



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday 19th

April 2018

- **Confirmation** will be on Friday 20th April at 11am. The school will not be open, as all staff will be participating in the ceremonies. All P4 to P6 pupils are expected to arrive at St Patrick's Church no later than 10.45am to participate in the choir. All pupils are welcome to attend with their parents and must wear full school uniform. We would be extremely grateful if any P6 parents could spare some of their time to help serve refreshments in the Millennium Centre after the ceremony from 12 noon. We would like to say a huge thanks to the parents who have helped with providing lifts for the children to Confirmation rehearsals in the Church—it is greatly appreciated.
- **First Holy Communion** will be on Saturday 2nd June at 11am. Again, we would ask if any P3 parents could help with refreshments afterwards. A reply slip will be sent home in due course.
- **School Milk**—for May & June costs £8.40 per child. If you would like your child/children to have milk, please return the order forms sent home last week along with the fee by **Monday 23rd April**. Copies of the order form can be downloaded from the school website
- **After School Clubs** began this week with Irish Classes on Monday and Hurling & Camogie on Wednesday. It's not too late to take part! Permission slips are available from the school or can be printed from the website. Pupils who attended the Irish Club have been making fantastic progress and are working their way towards earning their fáiinne. **We would encourage more children to take part in the Irish Club this term. A fáiinne is achievable for all who attend from now until the end of June!** We would also encourage pupils to attend Hurling & Camogie also as the school team will be entering a number of tournaments later in the term.
- **Cycling Proficiency** for P7 Pupils with Mrs Marron will begin on Tuesday 26th April. Please complete any outstanding permission slips and return to school.
- **School Book Fair**—will be arriving at the school on Tuesday 24th April until Tuesday 1st May. They will be bringing a great selection of books which the children will get a chance to look at and purchase. Every book purchased helps the school to earn free books for our classrooms.



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** has increased to £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 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.

- **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!

- **Dates for the Diary**

Tuesday 15th -Thursday 17th May—**Carlingford Residential** for P7 Pupils

Tuesday 6th June—**Treasure Hunt Family Cycle**

Wednesday 13th June—**Sports Day**

Tuesday 19th June—**Final All Set Evening Performance** for P6 & P7 Pupils and Parents.

- **P1-P7 PE Lessons** are held every **Monday and Friday**. Please ensure all pupils bring their PE gear to school with them.
- **P6 After Schools Brain Gym** will continue as usual every Tuesday from 3pm-4pm.
- **Swimming** - We will keep you posted on when swimming lessons will resume.
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—Remember to send in your child's savings (max £2) on a Wednesday in the folder provided.



- 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.
- Our new **Text Parents** Service has been set up. One message will be sent to the parent who is listed as Priority 1 on the Pupil Data Sheet. If any details change, please inform the school as soon as possible.