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Good morning parents,

We had a wonderful first day yesterday. The staff had been busy in school making preparations since last week, but it was only when our lovely children returned yesterday that the building came back to life.

Next Friday, 9th September we will have a Mass in St Mary's Chapel at 9.30 to celebrate the beginning of the new school year. P4-P7 classes will attend and parents are welcome to join us.

I thank you sincerely for the effort you have invested to ensure that your children have the correct school uniform. I am delighted to say that every single child is beautifully presented and I appreciate how difficult it is to achieve that. Our school uniform is so smart and worn as well as it is by each child it sends out a very clear message re the high standards we all have for St Clare's Abbey. Your children are our ambassadors and they do this job very well, thanks to you. (As always donations to our pre loved uniform supply will be gratefully received, especially: ties, navy socks and tights, key stage 2 tracksuits and summer dresses.)

Our new Vice Principal, Mrs Donnelly, is settling into school and I urge you to look out for her at the gates of the school next Monday, from 8.15 onwards as she hopes to meet as many of you as possible. It won't be long before she knows you all.

Have a great weekend, knowing that your children have settled well into their first few days. We are easing everyone in gently and homework proper will begin on Monday 12th (although P7 teachers will be in touch via Seesaw about homework that will need to be completed next week by pupils sitting the GL entrance exam.)

With my warmest regards at the start of another new year!

*Mrs Monaghan*