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Good morning Parents,

The big celebration in school this week is that of the P4 pupils receiving the sacrament of reconciliation for the very first time today. I thank you and their devoted teachers and classroom assistants for the effort you have invested into making this a meaningful experience. I hope that you all enjoyed the ceremony. It was also the first meeting for many with Fr Alphonsus, our school chaplain. He will celebrate First Holy Communion with us also and we are very happy to have him join us in St Clare's Abbey.

Next Tuesday the P7 pupils will take a key step in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation when Sr Rosemary will lead them in the Service of Light. At this they will announce their confirmation name and I ask that you have a good chat with your child at home re this, ensuring that he/she has a sound reason for selecting the name. It is to inspire him/ her on the journey of maturing faith and as such should be linked to a saint, or blessed person who means something to your family or who has impressed your child during his/her life to date. The ceremony is intimate and unfortunately parents are not involved, but please do ask your child all about it and look out for photographs.

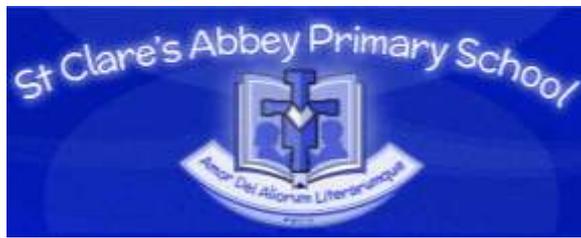
Also next week on Wednesday, P7 pupils will be participating in a survey as part of ETI (Educational Inspectorate's) data collection re pastoral provision. A letter explaining this to parents is attached.

Next Wednesday will be a 'Green day' in school as part of our St Patrick's day celebration. Pupils can wear ordinary clothes if they do not have green and we ask for a £1 donation per child- this money will be given to a fundraising effort to alleviate the struggles of those involved in the Ukraine crisis.

School will be closed next Thursday & Friday and I wish everyone a lovely St Patrick's day break.

Yours in partnership,

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