loughgiel every **Saturday evening at 7.30pm**.
- **Road Safety**—All children will now enter and exit our school via the main pedestrian gate on Reservoir Road. The gate on Corkey Road will be locked and is not to be used. **Please obey all highway code rules when parking outside our school and ensure that children are appropriately supervised whilst crossing the road.**



• **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** cheques should be made payable to: **The Education Authority—NE Region**. Everything else (After Schools Clubs 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. **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.

• **Loughguile Credit Union**—School savings collections will continue on Wednesday 5th June.

• **Breaktime Toast** will continue to be served every day next week, thanks to the funding obtained from our PTA in the recent "Cash for a Cause" initiative.

• **St Anne's PTA needs you!!** Please see the letter sent home from our current PTA.