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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another academic year, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate all of our achievements, big and small. 2024 has been a year filled with remarkable growth and learning for our students. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their hard work, dedication and support throughout the year. Together, we make St.Teresa's N.S. a wonderful place to learn and grow!

The following is the class and teacher allocation for September 2024:

Junior & Senior Infants: Ms. Walsh

First & Second Class: Mrs. O'Connell
(Team Teaching support for Literacy & Numeracy)

Third Class: Ms. Laide & Ms. Kearney

Fourth Class: Ms. Conway

Fifth & Sixth Class: Ms. Hogan
(Team Teaching support for Literacy & Numeracy)

SET: Ms. Cunningham & Ms. Falvey

Shared SET: Ms. Higgins

School Calendar: School will re-open on Wednesday 28th August 2024 for all pupils. A school calendar will be issued next week and will be available on Aladdin.

Free Book Scheme: The scheme will run again this year and will see all books, workbooks and copies supplied by the school for your children. Unfortunately, the grant does not cover the total cost of all classroom & school supplies. A class list will follow on Aladdin.

Book Return: Rented school books will be collected early next week. All books should be returned in good condition. Please ensure you return all school books if you are going on holiday **before Friday 21st June.**

Report Cards: All report cards will be released on Aladdin on Friday 14th June. If you would like to speak to the class teacher in relation to these, please contact the office on 06671 35633 to make an appointment.

Heritage Hunters Award: Congratulations to Fifth Class, Ms. Laide and Ms Kearney on achieving HIGHLY COMMENDED for their Heritage Hunters Project. The project, based on Tobar Floinn, is on display in the Kerry County Museum. A special word of thanks to John Flaherty for his help with this wonderful project.

Five-in-a-Row: We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded our FIFTH Amber Flag from Pieta House. The Flag is awarded to schools who engage in activities to promote an ethos of positive mental health. Well done to our committee of fantastic pupils and all the staff for embracing this initiative.

Uniform Swap Shop: The Parents' Association will once again host the uniform-swap shop. This is an excellent opportunity to recycle and re-use good quality second-hand uniforms. More information with dates to follow.

School Tours: All classes have enjoyed their school tours, which have been taking place over the last few weeks.

The Lunch-Bag: Children can continue to order lunches from the Lunch-Bag up until Friday 21st June. We have applied for the Hot School Meals Programme and are awaiting further correspondence.

Sports Day: We had a very successful sports day this year. This would not have been possible without the support of our Parents' Association who sponsored the bouncy castle and the ice-cream! Thank you, also to Crotta GAA for the use of their facilities for the day.

Swimming: Children from first to sixth class have completed five weeks of swimming lessons with Tralee Sports Complex. Their last lesson will take place on Monday 17th June.

Cycle Right: The children in fifth and sixth class completed this cycling programme with trainer, Pat Clifford. It was an amazing programme, one the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Infant Open Day: Our new infants enjoyed a small taste of school life last Tuesday 11th June. A special thanks to Helen and Georgina for helping out on the day!

Sixth Class Graduation: Our Sixth class will be graduating on Monday 17th June. This is a very special day for both our students and their parents. We would like to wish all the boys and girls the very best in their future endeavours.

Transition Programme: The children in sixth class completed a four-week transition programme run by KDYS. Thanks to Joe for facilitating these workshops.

Scholastic Book Fair: This took place from April 17th- 24th and it was another roaring success this year with the school earning a reward balance of over €1000 worth of books from all purchases.

Sports: Well done to all the children who participated in the numerous sporting events throughout the year. All children can be commended for their sportsmanship, dedication and never-say-die attitude on the football, hurling and soccer pitches, the basketball court and the athletics track.

Thank you to the numerous coaches and parent volunteers who generously gave their time to help train and coach our teams. A special Thanks to Danny Diggins, Jo Slattery, Seán McGrath and Jerome O Sullivan.

Tralee Magic Basketball: Coaches from Tralee Magic Basketball Club have been putting Junior & Senior Infants and our First & Second class through their

paces for the last month. The children have had great fun while learning all the skills of basketball. Tralee Magic will be running basketball academies for under six to under ten. (Please see the flyer on Aladdin)

Primary School Sports Final: Superb performances from all our athletes who competed in the finals of the Primary School Sports in Castleisland on Wednesday 12th June. Saoirse Russell placed 2nd in 100m, Keeva Kelliher placed 5th in the 500m, Michael-Óg Lynch placed 4th in the 100m and Cody McKenna placed 2nd in the 100m. Our relay team of Cody McKenna, Michael-Óg Lynch, Fionn Cashell and Charlie Ryan in 3rd & 4th earned themselves a silver medal.

Kerry Mountain Rescue: Thank you to Kerry Mountain Rescue, who came to our school on Thursday 13th June to give a talk to fifth class about safety when hiking. Barry spoke about the Rescue Team and Mount Brandon.

Hike to Sás Creek: Fifth class will go on a hike to Sás Creek, Brandon Point on Tuesday 18th June, led by three experienced members of the Kerry Mountaineering Group. Thanks to the Parents' Association for their donation towards the cost of the bus.

Water Safety: Next week is Water Safety Awareness Week. TJ McCarron from Ballybunion Coastguard will visit the school next Friday to talk to the children about safety around water.

On Monday, all classes will engage in an online lesson on water safety, teaching children how to be safe around water. These tips will make it a safe summer for children in our care.

Summer Holidays: The school will close at 12pm on Friday 21st June for all children.

Finally, we would like to wish all our students and families a wonderful, happy and safe summer. A warm goodbye to all our sixth class who are moving on to secondary school and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 28th August.

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Nora Falvey