



St. Anne's P.S. - October 2017 Newsletter

PTA News

We held our first PTA meeting on Sept 15, and agreed a programme of events for the year ahead starting with a parents' Halloween Quiz at the end of this month, hopefully at Donaghadee Golf Club. More details to follow...

On Friday October 27 we need some P1-P3 parents to help set up the church hall for our Halloween party at 9am some P4-P7 parents to help take down decorations at 2.15pm. Please add your name to the list in the school foyer. Thank you.



School Procedures

Attendance: School starts at 9am. All pupils should aim to be at school by 8.50am.

Before this, only pupils who are attending Breakfast Club (50p) should be in school. All absences must be followed up with a short note of explanation from parents.

Break: We are no longer able to accept payment for school break on a weekly basis. The next deadline will be Friday, October 27 for November school break.

Lunch: School meals (£2.60) can be ordered and paid for each Monday at the office. Please inform the school by 9.30am if you wish to cancel a meal.

Old £1 Coins

We are no longer able to accept old £1 coins in the office.

Data Collection Sheets

Please return these sheets as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

Swimming, P3~P7

Place: Bangor Aurora
Dates: Wednesdays, Oct 4 ~ Nov 29 (8 weeks)
Time: Bus leaves school at 10.10am and returns at 11.40am
Cost: £16 for 8 weeks

Pupils should wear their PE uniform to school and bring a towel and swim wear (hair brush optional). Long hair must be in a hairband or swim cap, and children should not wear any jewellery.

Pupil Health

- When your child is absent from school, please contact the school office (91883619) and leave a message. Please follow this up with a short note on return to school.
- It is important all children come suitably dressed for autumn & winter with coats, etc..
- Reinforce good hygiene and hand washing practice to prevent spread of germs.
- Comb through your child's hair weekly to help prevent the spread of head lice.
- Flu vaccinations take place on Thursday, 5th October

Phonics Workshop for Parents & Grandparents

Have you ever asked yourself why **cough** doesn't rhyme with **although**?

What sound do "ai" "ou" or "ea" make?

What is a **long vowel**, what is a **short vowel**?

These are all part of our "Phonics" lessons from P1 to P7, and Mrs Adams, our Literacy Coordinator, invites all parents and grandparents to an informal Q & A morning on Thursday 26th October from 9am to 10am. This could help increase your own knowledge of phonics and, in turn, enable you to help your child at home with their phonics.

Please add your name to the list in the school foyer if you plan to attend.

GROOMSPORT PLAYGROUP

The Children and staff from Groomsport Playgroup will visit St. Anne's on Friday 13 October and join Miss McNamee's class for some drama fun and for a mini-cinema experience as part of Cinemagic's Film Festival.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Keep up to date with our school website and school app for changes or additions to the calendar

OCT 04	Swimming (P3~7s); 8 weeks until 29 November
OCT 05	Flu Vaccinations
OCT 13:	Groomsport Playgroup visit St. Anne's
OCT 26:	Phonics Workshop for parents, 9am
OCT 27:	Halloween costumes permitted (without accessories)