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Dear Parents,

Good morning to you all on such a beautiful day. The birds are cheeping incessantly as I write this - just lovely!

We have reached May, the month in which we honour Mary, Blessed Mother of Jesus. This has always been a special time for us in school. Mrs Bennett has sent a lovely picture of her May altar through to you on Seesaw, I urge you to share this with your children. I know that many families set up 'May altars' in their own homes and make an effort to pray to Mary as a family during her special month. I invite you to send in a photograph of yours, if you wish, to stclaresabbey@gmail.com, we would love to share these.

I hope that you all enjoyed 'Story Time with Miss Carol', I did, although I almost didn't recognise her, I thought that she was a real fire fighter !!!!! I do know that the Nursery team have other lovely story time treats planned on Seesaw in the weeks to come, so stay tuned.

From speaking to several parents in the primary school this week, I know that 'Lockdown' is starting to take its toll on many. I have no sense of when or how we will be reopening but am following DE publications daily to ensure that I remain fully informed. In the mean time, be very pleased with and kind to yourselves, you are managing a remarkable time so, so well. The emotional dips in the process are inevitable and I say again, we can all only do our best and the community of St Clare's Abbey is undoubtedly doing that.

To finish off I alert you to a really nice little post on the website's Home Page under the News section- it is the 'Kindness Calendar' and urges us all to carry out a daily task to focus on 'The Power Of Kindness' I hope that you might get a chance to share it with your children and help them to decide on their own daily act. Hopefully they will enjoy it and you will enjoy the outcome too. (The Monaghans are giving it a go too).

Warmest regards to you all. Keep the photographs coming to the website, I and all the staff love to see them.

Mrs Monaghan