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Good morning parents,

It is great to be in touch on this, the last day of September, knowing that we have had a productive first month back in school.

Routines are well established and at assembly today I was able to commend the children on the great behaviour exhibited. It takes a lot of discipline to have such a large number of pupils behave well 'en-masse' and move through school in an orderly, quiet manner, yet our children can do this very well. This, then, transfers through to the classroom management in each room and I am very pleased to say that apart from a few little blips that we are working on, the order in our school is very impressive. I am a great believer in the importance of good behaviour as it underpins all that we are trying to do in school. I know that you support us in this when we need you and I thank you.

I have had the pleasure of listening to your children sing in many different contexts throughout this week; in choir, at the end of play in the playground and at assembly and I can see clearly that we have a lot of enthusiasts. A message has gone out on Seesaw in an effort to recruit more children to sing in the Junior Cathedral Choir. Please consider if this could be a possibility for your child. It is a wonderful opportunity and my own daughters gained so much for singing in that choir for over a decade. The choir adds so much to 12 o clock mass, but it is really struggling for members, it would be great if pupils from St Clare's Abbey could join.

Next week we will have our First Friday Mass in St Mary's Chapel at 9.30 on Fri 7th October and it will be led by Mrs Mc Veigh's class. Whilst all family members across the school are welcome to attend, we extend a particular welcome to those who have a child in Mrs Mc Veigh's class.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Yours in partnership

Mrs Monaghan