



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
17th December 2020

- **Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year**, from everyone at St Anne's.
- **St Anne's will close for the Christmas break** at 12pm on **Monday 21st December**, as previously published on our holiday list. There will be no school dinner that day but the school bus will be available to take the children to and from school. Class for all pupils will resume on Thursday 7th January.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to our two "Wear Yellow" days. **We raised an amazing £165 for Sr. Patricia.**
- **P1 Enrolment**—Any child starting P1 in September 2021 can apply for their place online at www.eani.org.uk from the 7th January 2021. **The closing date is 29th January 2021.** The school can assist anyone having difficulty with their application.
- Christmas is a time when we enjoy giving and receiving gifts. Parents of St Anne's pupils are always most generous at Christmas time and gifts received are always greatly appreciated. This year however, we would like our parents to consider making a donation to our local St Vincent de Paul instead of a purchasing a gift for your teacher.

There are many families who depend on SVP and I know all donations will be gratefully received. If you wish to make a donation to SVP as your teacher's gift, please email your child's teacher so they can thank your child personally in class.

Our Covid -19 Risk Assessments require us to minimise the amount of material passing from home to school and vice versa. In line with this, we ask that no Christmas cards are brought into school this year, for children or teachers. Children who wish to send a Christmas card to friends and teachers may do so via Teams or email.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot"** has it's next winner!! Sean McCullough won an amazing £169 in this week's draw. Well done Sean! Thanks to everyone for their fantastic support. The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 23rd December**. We have sent home 2 envelopes to each family but feel free to return as many as you like. Envelopes will be quarantined until the draw takes place. Envelopes are also available to complete in all the usual outlets.
- **Christmas Family Appeal**— Due to COVID-19 restrictions, charities are encouraging online monetary donations for gift vouchers to enable parents and guardians to choose gifts for those in need. Any donation, big or small, will be gratefully received and will make such a difference. To make an online donation, please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EducationAuthority1>



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

- **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 print from the school website. Please ensure all details are included in any absence notes.
- **Best Attendance**—Well done to P1, P2, P3 & P4 who jointly had the best attendance in **November**.
- **Brain Gym for P7 pupils** will continue every **Thursday** from **3.00-4.00pm**. Parents will have to collect their children from school as there will be no bus available at this time.
- **Swimming** - There will be no swimming lessons until further notice
- **Loughguile Credit Union—School Savings** will be collected **every Friday** (max £5 per lodgement). Wallets will be returned to pupils every Thursday.
- **Hurling/Camogie with Dominic McKinley** continues every **Thursday** for all pupils. Pupils should bring their own sticks and helmets to school with them. If they do not have these, the school can provide them. They will be sanitised before and after each use.
- **Online Safety**—We ask parents to reinforce online safety messages with their children and to regularly monitor their online platforms to ensure they are not accessing or participating in anything unsuitable. Most of these platforms have a minimum age limit, therefore not appropriate for children of primary school age. Many children have been known to be sending messages/interacting long after they should be asleep. Parents should delete any apps they deem improper. Please visit the NSPCC website which has a wealth of guidance and advice.
- **School Dinner**—Hot School Dinners are continuing on a trial basis. An online menu order for Thursday 7th & Friday 8th January 2021 is available on the school website. After completion, please send the fee, if applicable, into school in an envelope with your child's name on by Thursday morning (7th Jan). As the dinners are prepared in St Patrick's kitchen, the cooks need to know the numbers in advance.
- **St Anne's Breakfast Club** is temporarily cancelled. Parents will be updated on when we can begin offering this service again.



•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

•**Healthy Breaks:** Please send only fruit or a plain biscuit to school as a break-time snack. 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.

•**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.