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Dear Parents

We have had a very busy week in school between Parent Teacher meetings, Information sessions last night for Nursery parents, Big Bed Time Read last night for Nursery pupils and then finally today- the Halloween Disco. You will be glad to hear that in the midst of all that we did also manage to get a bit of teaching and learning fitted in!!!!!!!!!!!!

In relation to the above, the teachers were very happy to have the opportunity to speak to you and I hope that you also found the meetings beneficial. Our children thrive when home and school are working together to support their learning.

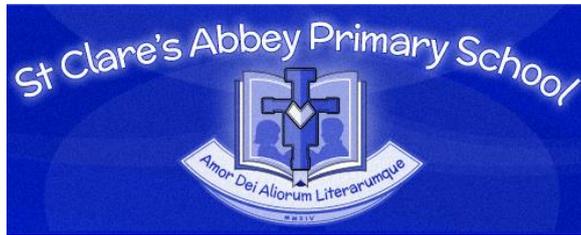
In relation to the Nursery events, we had a wonderful uptake from Mrs Gallagher's two classes. Your children were highly excited to come to school in their pyjamas and staff and pupils really enjoyed the supper, bed time stories and the new and exciting experience of being in school at night time. I was also delighted to have such great parental attendance at each of Mrs Hegarty's presentations and I hope that the messages from her background of being a nutritionist and sleep coach were beneficial. Thank you, Nursery parents, for supporting both events.

Finally, today, we had our school disco organised by St Clare's Abbey and St Mary's HS councils. A lot of preparation went into this and it was a resounding success- apart from the ice pops not freezing in time- ah well we can enjoy those in the new term!!!!

The girls from St Mary's High School were outstanding and really made the event special. They led the children in dancing, organised fabulous playlists, disco lights, refreshments and face/body paints. It was a really great day and we are so delighted to have had the input of this highly impressive group of students. We wish them well in their final year's school study and thank them for taking time out from their very busy timetables to spend time with us. They are a credit to their wonderful school. I was also very pleased with the effort and maturity that our own school council invested- they are 'shaping up' very nicely! The final amount of money raised has not been tallied- I will let you know in my next weekly letter, but I hope that we raised a substantial amount that we can put towards the 2023/24 fundraising pot.

On Wednesday 1st November we celebrate All Saints' Day and that is followed by All Souls' Day on Thursday 2nd November. It marks the beginning of a special time in the life of our church whereby we honour our beloved deceased friends and family. We will be speaking to the children a lot about this in November so no doubt you will hear similar discussions in your home.





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It is our privilege to journey through the liturgical year in our daily prayer and I think that it is important for you to have an insight into our prayer focus each month.

I wish you a wonderful mid term break and pray that I will see your children return to school refreshed and injury free after the Halloween celebrations.

School will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours in partnership,

*Mrs Monaghan*

