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Good morning Parents and all our very precious Nursery boys and girls,

It is hard to believe that Friday is 1st May and that it has now been 7 weeks since we last had your children in school with us. I am sure that whilst you are clearly putting every effort into balancing all the ingredients of this new way of life, that you are, like ourselves, feeling the pressure of the uncertainty. None of us know what the plans are for reopening school and at this point I urge you to congratulate yourself for all that you are doing. It is unbelievable really and I am very aware of how truly challenging it is and for some families, in particular, due to personal circumstances. April is actually 'Stress Awareness Month' so I would draw your attention once more to the website section: **Learning From Home/ Coronavirus and Us/** at the bottom of that page there are a collection of excellent posts related to this topic that you may not have had a chance to see yet. I would also remind you again, about the **Relax Kids** section which is absolutely lovely and so calming.

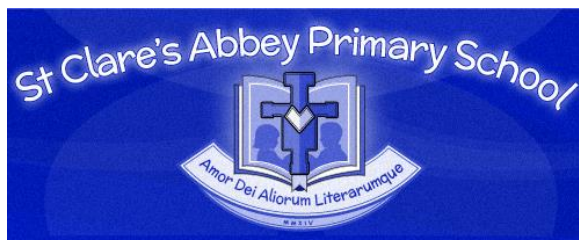
I have a BIG piece of news that I wish to share with you all:

Mrs Bennett, Head of Nursery has decided that she will take early retirement at the end of this year. In her role, Mrs Bennett has given a wonderful educational start to all of your children this year and to hundreds of others over the years, my own daughter included. To say that she will be deeply missed is truly an understatement. However no one can deny that anyone who has given as much to the children as she has for so long, deserves every blessing and good wish for a long and happy retirement . She has been a very, very important person in our school and we will truly miss her.

Other news

Nursery & P1 intake for Sept 20.

Due to Covid 19 EA has informed pupils directly if they have received a place with us this year. Letters are due to arrive with families today, but in the event of postal disruption, parents can check on the EA Citizen Portal from today also. Please share this message with anyone whom you know to be awaiting notification. Full details are posted on the Home page of our school website [www.stclaresabbeyps.com](http://www.stclaresabbeyps.com)



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I finish by wishing you a lovely week and I thank you for the wonderful photographs that you continue to send in to the school website [stclaresabbey@gmail.com](mailto:stclaresabbey@gmail.com) it is a delight to receive and see them. and we ask you to 'keep them coming.'

With warmest wishes to you and your families,

Mrs Michelle Monaghan.