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Dear Parents/Guardians,
Thank you for your continued support this term. Wow!! We have been very busy over the last few months here in the school.

Firstly, let me congratulate you all on the very positive feedback received following our Parent/Teacher meetings on 25th November. I was delighted to hear how both home and school are collaborating together to ensure your children are receiving an outstanding education here in Good Shepherd N.S. Remember, if you need to discuss your child's progress in greater detail at any stage during the year please make an appointment with their teacher.

On behalf of all the staff of Good Shepherd N.S. I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh go léir

Ms. Veale



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas.....

Advent Ceremony



Fr. Brian Edwards joined us on Wednesday, 2nd December, for our Advent Ceremony. We gathered as a school in the hall to light the 1st purple candle on our Advent wreath. Thank you Fr. Brian for joining us to help us start our preparations for the season of Christmas.

Tuesday, December 8th

Last Tuesday pupils and teachers from 2nd – 6th celebrated the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** with our Parish community in the Church.



'A Christmas Celebration'

Thursday, 17th December at 11am.

You are all invited to the school hall next Thursday where we will all celebrate the story of Christmas together. Children from every class in the school have been practicing really hard to help retell the story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem through readings and music. Please join us next Thursday 17th at 11am for this celebration.

Memorial Mass, Tues. 5th Jan 2016.

Over the last year, our Good Shepherd school community has sadly lost three colleagues (Betty Dann, Helen Gallagher & Eddie Murphy).

Betty Dann was a dedicated S.N.A. who retired in 2011. After a number of years of ill-health she died on 29th May 2015.

Helen Gallagher taught the Junior Special class in Good Shepherd N.S. from 2000 until 2008 before she set up the Autism Early Intervention class. She retired (due to ill health) in 2014 and passed away on 25th June 2015.

Just before mid-term in October we lost our School Warden, Eddie Murphy. He was very popular with all our staff, children and parents. He worked with us here for the last two years.

May they all rest in Peace

We are having a Memorial Mass in Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday, 5th January 2016, at 7.15pm so that we can gather as a community to remember Betty, Helen, Eddie and our other colleagues, past pupils and parents. All are very welcome to join us for this vigil Mass.

Wednesday, January 6th

Every year we celebrate the Catholic **Feast of the Epiphany** on January 6th. On that day (weather permitting) our senior classes will be joining the congregation at 10am Mass in the Good Shepherd Church.



First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Well done to all the children in 2nd, 5th/6th, who are diligently preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year. Thank you to Mary McSweeney for helping the children prepare and liaise with the parish for the **Do This In Memory** services.



Trip to the Panto

Ms. Lynch and her class will visit the Gaiety Theatre on Tuesday next, 15th December, to see Little Red Riding Hood – 'He's behind you'!!!

