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3 December 2021

Dear Parents,

December is now upon us and the dark mornings have arrived. I have noticed that some cars are moving much more quickly than usual on Courtenay Hill presenting greater danger to our children and parents.

**Please exercise greater caution if crossing this busy road and wait on the footpath for Mrs Sobala (School Crossing Patrol Officer) or myself to take you across.**

Parents with cars should not park on the footpath in front of the pedestrian gate at any time. This week some cars parked on the pavement forcing parents with prams onto the road and making dismissal time difficult.

### CCA Excellence Awards

A few weeks ago we were informed that our school was shortlisted for the 2021 Excellence Awards.

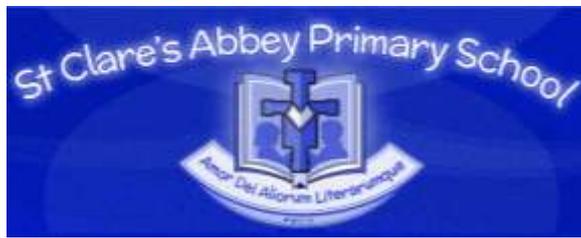
This is a very prestigious ICT award and this morning our team which included pupils, staff and parents took part in the interview phase. To be shortlisted is an achievement in itself and reflects how ICT is now used to support and enhance teaching and learning in our school. We look forward to the outcome.

### Self Help Africa

Today is a non-uniform day for Self Help Africa who with the support of our ECO Council are helping to tackle climate change by planting one million trees. Our ECO Council over the next two weeks will plant 19 trees. A small but important step.

### Covid-19

I'm sure you are aware that there has been an increase of COVID-19 cases in our schools and community. To ensure that we are all safe and healthy as we approach the Festive Season can I ask you to be vigilant about any signs or symptoms and to take Lateral Flow tests regularly?



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**If your child is symptomatic** please arrange a PCR. We are still encouraging our pupils to exercise good hand hygiene.

### **Book Fair**

Thanks to all our parents and pupils for supporting the Book Fair. Reading for pleasure is so important for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner is on **Wednesday 8 December 2021**. This is a normal uniform day.

Please arrange to book your Christmas Dinner on the school cashless system early. This will enable us to organize a Rota for the large numbers anticipated.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a happy weekend

Mr. Sweeney