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Good Morning Parents,

Since returning to school last week our teachers, support staff and children alike, have put their heads down and got on with the work, putting aside the many challenges and changes that the pandemic has caused.

However, this week has been tinged with sadness as we learned of the deaths of Mrs Kathleen Gallagher and Mrs Mary O' Shea. Mrs Gallagher was a member of our ancillary staff who quietly and diligently went about her work. Mrs O'Shea, mother of Miss O' Shea our ECPD teacher, taught in St. Colman's Abbey Primary School for very many years and held the welfare of every pupil and family close to her heart.

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### **Catholic Schools Week**

Next week is Catholic Schools Week and the theme this year is '**Living Life to the Full.**'

If Covid-19 has done one thing it has forced us to reflect on the things that give our lives meaning. It has made us think of our family and friends and for many, their Catholic Faith and their relationship with God. As Catholics, we believe in fostering the holistic development of all our pupils. We promote their wellbeing and encourage them to learn and nurture their talent and skill. Each boy and girl in our school is talented and has the potential to change the world for the better, making it a kinder, more inclusive and more welcoming place. Next week we celebrate these gifts and talents as a community of faith and in doing so we live life to the full.

### **Seesaw**

As children have returned to the classroom we continue to use Seesaw to support teaching and learning. Teachers have been posting pieces of work that have been marked or recordings/photos relating to learning that has taken place. This is being done so that you, the parents, can be part of this 'Feedback' process and reinforce the learning with your children. Please continue to reply to the teachers' posts. This is one of the ways where teachers and parents can work closely together.



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### **Special Educational Needs**

Any parent who requires information on Special Educational Needs and Disability can access it on our school website.

### **Application for Enrolment September 2022**

Parents/guardians of children for entry to Nursery/P1 in September 2022 should register their child online through the EA 'Parent Portal' on [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions). This online system has been available from 12 noon on 10th January 2022. **The closing date for all applications is 28th January 2022 at 12noon.**

**We urge parents to ensure their form is in by the deadline, as late applications cannot be considered in the event of over-subscription.** Please pass this information on to anyone in your wider family circle it may apply to. **Come and see what our school has to offer by viewing our Open Day Virtual tours on our school website**

Kind Regards

*Mr Sweeney*