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Dear parents,

In the midst of what continues to be such a worrying time I wish joyful Easter greetings to you and your families. I deeply regret that we are not able to be in school with the children during Holy Week, we miss being able to share the story of The Passion with them, it is a part of our work that we feel privileged to do.

Having viewed your messages and work uploaded onto Seesaw I have to sincerely compliment you the parents, our children and staff on the effort you are investing into making 'learning from home' work so well. I feel that we are making the best of a very bad situation educationally, we are striving to keep home learning as reflective of what would have happened in school, as possible. There have been difficulties for many families, but with support we have managed to resolve almost all of these.

The level of participation (as gauged by uploaded work) is sitting at almost 100%, more than we ever could have hoped for, so again, sincere thanks to everyone. I also feel at this point that it is essential to especially congratulate those parents who are still working and are having to juggle the logistics of that with home school learning. I honestly do not know how you are managing!!!!

In terms of the website, I draw your attention to:

1. Section: Learning From Home/ Learning Support:

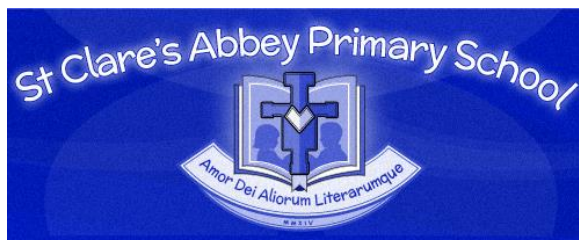
Newsdesk From Home- guidance. During closure lots of children have commented on articles or have had their own published-Join them!

2. Section: Learning From Home/ Family Activities:

A) STEM Challenges At Home- Enjoy!

B) Recycled Art.

3. Section: Learning From Home/ Coronavirus & Us- lots of publications here to read if family stress is starting to build.



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A) Notice from St Vincent De Paul- please contact if struggling financially.

B) CYPSP Family Support Covid 19- this signposts a range of support services for families who are struggling with a wide range of family issues.

4. Relax Kids- Week 3 post which contains another meditation and dance,

5.A Message From Home- Thank you for all your lovely posts. They are delightful, keep them coming.

Dear parents, I conclude, by urging you to take a break from the official home learning for the next week and a half. I have no doubt that it will be greatly appreciated in all homes. The teachers will post work again on Monday 20th April.

My warmest regards to you all and again I say, 'congratulations' and 'thank you' for working so hard with us to keep the education going. I have requested a Mass to be celebrated tomorrow, (Thursday) for the safety and intentions of you, your children and wider families and all our school staff.

Yours appreciatively,

Mrs Monaghan