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Dear Parents & Carers

Your children have settled back into school life and are focused on meeting targets set by their teachers. This week, if your child is in P4-P7, you will have received their Term 2 target for Accelerated Reader. I urge you to spend some time with your child to discuss the strategies or habits suggested by your child's teacher to ensure they reach this target by Easter. Discuss with your child some little changes which can be made at home such as reading in bed, in the car or after dinner. Life is no doubt busy, but I can promise that continued support from home will reap rewards.

Parents of children in p2 & p3 will have, or will soon, receive an update on your child's literacy development in terms of reading and spelling. You will no doubt see the gains your child has made. This is testament to the hard work of everyone involved- staff, pupils and you. Keep striving!

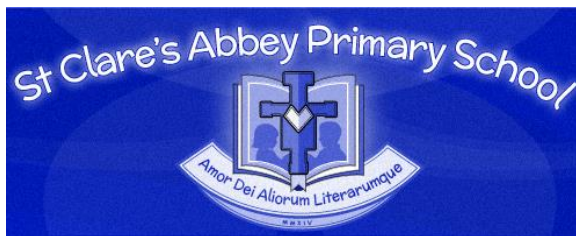
I look forward to welcoming our P1 Parents/Guardians to our Curriculum afternoon on Monday 19th January at this is a really important meeting where you will learn how best to help your child in all aspects of school life.

Our older pupils (especially our boys) were fantastic ambassadors, as always, this week- Mr Fegan from St. Colman's College visited our P6 and P7 boys and spoke glowingly of their maturity and inquisitiveness. Mr McCreesh and our school football team travelled to the Abbey Grammar for a blitz- they showed excellent skill and sportsmanship. Well done boys!

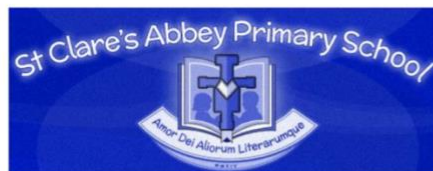
Our Key Stage 2 staff, led by Miss Rocks, were involved in 'hands on' training in our forest area. It is fair to say that they had a fabulous time - building forts and creating structures. They could see first-hand the endless benefits of being creative outdoors and this training will no doubt enhance your child's forest time sessions- these will begin next week.

Miss O'Shea's class attended Newry Pantomime's production of Aladdin this morning and were awe struck by the staging and acting. We are very grateful to 'Newry Panto Players' for the invitation.





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Our 'Bring Your Toy to School Day' raised £265. Thank you to everyone for your donation. The school Council are already busy planning 'red day' for February!

And finally- a date for your diary- Wednesday 21st January at 10.30am. We are so lucky that the annual Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Service is being held in Newry Cathedral this year. Our choir, led by Mr Clarke, will be guiding the congregation in song and some of our P6 & P7 pupils will lead the liturgy. I have been lucky to have been in attendance in previous years and it truly is a joyous occasion of prayer and song. Please come along.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. I thank you for your continued support.

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