



St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday
16th December 2021

- **St Anne's will close for the Christmas break on Wednesday 22nd December at 11.30am** (to facilitate the school bus). 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 Wednesday 5th January.
- **Christmas Jumper Days**—To celebrate the festive season, pupils can wear their Christmas / favourite jumpers to school all next week. We ask that parents make a donation, with all proceeds going to Sr. Patricia in Peru. Your support will be greatly appreciated.
- **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.**
- **September 2022 Enrolment**—The key dates for admissions to pre-school, primary and post primary have been confirmed by the Education Authority. More information on the various admissions processes will be available over the coming weeks. We are trying to reach as many families as possible with this important information. So, if you know of any families with children who are eligible to enrol in pre-school, primary or post-primary in September 2022 please share this information with them if you can. In addition if you would like more details on the processes involved please visit the Education Authority website:
<https://www.eani.org.uk/admissions>
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Anne McCormick won an amazing £134.50 in this week's draw. Well Done Anne!. 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.
- **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.



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 P1 & P2 who had the best attendance in November.
- **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.
- **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



•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.