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Good morning Parents,

I write this message with P4 pupils very much in my mind. How unbelievably our carefully laid plans have been overturned. We had anticipated our children receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Friday and now we are in a very different situation. I wish that I had details about revised arrangements to share with you, but unfortunately I do not. I will be thinking of the children in a special way on Friday and I commiserate with you for the upheaval caused to all your lovely plans. We will have a future opportunity to celebrate this very special sacrament, and it will mean even more because of all that has happened.

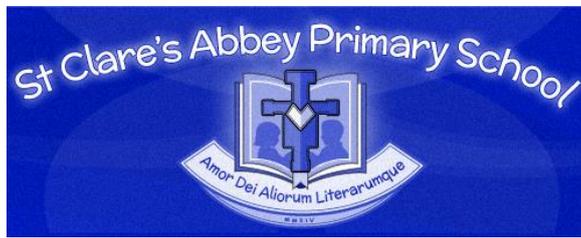
Entrance exam update for P6 parents:

I wish to inform parents of P6 pupils, in case you had not heard on the news, that a later date has been set for the GL entrance exam, this will be held on Saturday 5th December. The enrolment process has opened and application forms are available via Post Primary websites. Refer to our website for message from PPTC re this.

Revision Week:

Traditionally at this time of year we would have a Revision Week in school. This allows pupils an opportunity to revisit learning from the previous 6 week period. I know from my communications with you, that fatigue is settling in for many families. This tells me that a revision week is still appropriate, even though we are at Home School Learning. As such I have asked teachers to post no new work at the end of this week and urge you instead to use next week as you feel is appropriate. Some suggestions:

1. Complete pieces of work from previous weeks that you did not have a chance to do.
2. Look back over completed work and discuss the learning.
3. Spend time on some of the activities provided on the website that you may not have had time to explore: Baking, Relax Kids, Technology Challenges, or simply looking at the posts and photographs etc.
4. Use this time to give Mathletics or Literacy assigned digital programmes a good boost.
5. Spend time doing what you want to do with your children- gardening, exercising, playing.
6. Participate in a project launched by the Museum and District Council requesting people to share their experiences of 'Living in Lockdown.' Details are on the homepage of the website.



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People's Choice Awards:

I ask you again to please vote for St Clare's Abbey's Young Environmentalists of The Year all Ireland finalist entry into a Unesco competition. We would love to receive as many votes as possible. A quick voting link has been placed on the website and their entry with photographs can be accessed via the Children/Eco Council tabs on the Home Page menu. Please urge family and friends to vote for us.

I wish you a happy and safe week. with my warmest regards,

Mrs Monaghan