



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
9th December 2021

- **St Anne's Christmas Shows**—Due to the high level of COVID-19 cases in our school community and beyond, it is too risky to invite families into our school so close to Christmas. Instead of the live performances planned, we will record these and share them at the first opportunity. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause, but feel it is the best option, given the current circumstances.
- **COVID-19**—We remind parents to remain vigilant if your children are showing any COVID-19 symptoms and encourage good hand washing and sanitizing practices. A guidance flowchart for close contacts of a positive case in a school setting is available to view on the school website. **If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please inform the school as soon as possible, so that we can relay this information to the PHA.**
- **Split the Pot Winner Takes All Draw** took place on Thursday 2nd December. Chris McKee won a fabulous £535. Congratulations Chris!
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Margaret Rose McNaughton won an amazing £94.50 in this week's draw. Well Done Margaret Rose! A huge thanks to everyone for their support. 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.
- **Christmas Dinner** was on Wednesday 8th December. We would like to thank Dinah & Charlene in the school kitchens who worked incredibly hard preparing a delicious meal for everyone.
- **Curricular Hurling with Woody** has finished for this term. We thank Dominic for all his hard work and look forward to welcoming him back to St Anne's later in the school year.
- **After School Table Tennis** had to finish two weeks early due to COVID cases in school. A refund will be sent to parents for the two weeks missed.
- **School Milk for January and February**—Please complete the online order form on the school website, under "Parents/School Milk" and send the fee into school in an envelope with your child's name on it by **Friday 17th December**. The cost is £7.14 per child.
- **St Vincent de Paul**—Many families in our local community depend on St Vincent de Paul's Annual Appeal to see them through the Christmas period. If you would like to make a donation, please go to:
www.svp.ie/dunloycloughmillsannualappeal



Remember:

- The **Thursday Note and Dinner Menu** are available on the school website: www.stannespscorkey.com
- **Register your email address on the school website to receive email notifications.**
- 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 ordering online from the school website.

Collection of Children

- Class Teachers should be informed of any changes to arrangements for collecting children.

Please turn over

- **Best Attendance**—Congratulations to P3 & P4 who had the best attendance in September and to P7 who had the best attendance in October.
- **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 Education Authority Website: www.eani.org.uk. We would encourage anyone who thinks they may be entitled to apply, even if they do not take intend to take school dinners as the school can receive extra funding from the EA.
- **Swimming** for P5 & P6 will continue every Wednesday. The cost will continue at £3.00 per child per week.
- **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.
- **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 need to know the numbers in advance. **Due to kitchen staff shortages and food supply issues, please note that the menu may be subject to small changes.**
- **St Anne's Breakfast Club** returned on a trial basis at the beginning of September. As present, it is not sustainable with the current numbers attending. Our intention is to continue Breakfast Club until Christmas, which will give us a chance to conduct an audit and decide if it is viable. We would encourage anyone who thinks they may use this service to support it where possible. The club runs from 8.00am until 8.50am every morning, on a trial basis. If you wish your child/children to attend the breakfast club, **please complete the online form on the school website** and send the money in an envelope with your child on a Monday morning. The cost is £2 per child per day. 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.**
- **Loughguile Credit Union**—School savings will continue every Wednesday (max £5 per week). Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office.



•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.

•**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.