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Principal's Update 2/2/24

Dear parents,

Isn't it wonderful to have reached February? January was a difficult month between harsh weather, industrial action and illness.

Next week is Safer Internet week, so we will be doing a lot of work with the children to reinforce messages re their digital code of conduct. Given that many children have received digital devices for Christmas, and that we are dealing with increased instances of inappropriate online behaviour during out of school gaming sessions, this is very important. Please ask your children about this next week, especially after the assembly for P4-P7 pupils that we will be hosting next Monday.

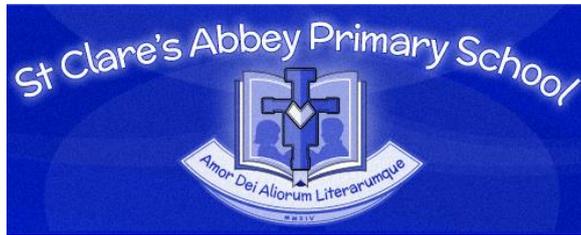
A note re recent parental engagement work.

As stated, before we know that our children achieve more when home and school are giving the same messages and having similar expectations. As such we sent out the piece of Literacy a few weeks ago and asked you to go over it with your child at home and then post a response to the teacher. I attach a table that shows the response we had to this in each class. We will be repeating this exercise before Easter and urge you to continue to 'tune into' your child's work and work with him/ her on our recommendations. We also ask you to ensure that you look over your P4-P7 child's Accelerated Reader printout which shows how well they have been working on their reading skills.

We have high ambitions for your children but to achieve these we need lots of continued reinforcement from home. Thank you to the many parents that engaged in this piece of work.

I urge you to look at the information below.





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Class Percentages Looked at work % Commented on work%

P1 HMcG/JD	85%	45%
P1 AMcP	100%	19%
P1/2 CK	100%	26%
P2 RR	100%	57%
P2 RMcK	100%	34%
P3 PMcC/EMcK	37%	24%
P3 ED	93%	48%
P4 CC	79%	42%
P4 KD/CD	94%	65%
P5 SMcV	97%	23%
P5 MMcC	36%	20%
P6 RN	65%	58%
P6 PH	96%	82%
P6 LD	85%	44%
P7 AC	75%	6%
P7 MMcP	47%	19%

Reminder:

School will be closed for midterm break 12- 16th February.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards

Mrs Monaghan

