



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
21st December 2023

- **Christmas Holidays** — St Anne's PS will close at 11am on Friday 22nd December. There will be no school dinner and no school bus. The school will re-open on Thursday 4th January 2024.
- **Christmas Show** — A huge thank you is extended to everyone involved in our Christmas shows which took place last week. The pupils, teachers, assistants, caretaker and musicians have all worked extremely hard over the past few weeks in preparation for the show which was a tremendous success. We would like to thank our dedicated PTA who provided refreshments on the night of the show and for organising the fabulous raffle. **Can anyone that still owes for their show tickets please send the money into school tomorrow Friday 22nd December.**
- **Our Christmas Show** — recorded by Justin McCormick, will be available to view on our school website this afternoon. There will be no charge for the recording this year as all our school community have been so generous with show and raffle tickets.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has a winner.** Cailte Mulholland. Cailte won an amazing £75.50 in this week's draw. Well done Cailte! 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 in January. This weeks winner was Amy O'Boyle. 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. All bulk buy envelopes will be entered for 10 weeks.
- **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 agreed to cover the transport costs. This 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/ next instalment as soon as possible.**
- **Swimming** — For P5 & P6 has now finished for this year. P7 will commence swimming on Wednesday 10th January. The cost is £3.00 per child per week.



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

- **Best Attendance** — **Congratulations to P1/2** who had the best attendance in December!
- **Peace Proms 2024** — 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 25th February 2024. Tickets can be purchased from www.ssearenabelfast.com or by calling 0844 847 2455
- **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.
- **Violin Tuition** — Continues every Wednesday.
- **Loughguile Credit Union** — School savings collections will continue every Wednesday. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.
- **P5-P7 Lunchtime Hurling/Camogie** — Children may bring in their sticks and helmets
- **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.
- This is our last Thursday note for 2023. We would like to wish all our pupils and their families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from everyone at St Anne's.



•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.