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Parental Update 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

How lovely it has been to see school filled with our younger children and you their parents throughout this week. We were delighted to receive yesterday's news that the children in Nursery and P1-P3 will be remaining in school up until the Easter break, with no return to Home Learning on 22<sup>nd</sup> as originally planned.

Like you, we do not yet know of the return date for P4-P7 pupils, but we hope that it will be soon and will keep you informed.

**News for this week:**

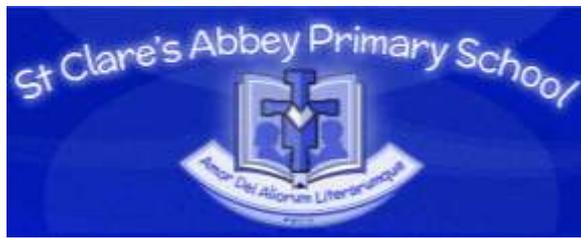
1 Our supplies of Kitchen roll are very low and we would be so appreciative if you could help us out by donating some.

2. I have heard several parents say that their children have outgrown uniforms, and that they cannot replace them since shops are closed. I want you to know that we have an extensive supply of preloved uniforms donated to us by parents. Please contact us if you need something and we can arrange a time for you to come up and hopefully get what you need. We have a room in school in which these are stored after being laundered, I often feel that it is like Daisy's/Saints and Scholars store rooms, so please do contact us as needed.

3. Each year a report is presented by the Board of Governors, which summarises the achievements of the outgoing year. The 19/20 report is available on the website or a hard copy can be requested at the school office.

4. RISE NI is a service that we engage with in school to tap into the expertise of Speech, Occupational, Physio therapists and other Health professionals. They have launched an array of parental support sessions and these are available on the school website.

5. Also on the school website a recent post has been published showing how the Play Based Learning in St Clare's Abbey's early years' classes, has been shared across UK and Ireland via a blog on the Early Childhood Outdoors website. The article has been written by our Play Based Learning Co-ordinator- Mrs Monica Keenan and it contains beautiful images of a few little faces that you may recognise.



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6. Message to parents of P4-P7 pupils engaging in Home Learning: We have noticed in some classes that pupil uptake of Mathematics and Bug Club has tapered off in recent weeks. These are two very important aspects of work, and your child may well fall behind in relation to his/her classmates, if he/she does not keep up.

#### 7. Holiday reminder:

School will be closed for **EVERYONE** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

I conclude by wishing all the Mummies and Grannies a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday. I hope that you feel cherished and loved by your children and that you are thoroughly pampered. If ever there was a time when you deserved this, it is now!

Warmest wishes to you all,

Mrs Monaghan.