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Good morning everyone,

I hope that you are all enjoying Sports Week, the recordings from the staff are fabulous and I thank you sincerely for entering wholeheartedly into the spirit of everything. I felt very emotional when I saw them and felt so proud of what we as a school community have managed to do together during 'Lockdown' to ensure that we are all keeping in touch with each other. It has been so incredibly difficult for you, but you have really committed to all the work that our fabulous staff have put in place and the result has in my mind been outstanding.

I need to discuss 2 practical matters:

1) Nursery 'Graduation'. You will shortly receive a slot via Seesaw notification for calling to school on either 24th or 25th June. This is an extremely tight schedule, but we have planned it in this way because we remain COMPLETELY committed to ensuring that we as a school do all that we can to ensure that we are playing our part in reducing viral spread. If we don't, what was the point in us closing school for the past 12 weeks?

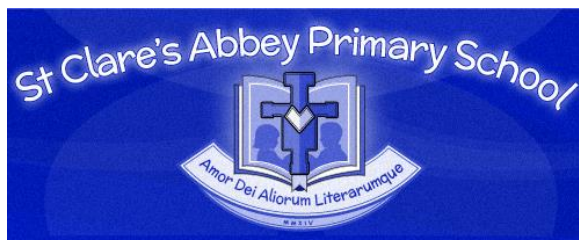
Mrs Bennett and the Nursery Team have some lovely things planned for this special 'meet up', a momentous occasion in your child's life.

2) Parental end of year feedback.

Each year we need to consult with parents to evaluate how certain areas of Nursery life have worked. As such we will be asking parents to complete a questionnaire for us. I know that it is very difficult to find time for things like this, but your thoughts are so, so important to us and we will be asked to show that we have undertaken these. Mrs Bennett will post the link on Seesaw and it will also be posted on the school website- please look out for it, and know that your responses will be greatly appreciated.

I conclude by asking you and your families to pray for us, the staff, at this time as we are trying to work out our plan for a safe return for all after the summer. (If your child is going to a different school for P1 rest assured their staff will be undertaking a similar piece of work too.)

School is going to be very different in the new term and every decision that we make has implications for so much of our existing practice. Our priority throughout will be to get children back into school for as long as we can each week, whilst ensuring that we are implementing all PHA and DE guidelines. (The latter are still to be issued which makes the planning even more



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difficult, we are on our 3rd version at this stage and I know that there will be many more.) We are in an ever changing situation and I worry about parental perception to our plan (whatever the final version will look like).

However, I am praying that everyone will appreciate that we are giving this our all, in an effort to be safe and fair to everyone.

I remain yours in partnership,

Michelle Monaghan