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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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We have come to the end of another fantastic year at Good Shepherd N.S. Hard to believe that this is our final newsletter of 2014/2015..... August 28th '14 when we returned to school after last summer seems just like yesterday!!

Active Flag

I think everybody has heard by now that we got our Active Flag after a very thorough inspection on Wednesday 17th June. Well done everyone for demonstrating great enthusiasm for all the activities organised over the past few years. A particularly big thank you to our Active Team and to Ms. McCormack who co-ordinated all the various events.

Summer Concerts June 18th 2015

Way back on April 2nd 2014 at the launch of our Silver Jubilee Celebrations we promised that these would continue until June 2015 - and we kept our word! The last event to mark the end of our 25th Anniversary saw every pupil of Good Shepherd N.S. given the opportunity to 'tread the boards' on June 18th - and weren't they all just great. Thanks to all who contributed to a very enjoyable day and a special 'Go raibh maith agat' to our Drama teacher Aoife Reilly.

Book Rental

Thank you to all who have decided to take part in our School Book Rental Scheme 2015/2016. Books for next year have already been sourced and ordered. If you still wish to join the scheme please contact us by June 30th, otherwise you will be requested to purchase extra texts for your child in September. Please contact Ms. Veale or Ms. Tierney for details.

Primary Online Database (POD)

Thank you for returning your child's blue POD form so promptly. As mentioned in the covering note, this information is required from us by the Department of Education & Skills. If you are one of the few parents who have not returned this form, please do so as soon as possible.

Slán le Rang a 6

On Thursday last the children of 6th Class joined the congregation at 10.00am Mass in the Good Shepherd Church to mark their Graduation. A Graduation Ceremony also took place that evening in the school hall. After a Thanksgiving Service the children were presented with a Certificate of Achievement on completion of their primary school education as well as gifts from the school and the Parents' Association. Afterwards we enjoyed some light refreshments together to end a very special celebration. Both parents and staff are very proud of our graduates of 2015 and we wish them all the very best in their new schools.



Tiny Tots & Angels Care Graduation Tiny Tots Pre-School and Angels Care Montessori also had their graduation ceremonies this week. They looked so grown up as they performed on the stage. We look forward to welcoming many of them here to 'big school' on August 31st.

Parents' Association A very big thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association for their great fundraising initiatives on behalf of the school throughout the year. Also thanks to those parents who participated in shared maths, céilí mór, lunchtime keep fit with Maggie, yard games during active week and various other activities organised by Ms. Tierney, our Home School Community Liaison Teacher.

Many Talents.... Well done to all our young artists, stars of the stage, choir, quiz teams, entrepreneurs, consistent winners of yard certs, the student council, the green school committee, those who won students of the year, caring and humanitarian awards, those who got Friday prizes, every pupil who was in the praise book during the year, those who participated in the challenging activities programme, Owls programme, those who helped and supported others and those who went that extra mile to help make the Good Shepherd N.S. the very special place that it is today.

'Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí'

Sporting Shepherds Our pupils enjoyed Soccer, Gaelic Football, Aerobics, Dance, Hurling, Handball, Tag Rugby, Short Tennis, Basketball, Athletics, Swimming, Golf, Cricket, Fundamental Movement Skills and Frisbee. We didn't win any silverware this year but nonetheless enjoyed the competitions that we entered. We enjoyed meeting other schools in the soccer, football blitz and cross country events and also in the friendly games. Well done to all who participated in our sporting activities throughout the year.

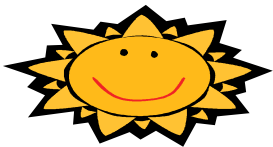
Summer Camps at Good Shepherd N.S.

- [Karl Russell who takes after-school short tennis classes here every Tuesday is running two Summer Camps in the school, one for 3 days, Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July and the other for 5 days, from Monday 13th to Friday 17th July. Telephone Karl (087 9972027) for details.
- [Unfortunately, the Camp planned by Ms. Rafferty and Ms. Toolis can't go ahead due to lack of numbers.

Go Raith Maith Agaibh Thanks to the families, relatives and friends of our pupils for your support this year for the many initiatives undertaken in the school - Paired Reading, Maths for Fun, Story Sacks, Toy Library, Fill the Van, Trócaire, Old Mobile Phone and Battery collection, Sponsored Walk, Breakfast Club, Homework Club, Cool Dudes Cookery Course with 5th Class pupils and their Parents, Big Breakfast for Junior & Senior Infants and their families, collecting used postage stamps for the missions, Easter Celebration, Raffles, Communion Day refreshments, football match supporters and lots more.....

A Last Word..... We appreciate all of your support in our work with your children throughout the past year. Thanks to everybody on the Good Shepherd team for their dedication and commitment to the children in our care. Also, thanks to Mr. Boland and the Board of Management for their support.

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer holiday with lots of sunny days - bainigí taithneamh as na laethanta saoire agus tá súil againn go mbeidh an ghrian ag taithneamh gach uile lá!



Sheila FitzGerald - Principal

TUESDAY, June 30th

Summer Holidays

School closed 12.15pm

WED 1st - FRI 3rd & MON 13th - FRI. 17th July

Summer Camps

Details above

SUNDAY, July 19th

Teddy Bears Picnic

1.00pm - 5.00pm, Blackrock Park

See www.dlrevents.ie

MONDAY, August 31st

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

8.50 am