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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. We completed our third week of remote teaching and learning on Friday and today is the last day of January, the first month of 2021 and what a month it has been!

We are very aware of the difficulties faced by our families during this pandemic and latest school closure. We also know that on-line education is a challenge and we don't expect you to become your son's substitute teacher. We want you to be realistic about your child's needs and your own needs.

When trying to think about how we can support ourselves, our families, our communities and our country in the coming weeks, it can be helpful to remind ourselves of these three messages:

- Stay Responsible & Informed
- Stay Active & Connected
- Stay Positive & Calm



If we can do the above as adults and children we will be OK.

Tomorrow is the 1st February, St. Brigid's Day, and this marks the beginning of Spring. Ordinarily, we would be making St. Brigid's Day crosses together in school and listening to the younger classes singing 'We Sing a Song to Brigid' during our prayer assembly.

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*We sing a song to Brigid,
Brigid brings the spring
Awakens all the fields and the flowers
And calls the birds to sing.*



Things are a lot different for us this year but I suppose in a way the arrival of Spring is giving us some hope. The days will get longer, we will be able to get out into the fresh air a little bit more and hopefully before too long schools will be able to reopen.

In the spirit of Spring bringing with it hope and renewal, I am asking that all boys put an extra effort into their school work across the next two weeks in the run-up to mid-term break (15th-19th February).

The teachers are keeping daily engagement logs for their class and I am monitoring these regularly. I want to encourage all boys to step up the engagement levels on Seesaw across the next two weeks, I really hope to see all boys logging in, engaging with the tasks set and submitting work as often as they can.

Some families have received a phone-call from a staff member with regard to engagement levels and special arrangements have been put in place. Staff will continue to link in with the parents of pupils who are not engaging or submitting work. As I said in my previous letter, this is the only means we have of tracking learning and unfortunately referrals will have to be made to Educational Welfare Officers if we have no contact with a pupil/family.

A link to a **Remote Teaching & Learning Pupil Survey** will be sent today via text. I ask that parents help their son/s to complete this before 8pm tonight as feedback will be taken into account at a remote staff meeting tomorrow morning.

As an extra incentive, at the end of every week a boy from each class will receive a Home Learning Certificate and Prize. This will replace our usual monthly awards for the duration of the closure. The awards will be announced on Thursdays and items will be sent out with the food packs or by post. Good luck to all the boys, I have faith in each and every one of them!

Stay safe, take care of each other and thank you for your continued support,

M.Murray

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