



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
19th October 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.

- The **Tempest Photographer** will be in school on **Friday 20th October**. Parents are most welcome to bring along any siblings for family photographs from 8.30-9.00am.
- **School Milk for November & December**—Please complete the online order form on the school website: Parents/School Milk and send the fee into school in an envelope with your child's name on it by **Monday 23rd October**. The cost is £7 per child.
- **Hallowe'en Holidays**—We would like to remind everyone that **Friday 27th October** is a half day. School will finish for all pupils at **11am**. There will be no school dinner that day. The school bus is available to take pupils home from school at the earlier finishing time. The children can wear their costumes to school on that day. The school will be closed from Monday 30th October until Friday 3rd November inclusive and will re-open at 8.50am on Monday 6th November.
- **St Anne's PTA will be holding their AGM on Monday 6th October at 6.30pm** in the school. The PTA are currently looking for new members to help with fundraising activities and assistance with school events. Funds raised by the PTA are benefitted by all the children in our school. The PTA are an invaluable part of our school community and any help would be greatly appreciated. **If you would like to assist in any way, you will be made most welcome at the AGM or contact Mr Duffin on 02827641429 or hduffin422@c2kni.net**
- **Sr. Patricia**—Thank you to everyone who very kindly made a donation to our "Wear Red Day" last Friday. **A fantastic £120 was raised!**
- **P4-P7 Guitar Lessons**—Unfortunately due to lack of numbers, Guitar Lessons will not be taking place.
- **Hallowe'en Disco**—Organised by St Anne's PTA will be held on **Thursday 26th October from 6.30-8pm** in the School Hall. We are asking parents if they would kindly donate a Trick or Treat to put in Hallowe'en Hampers which will be raffled on the night. We would really appreciate it if all donated items could be in school by **Friday 20th October**.
- **PTA Hallowe'en Raffle**—Tickets go on sale tomorrow for the class hampers and are priced at £1 per strip.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Margaruite McCarry won an amazing £83.50 in this week's draw. Well done Margaruite!. 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 Pupil Draw for £5**—continues next week. Remember, every pupil who brings a completed envelope into school for the weekly draw is entered into the pupil draw to win £5. This will take place very week at Assembly—every envelope = one entry into the draw.
- **Pantomime**—A trip to **The Grand Opera House** on **Thursday 11th January 2024** to see "**Snow White**" had been arranged for all our pupils. St Anne's PTA have once again very generously agrees to cover the transport costs. The means the cost of the trip will be £13 per pupil. A permission slip has been sent home and is also available to print from the school website. **Please complete and return with the payment/first instalment as soon as possible.**

- **Best Attendance**—Congratulations to P1 & P2 who had the best attendance in September!
- **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.
- **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.
- **Brain Gym**—For P7 pupils will continue on **Tuesday** afternoon from 3-4pm.
- **Swimming** for P5 & P6 will every Wednesday. The cost will continue at £3.00 per child per week.
- **Violin Tuition**—Continues every Wednesday. Anyone interested in having lessons in school should contact the school office.
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—School savings collections continue every Wednesday. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.
- **Curricular Hurling with Woody**—continues on Friday 20th October (morning session) for all P3, P4 & P7 pupils.
- **P5-P7 Lunchtime Hurling/Camogie**—Children may bring in their sticks and helmets.
- **After School Clubs**—Soccer Club will begin on **Tuesday 7th November from 3-4pm** for 5 weeks with a coach from JDLC. Numbers are limited to 20 per session. Parents will have to arrange to collect their children at 4pm. Please complete the online form on the school website: Parents/ After School Clubs and send the fee into school in an envelope with your child's name on it by **Monday 23rd October**. The cost is £15 per child.
- **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. **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.
- **Smart Watches**—Children are not permitted to bring a watch or any other device to school which has the capacity to take photographs. These devices can be very expensive and the school cannot guarantee they will not be damaged or lost during normal school activities, therefore they should be kept at home.
- **St Patrick's Choir**—Practices will continue on **Thursdays at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's Church. All singers & musicians from P4 and above are very welcome to attend.



•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 Clubs 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.

•**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.