



# St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday  
27th January 2022

- **Catholic Schools Week**—As part of Catholic Schools Week, we traditionally invited the grandparents of our pupils into St Anne's for our Grandparents' Day assembly. Unfortunately, we could not proceed with our usual assembly, but the children did express their love for their grandparents, shared their writing with them at home and sent us in pictures of the happy faces and warm embraces. We have created a short 'virtual assembly' using these pictures to celebrate the positive influence grandparents are on the children of our community, and this is available to view on the school website.
- A **Community Meeting on Drugs Awareness** will be held in Loughgiel Millennium Centre on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 8.00pm**. Representatives from our community will be in attendance including PSNI, Schools, Clergy, GAA, Credit Union and businesses. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **September 2022 Enrolment**—Pre-school and Primary school applications must be submitted online by 28th January.

Anyone who would like a tour of our school should contact Mr Duffin at [hduffin422@c2kni.net](mailto:hduffin422@c2kni.net) to arrange an appointment time. Please pass this on to anyone you think this would be of interest to.

- **Anti-Bullying Policy Consultation**—
- **Questionnaire**
- **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 Half Term in February, 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.**
- **Dates for the Diary**—

First Confession will be during the week beginning 7th March.

Confirmation will be on Friday 25th March at 11am.

First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 11th June.



## Remember:

- The **Thursday Note and Dinner Menu** are available on the school website: [www.stannespscorkey.com](http://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 P7 who had the best attendance in December.
- **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. Please ensure all details are included in any absence notes.
- **Parents must inform the school of any changes to home travel arrangements as soon as possible.** Please take steps to ensure any messages sent to staff within 24 hours of a change to collection arrangements have been received.
- **Swimming** for P7 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, they are only able to offer a packed lunch for next week. They hope to be able to resume hot school dinners as soon as possible and apologise to everyone for the inconvenience.**
- **COVID-19**—due to increasing numbers of Covid positive cases in our school, letters from the PHA have been posted to our Home Learning webpages. We remind parents to remain vigilant for 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.**
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** Una McCullough won an amazing £108.50 in this week's draw. Well Done Una!. 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. The current "Bulk Buy" period is ending shortly. We have sent envelopes home with our pupils today. If you require any additional envelopes, please contact the school office.
- **Safety Warning**—'Sweets' infused with cannabis or other drugs are in circulation around the greater Ballymoney area. These items look very similar to normal sweets. Please remind your children to leave any discarded sweets where they find them and to inform an adult.



•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.

•**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.