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Dear Parents,

Please see latest news below:

1. The most important job in this week's update is to wish all our Primary 4 children a blessed and very special **First Holy Communion day tomorrow**. They are so young and yet they have worked hard with our dedicated teachers and assistants to prepare. I am delighted to say that there is a definite level of spiritual awareness evident among them. Each child receiving the sacrament has been given a little gift of a 'Holy Communion Crucifix' from our school staff and I urge you to help your son/daughter to create a little prayer space in his/her bedroom to keep this on display as a reminder to pray each day. Some children have told me that they already have a holy space in their house, which is absolutely lovely, so hopefully they can add their Holy Communion Cross to this to personalise it further.

2. **New School Chaplain:** Fr Alphonsus Chukwunenye will be our new school chaplain and will have his first meeting with us all on Saturday as he celebrates First Holy Communion. We warmly welcome him to St Clare's Abbey as he joins us for his first post in Ireland.

3. **Re May Procession for P7, P5 and P4 pupils.** We will be weather watching from Sunday onwards and if we feel that good weather is forecast we will send out a message to parents on Seesaw App, to let them know that the processions will be scheduled for the next day. P7s can choose to come to school on that day wearing their sacramental clothes, as can P4 & P5 boys if their parents choose, however experience has shown that it is better for the girls to change into their dresses. As stated before, sadly parents will not be able to join us and nor will we be able to give an exact time.

1. Thank you to all adults who have worked with us so graciously and with such understanding to implement the new arrangements re **car access to school premises**.
2. *I ask parents to ensure that their children are in school punctually as per App message already sent. It is very disruptive for a classroom assistant to have to leave a child with whom she is working to come down to the gate to meet a 'late arrival' and this is becoming a more frequent occurrence.*
3. **I remind parents that there will be no school for pupils on the following dates:**

Thursday 27th May

Friday 28th May & Monday 31st May.



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I wish you all a lovely weekend and pray that the sun will shine for our First Communicants tomorrow,

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan.