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Good morning parents,

### **Assessment outcomes:**

In the midst of school trip and sports day planning, end of year assessment outcomes have been analysed and there are definite signs that pupils are gaining some of the academic losses that occurred during Covid school closures over the previous two years. We cannot be complacent however and urge you to make use of the reduced homework being sent home to keep your children working. They will have a great break over the summer, but we want to make the most of the next few days. Pupils will also be assessed on their Mental Maths targets before the end of the year, so I would urge you to go back over the weekly teacher recordings on Seesaw to practise these.

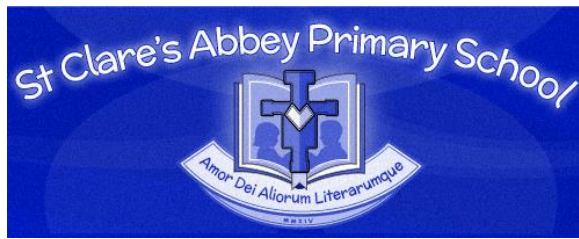
Scores will be shown on your child's report which will be issued in the final week of term.

### **Loss of Extended School funding:**

For many years we have received additional funding from DE- 'Extended Schools Funding'- which we have used to offset some of the costs associated with our Early Morning and After School provision. This is allocated by DE if there is a sufficient number of pupils in the school accessing Free School Meals. We were told last year that our numbers had fallen and that we were to receive a significantly reduced Extended Schools fund. We have now heard that our funding has been removed completely as FSM uptake is not sufficiently high. This is such a pity as I do believe that we have lots of pupils who are eligible to receive FSM but choose not to as they prefer to take lunch. If this is the case for your family, please speak to Mrs Downey and Mrs Mc Neaney in the school office and consider applying if only to boost our numbers. In the mean-time the withdrawal of this funding presents us with financial difficulty as in addition to clubs, it is used to pay for school based speech therapy and counselling provision. I will keep you informed re implications of this before the summer holidays,

### **Lost Property collection:**

We have gathered a huge amount of lost property in school across the year. From **2.00 – 3.00 today a collection point will be set up outside the Assembly Hall door for parents** to retrieve unnamed items.



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*The process will be repeated on Monday, if required* and after that unclaimed items will be donated to charity shops. For future reference, please ensure that all garments are labelled with child's name, it is unbelievable how many are not.

**June liturgical focus:**

The children are aware that we pray in a special way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the month of June. They have been practising prayer and song each day.

*Ask them to sing their hymn for you, they sing it with such reverence.*

*Heart of Jesus, heart of Jesus*

*Burning with love for me,*

*Enflame my heart, enflame my heart*

*With love with love for thee.*

I wish you a lovely weekend,

Yours in partnership,

*Mrs Monaghan*