



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday

19th September 2019



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 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

- **Reminder**—The school will be closed on Tuesday 24th September for Staff Development.
- **School start and finish times:**
- School starts for all children at 9.00 a.m.
- **P1 children will go home at 1.00p.m.** from 16th September until 27th September. As the P1 children will stay for lunch before collection from the front yard (or dinner hall if wet), please ensure children bring a packed lunch or dinner money from 16th September.
- **P1 children will stay in school until 2.00pm** from the 30th September 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.
- **St Anne's Breakfast Club** will continue as usual from 8.00am until 8.50am every morning until the end of the year. If you wish your child/children to attend the breakfast club please send £2 per day in an envelope with your child's name and days they wish to take breakfast. As we need to know numbers for Monday can we ask that this is sent to school, when possible, on the Friday before. *Parents please note that supervision for children who are not attending the Breakfast club begins at 8.50am; children will not be permitted to enter the school building before this time.*
- **PTA**—The first meeting of the new school year will be held on **Monday 23rd September at 7pm** in the school. Please see the attached reply slip for more details.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Leona McLean won an amazing £90 in this week's draw. Well Done Leona!. 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 McMahon's Corner Shop, The Chip Inn, The Pound, McAllister's, The Golden Plough, Sharon Reid's Salon, Salena Henry's Salon and Moores of Cloughmills.**
- **Flu Vaccine Programme**—The school nurse will be in school on Wednesday 23rd October to administer the Flu Vaccine to all pupils. Consent forms will be sent home in due course.
- **Peace Proms 2020**—An expression of interest letter has been sent home with all P4-P7 pupils. Please complete and return to school by Thursday 26th September.

- **School records** are now being updated. Please fill in the Information Forms sent home at the beginning of the week 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.

•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

- **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 attached; please ensure all details are included in any absence notes.
- **Free School Meals**—If you think that your child/children may be entitled to free school meals, application forms are available from the school office or 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.
- **After School Clubs** for this term has been launched. They will continue until the Hallowe'en Break. We are able to offer a reduced rate of £1 per club per week. It's not too late to join! A list of clubs on offer with days scheduled and permission slips were sent home at the beginning of term and can be viewed on the school website.



•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, Breakfast Club etc) should be made payable to St Anne's PS.

- **Swimming** - P5/6 will continue swimming every Wednesday. The cost is £3.00 per child per week.
- **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.
- **Healthy Breaks:** Please send only fruit or a plain biscuit to school as a break-time snack. Water or milk may be drunk at break-time. One sweet or savoury treat is appropriate for lunchtime. No fizzy drinks should be brought to school at any time.
- **Packed Lunches**—Please ensure that all fruit & vegetables (e.g. grapes and cherry tomatoes) are cut lengthways to avoid a choking hazard.
- **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.
- **School Dinner**—A menu for next week is attached. Please complete and return with the money if applicable by Monday morning at the latest. As the dinners are prepared in St Patrick's Kitchen, the cooks need to know the numbers in advance.
- **Transfer Information**—The closing date for the GL Transfer Test is Friday 20th September at 2pm.
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—Remember to send in your child's savings (max £2) on a Wednesday in the folder provided. Application packs for our new P1 class will be sent home this week. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.
- **Saturday 21st September is Northern Ireland's First Culture Day for families**, with free events taking place in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter. Visit culturenightbelfast.com for a full list of events

