



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday 12th

April 2018

- Welcome back everyone to a new school term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break.
- **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. A reply slip will be sent to parents at the beginning of next week. Thank you for your continued support.
- **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
- **After School Clubs** will begin again next week with Irish Classes on a Monday and Hurling & Camogie on a Wednesday. Permission slips along with details of cost are attached. 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. A schedule of after school activities is attached.
- **Cycling Proficiency** for P7 Pupils with Mrs Marron will begin on Tuesday 26th April. A permission slip is attached. Please complete and return to school by Tuesday 17th April.
- **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.
- **Child Protection Support Service** have produced the attached flyer which parents may find of use regarding phone and internet security for their children. We urge you to read this information and talk regularly to your children about their online communications and safety.
- **P1-P7 PE Lessons** are held every **Monday and Friday**. Please ensure all pupils bring their PE gear to school with them.



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

- **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.
- **The Causeway Giants**—A brand new Wheelchair Basketball Club has been launched at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre for people with physical disabilities. It started on Wednesday 11th April from 7.00pm—8.30pm and is not exclusive to only wheelchair users. Please see the attached flyer about the taster sessions.
- **Starcamp**—a performing arts Summer Camp have asked the school to distribute the attached flyer.



- 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.