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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Welcome back everybody after our Easter Holidays - wasn't it just great to see some sunshine on many of the days. All classes have made a good start to the Summer Term - we look forward to many productive days ahead.

EASTER CELEBRATION

Our annual Easter event was held in the school on Thursday, March 26th. Well done to all our lucky winners who won fantastic prizes in our Monster Draw. A big thank you also to those who attended and supported the event on the day. They were thoroughly entertained by the 5th Class Drama and our School Choir.

Unwanted hamper baskets can be returned to the school - as a Green School we always reuse and recycle.

Thanks to all who helped to make the occasion such a success:

- Parents, Adrienne, Anne, Caitríona, Hazel, Hilary, Ingrid, Maria, Marie, Kathy, Michelle, Sinéad McN, Sinéad R and Susan who collected prizes beforehand, spent time in the school putting the hampers and prizes together and also organised the refreshments and raffle on the day.
- All school staff - especially Ms. Rafferty, Ms. Tierney & Ms. English.
- We thank those of you who donated raffle prizes, bought and sold so many tickets.
- A special mention to those Churchtown parishioners, past pupils and staff who regularly support our school.

The Raffle raised a total of **€1,733.00**. Those of you who were here on the day saw our beautiful new choir robes and sat on the new "toast-proof" chairs - some of the projects which would not have been possible without your support. Future fundraising initiatives will include upgrading IT in the school.

We also wish to thank most sincerely a number of people (who wish to remain anonymous) who sent in financial donations at Easter and during the past twelve months - you know who you are!

LOCAL RETAILERS WHO PROVIDED PRIZES FOR OUR EASTER DRAW:

Alan Kenneth Jewellers, Nutgrove S.C.

Book Station, Nutgrove S.C.

F.X. Buckley's, Nutgrove S.C.

Churchtown Stores, Braemor Road

David Cullen Jewellers, Nutgrove S.C.

Donovan Family Butchers, Rathgar

Hallmark, Nutgrove S.C.

Howards Way, Braemor Road

Lloyds Pharmacy, Nutgrove S.C.

Mr. B's, Nutgrove S.C.

Notionz Giftware, Nutgrove S.C.

Super Valu, Churchtown

Trespass Outdoor Clothing, Nutgrove S.C.

Vodafone, Leopardstown

Arch Bistro, Landscape Road

Bradley's Pharmacy, Landscape Road

Churchtown School of Motoring

Claire's Accessories, Nutgrove S.C.

Deeor Fashions, Nutgrove S.C.

Glenside Lounge, Landscape Road

Harry Corry's, Nutgrove Retail Park

Lloyds Pharmacy, Braemor Road,

Macari 66 Takeaway, Braemor Road

Nicholls Home Furnishing, Nutgrove S.C.

Quigley's, Nutgrove S.C.

Take Me Home Giftware, Nutgrove S.C.

Trimbles Flowers & Gifts, Nutgrove S.C.

The following donated items for our Bake Sale on 5th February last:

Baked, Dundrum Town Centre

Bijou Deli, Rathgar

Bretzel Bakery, Rathmines & Portobello

We thank all of the above for supporting our school and

ask you to support them in return.

NCBI's FILL THE VAN (28th - 29th APRIL).

Fill the Van returns again this year. Bags will be collected from our school at 9am on Thursday 30th April 2015. Bring unwanted clothing, sheets, towels, curtains, shoes, and handbags to the school on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th April, 8.30 am - 4.00 pm and on Thursday 30th, 8.30 am - 9.00 am only. Suitable items will be sold in the NCBI shops for the blind. The rest will be recycled so nothing is wasted. The school will be given €4 for every filled bag. We will also get a Green Certificate which will help us to keep our Green Flag for recycling. **BRING WHAT YOU CAN AND FILL THE VAN!**

TESCO COMMUNITY FUND - SUPPORT GOOD SHEPHERD N.S.

If you shop in Tesco, Nutgrove Shopping Centre, please ask for their blue goodwill tokens and put them in the container for Good Shepherd N.S. Every six weeks, money from the fund is shared out according to the number of tokens received. We are currently in 2nd place!

SPECIAL THANKS

- [We were delighted to welcome past pupils, Eoin Walsh and his brother Cian, to Good Shepherd N.S. recently. Eoin donated €200 worth of fantastic new sports items to the school. *Go raibh mile maith agat Eoin* from our current pupils who are enjoying using this equipment.

- [Rosaleen (Conlon) Finlay, a past pupil of Loreto G.N.S. Loreto Ave and a past employee of Premier (Hughes) Dairies, has given us a large framed aerial photo of our school, Hughes' buildings and the surrounding area taken in 1965. This photo hung in the reception area of the HB/Premier headquarters, which was across the road from our school, for many years. Many thanks Rosaleen. Coincidentally, Good Shepherd N.S. staff member, Colette Nulty, who previously worked in Premier Dairies, can hardly believe that the same photo that she passed every day in Premier's reception area will soon be hanging on the main corridor in GSNS. Those of you who have ties with HB/Premier might recognise it too.....

ACTIVE WEEK IN G.S.N.S. JUNE 8th - 12th

Active Week has been a great success in our school for the past few years. All of the children and staff have really enjoyed getting involved in the wonderful activities. This year we invite parents, grandparents or other family members, who may be interested, to the school to show and teach the pupils all about the yard games that you played as a child, marbles, hopscotch etc. These demonstrations will take place on Wed. June 10th, 1.00-2.30pm. We will ask you to send a text to Molly nearer the time as we will need to know numbers attending in advance.

BOOK RENTAL & SCHOOL FINANCES

- [**Book Rental:** Thank you to all those who participated in the School Book Rental Scheme this year. We are already starting to plan for next year. Please check your child's bag next week for information on next year's Book Rental Scheme which will be due by May 29th.
- [**Money owed:** If you still owe some money for swimming or extras on booklist from September 2014, please try to get this in to us as soon as possible before the Book Rental is due.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sheila FitzGerald - Principal

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

MON 4th	Bank Holiday	School closed
TUES 5th	School Holiday	School closed
SUN 17th	First Holy Communion	Good Shepherd Church, 12 noon
FRI 22nd	Referendum	School closed

