



St. Anne's P.S. - September Newsletter

WELCOME

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our pupils and their families for our 2018/19 school year. I would especially like to welcome those families who are new to St. Anne's; I sincerely hope that you will feel welcomed and valued for the important role that you can play in your child's development.

Over the next week or two you will receive a number of school notes; I would recommend that parents regularly check schoolbags for forgotten notes, and then return any replies, if required, to the school office as quickly as possible. In the meantime, I would like to draw your attention to a few items:

- School starts at 9am. Please aim to be at school at least 5 minutes before then but **not before 8.45**. Children who are dropped off between 8.45 and 9.00 will either join the pupils playing outside (in dry weather) or go to the dinner hall (in wet weather). A member of staff will supervise until teachers bring their pupils into class before 9am. **Breakfast Club has started for everyone and is available from 8am, 50p**
- School meals started on Monday Sept 3 and cost £2.60 per day or £13 for the week, and can be ordered **only on Mondays** for the rest of the week.

If you are eligible but have not yet re-applied for Free School Meals please do so immediately even if your child prefers a packed lunch.

- Milk & Break orders are now closed for September.

Each day includes one of the items below served with a selection of fruit and raw vegetables:		
muffins	pancakes	crackers
bread sticks	sandwiches	digestives

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- If families choose to provide their own healthy snack, please respect the school's Healthy Eating policy—fruit, bread snack, or water, no crisps, chips, chocolate or juice! Thank you.
- ALL MONEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BY PUPILS IN A RE-USABLE LABELLED MONEY BAG (ONE IS PROVIDED FOR THE START OF TERM) WITH A SHORT NOTE STATING THE CHILD'S NAME, CLASS, AND REASON FOR PAYMENT (DINNERS, MILK, SWIMMING (starting next Wed.!!))
- We will have to be much stricter this year re: following up written notes for absences. Parents/guardians must provide a short written note following a absence.

On behalf of the whole school, we are looking forward to another rewarding and fulfilling year working with you and your children.

Mr Hennessy and staff at St. Anne's PS.

Turn over for a list of important dates for September

Curriculum Meetings

Due to our School Inspection, we have moved these to later in the month. Parents are invited to meet their child's teacher to find out about what your child will be covering this year, class arrangements, P.E. and homeworks, etc. Meetings will last no more than 20 ~ 30 minutes and will take place in the school dinner hall (R/P1/2, P6 & 7) or classroom (P3/4/5):

P6 & P7:	Monday, Sept 24,	9am – 9.20am	(Mr Hennessy)
R, P1 & P2:	Wednesday, Sept 26,	9am – 9.20am	(Ms McNamee)
P3, P4 & P5	Thursday, Sept 27,	9am - 9.20am	(Mrs Adams)

Swimming, P3~P6

Due to limited bus space, pupils from P3 to P6 will swim in Term 1, and then pupils in P4 - P7 will swim in Term 2.

Place: Bangor Aurora
Dates: Wednesdays, 19 September~ 24 October 2018 (6 weeks)
Wednesdays, 9 January~ 13 February 2019 (6 weeks)
Time: Bus leaves school at 10.10am and returns at 11.40am
Cost: £13.50 for 6 weeks (**PAYABLE IN FULL IN ADVANCE**)

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.

Older pupils will help our P3s if needed, and an adult will be outside the changing room in accordance with our Intimate Care and other Safeguarding policies.

Parking

I know parking is normally difficult outside the school gates, but there will be ongoing road works in St. Anne's Wood for the next few weeks.

Please park responsibly, and avoid parking in the following areas:

- The **open school gate** (even to drop off !); if you block this gate, and then a staff member, visitor, or possibly emergency services are try to get in, it will cause further congestion.
- The **corner junction** with the Millisle Road (outside the old house); some cars park here at 3pm, which creates a potentially dangerous situation;
 - And please avoid blocking **driveways of residents** of St. Anne's Wood !

It may be safer to park on the Millisle Road and walk your child ti the gates, or even better, walk, cycle or scoot to school! Thank you for you understanding.