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Dear parents,

Our big news for this week is that Mr Sweeney, our amazing Vice Principal has decided that the time has come for him to retire. I know that several of you have missed him in recent days and may be aware that he is off school sick. He has asked me to assure everyone that his decision has nothing to do with health and in fact we are hopeful that he will return to school in a while when he is fully 'back on his feet.' He will be our VP until the end of this school year and we very much look forward to seeing him back among us for the next few months. We will find it very hard to bid him farewell in June and are glad that it is not happening just yet.

Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week**, Mrs Byrne, our lead person in Relax Kids and Sunshine Room provision has worked with Mr Digney to create a thought provoking recording which will be posted on Seesaw. I hope that you enjoy it. The homework next week will focus on well being activities and I hope that you can share some of your family wellbeing activities with us.

Next week is also **Safer Internet Week**, perhaps no coincidence that both are celebrated in the same week as they are very much interconnected!!!!!! The children will be discussing safe internet use with their teachers and I urge you to read the Esafety messages sent home by our ICT co-ordinators, Miss Rocks and Mrs Mc Parland.

We celebrated St Brigid's day on Tuesday and the children have prayed to her and will continue to do so throughout the month. They sang of 'St Brigid bringing the Spring' and their prayer focus has been for all those who have found winter a very difficult time of the year- I was touched by their sincerity and care. They are lovely!!!!!!

Have a great weekend

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan