



## St Anne's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

Another successful and busy week at St Anne's for us all! We started our week with NSPCC Speak out, stay safe assembly and then we have been thinking about children across the world for 'World Children's Day'. We have also received a large number of Christmas card entries for our school competition and will be announcing the winner very soon.....

Next week we will be re-starting our whole school assemblies in our junior gym and beginning to prepare for Advent and Christmas events. As you will be aware we will be saying goodbye to Angie in December as she retires, we also have a few other staff who will be leaving us over the coming weeks:

Margaret Bloor, one of our long-standing lunchtime supervisors will be retiring shortly following 40 years of dedicated service to St Anne's. We will be thanking her and celebrating her retirement next week with the children during a special assembly. I am sure you wish her lots of love, health and happiness as she leaves us.

Mrs King-Ball, our nursery teacher, will also be leaving St Anne's at the end of this term, she is leaving to care for her young daughter Ada and will be taking up a different role in education in the new year. Mrs King-Ball has been with us for over 8 years and has worked passionately across different year groups within our school, we thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the early education of our children.

Miss Lowrie, one of our EYFS Teaching Assistants, will also be leaving us next week to start her maternity leave. Hopefully she will be putting her feet up for a few weeks before the baby arrives in the new year. We send her lots of love and luck, and can't wait to hear news of the safe arrival of her new baby very soon.

We will be thanking these staff for their dedication and hard work to school as they say goodbye to us over the coming weeks. I am sure you send your best wishes, love and luck to them all too.

### **Updates/reminders for next week:**

**Tuesday 28th November-** Our junior children will be learning about money and finances with a number of My Bank Workshops.

**Wednesday 29th November-** Y6 will be commemorating the Durning Road disaster with a walk to the site.

**Friday 1st December-** Our Travelling Cribs will begin to go home as we begin the season of Advent.

**Mobile phones:** These must only be brought into school by Y5/6 children who are walking home alone, for safety reasons, they must be switched off and dropped and collected from the school office at the beginning and end of the day. They must not be brought into school/classrooms, all other children do not need mobile phones in school.

**Parent/carer questionnaires:** Thank you for your responses, the closing date is Monday 27th November.

**Parent governor:** We do have a vacancy for a parent governor on our panel. If you are interested in this role please come and talk to myself or Mrs Keegan. This is a very rewarding post and there are only six meetings a year and a few other time commitments to attend.

**Dates:** Christmas dates have been sent out and are also on our school website so please make sure you have them in your diary. For our final fundraising event this term we will be holding a parent/family event on Wednesday 13th December a letter will follow shortly with more details.

Thank you

**Mrs G Murphy**  
Head Teacher