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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The year 2015 - 2016 has ended on a very sad note for St. Joseph's CBS Primary School Community with the passing of teacher Mr. Peter O Reilly, a loss which has been particularly felt by the staff and pupils of our school. The nature of the illness and the rapidity at which our dear teacher and colleague was taken from us made it a very difficult and emotional time. That sense of loss will not fade easily but we must take consolation from the gifts that "Mr. Reilly's" presence as a teacher brought to life in St. Joseph's, his modest, caring, gentle nature; his loyalty and dedication to the best interests of pupils and colleagues being examples of a great human being whose life was so immersed in the day to day world of St. Joseph's. Undoubtedly the dignity and honour shown by our boys at the prayer services and the funeral mass were a true reflection of that special regard in which Mr. O' Reilly was held.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. May his soul rest in God's presence.

In the shadow cast by this sad event we must acknowledge the very positive year of learning and growth towards maturity that has been ongoing within the walls of St. Joseph's. The work efforts of the pupils in each year has been very commendable and along the path of learning there has been a good deal of fun to be enjoyed as well. After-school activities were also very much part of the school year and the introduction of the school free-lunches has continued to be much appreciated, and not just by the boys!

During this final term the school has successfully achieved the awarding of the fifth Green Schools Flag, the Active Schools Flag and the Junior Entrepreneurs Flag all of which take a very significant and sustained effort on behalf of pupils and staff if they are to be awarded. Beir bua gach dune!

The school kitchen continues to be enthusiastically visited and as well as being a most educationally worthwhile exercise in itself, it also provides an added incentive for the pupils to deliver that extra focus required so as other academic tasks are completed to exacting standards! What's that they say about the way to a man's heart? Something to do with food?

It's time now also to bid a special farewell to our 6th class pupils who have given a really good account of themselves this year. It has been a

