



# St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday  
8th September 2022



## Remember:

- The **Thursday Note and Dinner Menu** are available on the school website: [www.stannespscorkey.com](http://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.

## 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/trainers (as we do The Daily Mile). 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 Thursday 1st until Friday 16th 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 Monday 19th September until Friday 30th September. 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 19th September.
- P1 children will stay in school until 2.00pm from Monday 3rd 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.
- **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!** Gerard Waide won an amazing £100 in this week's draw. Well Done Gerard!. 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 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 Monday morning. As the dinners are prepared in St Patrick's kitchen, the cooks must know the numbers in advance.
- **Milk**—begins on Monday 12th September.
- **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.
- **St Anne's School Closures List for 2022-2023** is attached and is available to view on the school website under "Thursday Notes".

- **School records** are now being updated. Please fill in the Information Forms sent home today 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 available to download from the school website.
- **Education Welfare** will be informed of pupils with attendance falling below 85% at any time throughout the year.

### •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](http://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](http://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 9th 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.
- **Swimming** for P5 & P6 will commence swimming on Wednesday 14th 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/Mrs Black as soon as possible.
- **Violin Tuition**—Commenced on Wednesday 7th September. Anyone interested in having lessons in school should contact the school office.
- **Flu Vaccine Programme**—The school nurse will be in school on Wednesday 19th October to administer the Flu Vaccine to all pupils. Consent forms will follow in due course.



•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 Clubs 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 when it is damp.
- **P5-P7 Lunchtime Hurling/Camogie**—Children may bring in their sticks and helmets from Monday 12th September.
- **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.
- **Transfer Information**— The closing date for the PPTC (Formerly GL) Transfer Test is Friday 23rd September at 2pm. The registration closing date for the AQE Transfer Test is Friday 23rd September at 4pm.
- **Parent Survey**—Thank you for all the responses to our Breakfast Club/ After Schools Clubs survey. Unfortunately demand for Breakfast Club is far below that required cover daily costs (£20 per day approximately) so we will not proceed at this time. There is a strong desire for a range of After Schools Clubs, particularly Art & Craft and Drama, so we will develop a broad programme over the coming weeks.
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—School savings will resume on Wednesday 14th 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.
- **Dunloy Comhaltas** are offering free September classes to anyone interested in learning to play traditional music, including fiddle, tin whistle, guitar and bodhran, as well as singing. Classes will begin on Wednesday 14th September in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Dunloy. All ages are welcome. Contact Máirín at [dunloycce@gmail.com](mailto:dunloycce@gmail.com) or 07780508366 to book. Classes will start at 7.00pm with Deirdre Goodlad. She will take kids for a session of learning Irish through fun & games from 7.00pm-7.30pm on a Wednesday evening before the Comhaltas music classes. Tutors will check and tune instruments while pupils start with a little fun.

