

# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach another end of academic year, I cannot thank you enough for all of your support.

We have continued to develop our new curriculum and it has been a pleasure to see the children grow from strength to strength in their knowledge and understanding of a range of subjects. It was lovely to read their comments on their reports, many children have enjoyed design & technology, art and PE. Year 5 mentioned the opportunity to run a French Cafe and learn a brass instrument. Reception children have settled extremely well and this was reflected in their end of year outcomes. Phonics showed great progress. Year 2 completed some really tricky tests whilst Year 3 showed some fantastic knowledge in all areas of the curriculum. Year 4 came in early mornings and did extremely well in their multiplication tests, whilst Year 5 have shone through in their learning behaviours and reading. As they leave on Friday we also say well done to Year 6! We know Year 6 is a challenge but we have been so proud of all of your hard work this year! Well done everyone!

We have had so many wonderful opportunities this year; twelve nativity performances, a farm visit, a trip to the seaside, sleepovers, Viking, Roman and Greek Day and residential in both Years 5 and 6. Walkathon, bowling and fundraising. Children from all years have entered sporting events over the year and together with Mrs Maddison we have managed to achieve the Platinum School Games Award! Children have participated in a number of services across the Diocese and we have had a range of services in school. A large number sang this year at Becket Fest. None of these would ever be possible if it were not for the dedication and organisation you yourselves provide, preparing costumes, dropping children and collecting them.

We have had a renewed Parent Teacher Association, TGS PTA, who have provided a number of Friday Stalls, gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day and Discos for all. They have provided breakfast for Year 6 and wonderful leaver's gifts. We have supported some charities, Cynthia Spencer, Air Ambulance, McCarthy Dixon, to name a few.

Add into the mix a Catholic Schools Inspection a few weeks before the end of the academic year! The report captures the hard work of the entire school community. It belongs to each one of our stakeholders; children, staff, Rhino Sports Academy, Local Academy committee, OLICAT, Directors, Diocese and you the parents and carers.



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So, as we end our school year, we would like to say a huge thanks to each and every one of you for your support. We know a few of you will be saying goodbye because your last child will be moving on to secondary school. We especially thank you for giving us the privilege of teaching your children, and in some cases older siblings and remember the door is always open!

Not only do we say goodbye to our Year 6 on Friday but also to Miss Rose, Miss Dougan, Mrs O Key, Miss Baggott and Mrs Smith.

We would like to thank all of our colleagues for their years of dedication and as I said to the Year 6 children, it is not goodbye, just look at it as an opportunity to sprinkle a little bit of Good Shepherd across a few more schools and organisations.

Have a wonderful summer break!

God bless,

Mrs Carmel Dodds  
Headteacher

