



# St. Anne's Primary School

Thursday  
26th September 2024



## Remember:

- The **Thursday Note and Dinner Menu** are available on the school website: [www.stannespscorkey.com](http://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 the school website by 9am on Monday morning.

## Collection of Children

- Class Teachers should be informed of any changes to arrangements for collecting children. Please send a note to school with your child or email [mmclean580@c2kni.net](mailto:mmclean580@c2kni.net) before 12 noon.

- **Board Of Governors** — A Parent Governor nomination form has been sent home today. Please complete and return before 3pm on Wednesday 3rd October. Where more than one parent is nominated, a postal ballot will be held to elect the parent governor.
- **St Anne's Opening Mass** — will be on Tuesday 8th October at 9.15am. We would strongly encourage as many parents and family members as possible to attend this mass specifically for St Anne's pupils and parents to celebrate the start of a new school year.
- **St Anne's PTA** — will be holding their AGM on Thursday 10th October at 7pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend, especially anyone wishing to become a member. Tea and coffee will be provided.
- **St Anne's PTA** — are always happy to welcome new members to help with fundraising activities and assistance with school events. The funds raised by the PTA benefits all the children in our school. The PTA are an invaluable part of our school community and any help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help in any way either come along to the AGM on Thursday 10th October or contact Mr Duffin on 02827641429 or [hduffin422@c2kni.net](mailto:hduffin422@c2kni.net)
- **Paddy Donnelly** — We welcomed the very talented Paddy Donnelly to our school yesterday and both the children and staff were blown away by his talented writing and amazing illustrations. Photos of the event can be viewed on the school website. We would like to thank our generous PTA for covering the cost of this visit.
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" has it's next winner!** — Karen Watt. Karen won an amazing £65 in last week's draw. Well done Karen! 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.
- **Split the Pot Pupil Draw for £5** — continues next week. This weeks winner was Jack Smiley. Remember, every pupil who brings a completed envelope into school for the weekly draw is entered into the pupil draw to win £5. This will take place very week at Assembly—every envelope = one entry into the draw. All bulk buy envelopes will be entered for 10 weeks.
- **P1 Souvenir Edition of the Chronicle** — An order form was sent home with our P1 pupils last week. Please complete and return to school by **Friday 27th September** if you would like to place an order.
- **Dunloy Comhaltas** — Music, Singing & Irish Classes for adults, young people & children (P3 and older). It's for beginners and improvers on a **Wednesday evening from 7.00pm - 8.00pm** in St Joseph's Primary School in Dunloy. Adult music classes by arrangement. Adult Irish Classes **7.30pm-8.30pm**. Contact [dunloycce@gmail.com](mailto:dunloycce@gmail.com) or any committee member. Children start at 7pm with fun activities with Irish for half an hour. This is followed by 45mins tuition in Bodhrán, Fiddle, Guitar, Harp, Singing & Tin Whistle. Musicians and pupils come together at **8.15pm** to listen and play.
- **Loughguile Credit Union Annual Art Competition** — Entry forms have been sent home with your child today. Please complete and return to school before **Monday 21st October**. All entries for the competition will be completed in school.
- **Flu Vaccine Programme**—The school nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 9th October** to administer the Flu Vaccine to all pupils. Can any outstanding forms be returned to school **tomorrow** even if your child won't be receiving the vaccine.

Please turn over

- **School start and finish times:**

- The school gates open at 8.50am. All pupils must go directly to their classrooms. Registration for all pupils is at 9.00am. Unless by prior arrangement children **MUST NOT** enter school grounds before 8:50am and they **MUST** use the pedestrian gate only, **NOT** the staff carpark.
- P1 children will stay in school until 2.00pm from Monday 30th September until the end of the school year.
- P2 children will finish at 2.00pm every day.
- P3 to P7 children will stay in school until 2.50pm every day.
- **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 clearly marked on it by Monday morning.** As the dinners are prepared in St Patrick's kitchen, the cooks must know the numbers in advance.
- **Road Safety** — We kindly ask that during school drop offs and pick ups parents/guardians please keep speed down as children can run out of nowhere and cars should turn at Ballure or Rockend entries not directly in front of the school.
- **School records** are now being updated. Please fill in the Information Forms sent home today 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.
- **Curricular Hurling with Woody** — for P3, P4 and P7 will continue next Thursday. Children with their own stick and helmet may bring them. We can provide sticks and helmets for those who do not have their own.
- **Brain Gym** — For P7 pupils will continue on **Tuesday afternoon** from 3-4pm.
- **Violin Tuition** — Continues on **Wednesday.** Anyone interested in having lessons in school should complete the form sent home.
- **Swimming** — for P5 & P6 will continue next **Wednesday.** The cost is **£4.00** per child per week.
- **Loughquile Credit Union** — School savings will continue next **Wednesday.** Application packs for our new P1 class will be sent home in due course. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office. This is a great opportunity to get your savings growing from an early age.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Baptism Certificates** — If your child was Baptised outside the Parish of Loughquile and you wish your child to participate in the Sacrament of First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please arrange to have a Baptism certificate (Parish issue only) sent by email or delivered to the parish office. If you have already sent your certificate to the Parish office you are not required to do so again.



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•When paying dinner and milk money cheques should be made payable to: **The Education Authority—NE Region.** Everything else (After Schools Clubs etc.) should be made payable to St Anne's PS.

- **Guidance on Infection Control in school** — If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, the guidance from the PHA is that they should only return 48 hours after the last episode and please inform the school.
- **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](http://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.
- **REMINDER** — All important messages and homework details from class teachers can be found on our Website under the "Home Learning" page, please make sure to check this on a daily basis. The password was sent out via text message.
- **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 download from the school website.
- **Education Welfare** will be informed of pupils with attendance falling below 85% at any time throughout the year.

• **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](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/miss-school-miss-out)

- **Smart Watches** — Children are not permitted to bring a watch or any other device to school which has the capacity to take photographs. These devices can be very expensive and the school cannot guarantee they will not be damaged or lost during normal school activities, therefore they should be kept at home.
- **St Patrick's Choir** — Practices will continue on **Thursdays at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's Church. All singers & musicians from P4 and above are very welcome to attend.



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