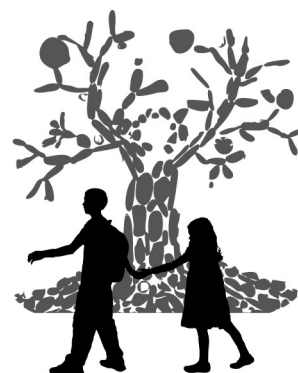


# Gorey Educate Together National School

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**Tuesday 23rd September: Chess Club** resumes, 2.30-3.30pm every Tuesday. For pupils in 2nd-6th classes.

**Thursday 25th September: 'Open Classroom'** event. 10.50-11.20am: Jacinta, Maeve & Patrick's classes. 1pm-1.30pm: Junior and Senior Infants. 1.30pm-2pm: 1st and 2nd classes. 2pm-2.30pm: 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes. You are invited to spend some (more) time with your child's class during our **Open Classroom** event. This is a short, informal event for available parents & guardians.

**Friday 26th September:** Final date for return of the optional **Pupil Personal Accident Insurance** form.

**Sunday 28th September:** Annual Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Sponsored Walk. 2pm, Courstown Woods. Theme: *Gruffalo Hunt!* (Fancy dress is optional.) See attached sponsorship card. Children remain under the care of their parents/guardians throughout this event.

**'Sing out Loud!' at Wexford Opera House:** Good luck to 4th, 5th and 6th classes as they begin to prepare for this event. Date, etc. to be confirmed. Details to follow...

**Head Lice and Threadworms** are relatively common amongst young children. Parents are asked to help minimise the spread - please make regular checks and seek advice from your GP, chemist or other healthcare practitioner. Encourage hand washing.

*Playground Fun: current optional activities include 'phones' and 'loopy bikes.'*



## **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Parent Class Rep News:**

**The PTA AGM will take place at the school on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm.** All parents/guardians and staff are invited to attend. The AGM involves a review of our year's activities and the presentation of our financial report. There are also a number of vacancies on the PTA committee - if anyone is interested in getting more involved, please come along to the AGM or contact me on 086 822 5785.

*Siobhan Smyth, Chairperson, PTA*

**Winter Fair Appeal:** 'We need you Parents!' Key roles need to be filled by you for the Winter Fair to go ahead! Can you organise crafts or run the coffee shop? Organise activities on the day? This is a SHOUT OUT to you all! If you'd like the Winter Fair to happen again, come on board and help it happen! Please give your name to the school office by next Tuesday 30th September. Many thanks. Please contact us with any queries.

*Anne Synnott (086 334 0691) and*

*Carol Ruth (087 211 7250), Parent Class Reps*

**Sewing Classes for Parents:** Six Tuesday Mornings, 9-10am in the parent room at the school. Starting on Tue 30th of September. A parent at our school has generously volunteered her time to teach parents, (that includes Dads too!) sewing stitches & skills, such as applique. 8 places available to those who put their names down first. Please note that the skills taught to the parents will be passed on to the children in class. Parents must be willing to come & spend time in a class showing the children how to sew. There is no charge for this course. Please give your name to the school office or contact me with any questions.

*Carol Ruth (087 211 7250), PTA Committee*

**After-School Science:** Due to high demand for 'Junior Einsteins,' a few extra places are now available. Please drop bookings to the school office. Beginning 2nd October for 8 Thursdays.

**Board of Management news:** There is currently one vacancy on the school's Board of Management. **Nominations and election will take place immediately after the Parent Teacher Association's AGM (see above), i.e. at 8pm on Tuesday 14th October at the school.** All parents & guardians are invited to attend.

Given the current vacancy, and as per the *Constitution of Boards and Rules of Procedure (2011)*, to ensure the widest possible representation, if practicable, the person elected should be the mother of a child/children enrolled in the school. Term of the current Board runs to November 2015. Meetings generally take place once a month.

*Sarah Anderson, Patron's Representative,  
Board of Management GETNS.*