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Parental Update 26 March 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you felt it was good to have all the children back in school. St Clare's Abbey certainly felt as it should feel, to us the staff- packed with life and energy. We have loved it.

*Whilst most children have had a wonderful week and have enjoyed being back with friends, we have inevitably discovered that a few are struggling. If you feel that this is the case for your child and a member of staff has not been in contact to discuss this with you, PLEASE email me on [mmonaghan771@c2kni.net](mailto:mmonaghan771@c2kni.net).*

This week I draw your attention to the following:

1 The churches are opening this weekend and we have been speaking in school about Palm Sunday, it would be lovely if you could follow this up at home.

1. *We have a beautiful Easter display in the Woodland Area and we thank Siobhan Burns, mummy of Elliot and Ross, for her work, although some of our younger pupils told me that they DEFINITELY saw the Easter Bunny at work!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*
2. Next week will be a time when we as a school reflect on all the things that we have done and continue to do individually or within our families to keep our selves happy and healthy emotionally and physically. Mr Digney has created a collection of staff experiences and this will be shared with you on Seesaw and the website. *We ask that you send us some photos of how your family has tried to stay happy and healthy and we will build a portfolio of these.* I am a very 'nosey' lady and nothing makes me happier than seeing what you have all been getting up to. Participation in this project will be next week's homework.
3. Confirmation update- P7 parents please watch out for a questionnaire that I need you to complete, this will be posted on your class Seesaw page on Monday. Two ceremonies will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April in the Cathedral: Miss Mc Coy's class will receive the sacrament at 4pm and Mrs Mc Parland's at 6pm. We thank Canon Francis Brown for all that he is doing to oblige our pupils and families at this time.
4. After Easter a universal School Meals menu will be rolled out in all schools. This will include more choice so when it becomes available, please talk through it with your child to help him/her to establish preferences.



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5. **Back to school teething problems:**

- We have supervision in place from 8.15 PLEASE do not leave your child off before that time.
- Some parents are finding it difficult to manage snacks and lunches in disposable bags- please bear with us on this. It will not last forever.

I conclude by wishing you a lovely weekend,

With kindest regards,

Mrs Monaghan