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Good morning parents,

I have some important items to bring to your attention:

1. Early Finish on Tuesday 11th October

Children will finish school at 12.45 on this day as school staff are attending training for our new Nurture Classroom. I apologise for the inconvenience but I have just received this information. Details regarding Nursery class on this day will follow next week.

2. Gardening Club

Mr Byrne has sent out a letter for grandparents or parents to help us out with our gardening club which will run for 1 hour each Friday afternoon. Prior to Covid restrictions, this was a wonderful part of school life. We hope that we will once more get some volunteers to help us with our work. Please share with other family members if you think that they might be interested.

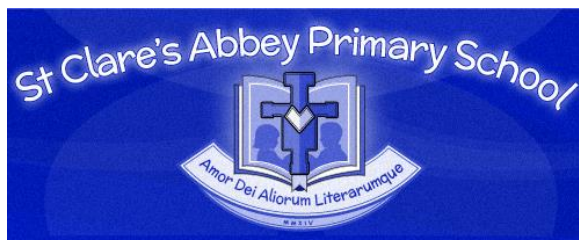
3. Operation Encompass

A letter will be posted on Seesaw alerting you to this pilot programme in which St Clare's Abbey is involved.

In summary, it is to inform parents that from this year onwards, school will be notified the next day after there has been an incident of police involvement for domestic violence within the home of any of our pupils. We appreciate this, as on too many occasions we were not aware that such a thing had happened, and as such could not make the necessary pastoral arrangements to support our children.

4. Vigilance re your child's on screen activity.

I urge parents to check on their child's tablet or device to check for unsuitable content. I was alerted by a very vigilant P4 parent, to inappropriate content that was accessible via a character that had featured in Fortnite. I urge you to follow the recommendations in the ICT acceptable



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use agreement issued at the start of the year. It is frightening to realise that children as young as P4, possibly younger, may be accessing highly inappropriate content, whilst viewing their tablets etc in their own homes. Parents must be vigilant. Once seen these images can never become unseen.

I wish you all a happy weekend,

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan