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Dear parents,

I cannot believe that it is Friday again. This week has flown. I draw your attention to a few things.

1. Children's Mental Health Week:

We have had such a lovely week looking at the many wonderful photographs you posted for each night this week. I sat down to peruse the website and I had a constant smile on my face as the photos popped in. They showed me how lucky our children are to have such an array of experiences and special people in their lives to help them to grow. Thank you for sharing such precious insights!

2. Post Primary application process:

I remind our P7 parents that the portal for applications to post primary school is open. Please see the message from EA re this process.

"Apply online for your child's post-primary place."

The online process for post-primary applications opened on 1 February and will close at 4pm on 23 February. It is important that you apply within this window. The Education Authority's website has a lot information regarding the process on their website. You can read more about this process and apply by visiting

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

3. Seesaw:

We had a staff session yesterday evening in which we shared good examples of home and school working well together re feedback provided for pupils' work. **This is an aspect of our work that could REALLY help your children to improve in their Literacy and Numeracy.** However very often the comments and questions provided by the teacher are not being seen or responded to by children and families.

This is unfortunate as it is a wasted learning opportunity. Therefore, *could I PLEASE ask you to take a look at the pieces of work marked and uploaded by the teacher and talk it over with your*



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child and then make a response to the teacher, either written or recorded.

We currently have less than 10% of parents and children responding. There will only be two pieces uploaded per week. If you have queries re this, feel free to contact me on mmonaghan771@c2kni.net

4. School closure:

Please note that school will be closed for mid-term break next week: 14th- 18th February.

I wish our children a good rest and know that all the staff are looking forward to it, after a trying term. Hopefully when we return we will be blessed with good health and can look forward with energy to an uninterrupted new half term.

5. I have posted a letter on the school website (below) outlining a potential bill regarding Integrated Education which will impact on our school as part of the Catholic maintained sector. I urge you to read it and if you wish to take action I have included contacts.

6.Valentine's Day

In the mean-time, *thank you for supporting the 'Valentine's day' fundraising effort*, we felt the love in the air and hope that you experience it in your homes next Monday and indeed throughout the week.

Best wishes to you all,

Mrs Monaghan