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Dear Parents,

I hope and trust that you and all of your families are well.



With the P1, P2, P3 and Key workers' children all in school a sense of normality is returning. The children have settled back really well and I sincerely look forward to welcoming the P4 – P7 children very soon I hope! I congratulate you and your children – the younger children for settling back so well and the older children for their continued efforts with remote learning.

On Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our patron saint, Saint Patrick with a Green Day in school - lots of stories, singing, dancing and fun. P4 – P7 teachers will be posting various Saint Patrick related activities through Seesaw, maybe the children at home could join in with a Green Day at home and if you wish send a picture so that your teacher can share it with your class.

I will post a video Celebrating **SAINT PATRICK LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG** on Tuesday. I ask that children at home join in the prayer service.

There will be no school work on Saint Patrick's Day. On Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> P1 – P3 will return to school and P4 – P7 will continue remote learning.

I await further guidance from the Minister of Education with regard to return to school of all children. I will inform you when I know.

### **PRAYER OF SAINT PATRICK**

Christ with me  
Christ before me  
Christ behind me  
Christ in me  
Christ beneath me  
Christ above me  
Christ on my right hand  
Christ on my left hand  
Christ when I lie down  
Christ when I sit down  
Christ when I arise



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Christ in every heart that thinks of me  
Christ in every mouth that speaks of me  
Christ in every eye that sees me  
Christ in every ear that hears me  
I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity.



Below are a couple of **Seanfhocail**, (Irish proverbs) passed on to me by my dear mother. I think the wisdom in them is worth sharing at this time....

**Ní bhíonn aon rud ach seal.** (Nothing lasts forever)

**Ní neart go cur le chéile.** (Unity is strength)

**Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.** (We live in the shelter of one another)

On Saint Patrick's Day, and especially on this one, I ask God's blessing on all in our school community and on all of our family members and friends living in different parts of the world.

**Lá Fhéile Pádraig shona daoibh go léir.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs McNeice

