



St. Anne's Primary School

- **Welcome back to school!** We hope you had a lovely break.
- **Peace Proms 2023**—St Anne's PS and Knockahollet PS will be taking part in the Peace Proms Choir. The event will be staged at the SSE Arena, Belfast on **Sunday 26th February 2023 at 1pm**. Tickets can be purchased from www.ssearenabelfast.com or by calling 0844 847 2455.
- **World Book Day 2023**—will be celebrated by St Anne's pupils on **Thursday 2nd March**. We ask parents if they would kindly like to make a donation for this, with all proceeds going to **Sr. Patricia**. There will be a competition for each class, with Book Token prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for pupils who participate in one or more of the following:
 - You can dress up as your favourite book character or wear your favourite clothes.
 - A picture of you reading your favourite book in a strange place
 - A potato model of your favourite book character.
- **Lenten Fundraising for Trocaire/Sr. Patricia**—

P5, P6 & P7 will be having a bun sale on **Friday 3rd March**.

P3 & P4 will be having a bun sale on **Friday 10th March**.

P1 & P2 will be having a bun sale on **Friday 31st March**.

Buns can be either home-made or shop bought (no nuts please). All pupils can purchase buns, which will be priced at 20p each (max of 5). Please send a spare lunch box or takeaway carton to school so that the children can take the buns home.

10p Trail—Bring in as many 10ps as possible through Lent.

Lots of other fun activities will be happening in each class!

- **School Holiday**—St Anne's will be closed on **Friday 17th March** for St Patrick's Day.
- **School Milk**—Please send any outstanding money into school by **Friday 24th February**. The cost is £7 per child.
- **Dates for the Diary**—
 - **First Confession** will be on **Friday 10th March at 10.30am** in St Patrick's Church.
 - **Confirmation** will be on **Thursday 23rd March** (time to be confirmed).
 - **First Holy Communion** will be on **Saturday 13th May** (time to be confirmed).

Thursday
23rd February 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.

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.

Please turn over

- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Our P3 pupil Eva Lavery won an amazing £80 in this week's draw. Well done Eva! Congratulations also to Gemma O'Connell who won £68.50 over the mid-term break. 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.**

•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! **School attendance will be focused on by our Board of Governors this term.**

- **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.
- **Best Attendance**—Congratulations to P1 & P2 who had the best attendance in January.
- **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.
- **After School Multi Sports for P4-P7 pupils** will continue on Tuesday 28th February from 3-4pm and continue until Tuesday 21st March. The cost is £12.50 per child. **Please send any outstanding money into school by Friday 24th February.**
- **Swimming** for P7 will continue on Wednesday. The cost is £3 per child.
- **Violin Tuition**—continues on Wednesday.
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—School savings collections will continue on Wednesday.



•**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 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.

•**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.