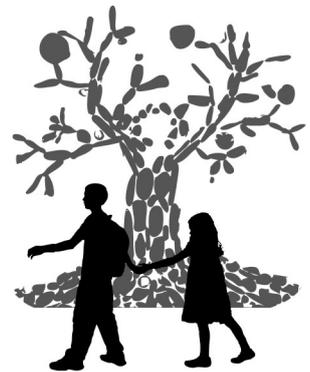


# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*



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## Parent-Teacher Meetings

Free-of-charge minding service (for the duration of your meetings only) available in the school PE hall 2.30-3.30 on Tuesday 24th & 2.30-4.30pm on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th Nov, (the busiest afternoons.)

Otherwise, the children should stay in or near the classroom during their parents' meeting — they remain under the care of their parents or guardians during these times. Pupils: No unsupervised wandering around the school (activity room, multi-sensory room, playgrounds, etc.)

**Tuesday 24th November:** Tag rugby coaching for the senior classes via Leinster Rugby, (6 Tuesdays in total.)

**Friday 27th November:** Presentation of National Flag to the school by members of the Defence Forces as part of the *Ireland 2016 State Commemorative Programme*.

**Monday 21st December:** Some end-of-year songs & poems, performed by the children of the school. (Times will be confirmed in next week's newsletter.)

**Tuesday 22nd December: End of Term. Classes finish at 12.15 (infants) and 12.30 (1st-6th.)** No after-school supervision session. School buses depart at 12.30 - infants using buses and infants with older siblings will be supervised until 12.30. **School reopens to pupils Wednesday 6th January 2016.**



**Safety First!** The children should always wear **sturdy, non-slip footwear** to school. Footwear should be suitable for the full range of daily school activities (playground games, PE, etc.)

**Be careful!**  
Once it's said,  
the web is fed.  
Say **NO** to cyberbullying.



**Parents: please continue to supervise your child's mobile phone and internet usage.**

## **Winter Weather      Visit [www.winterready.ie](http://www.winterready.ie)**

Parents are asked to plan for the following possibilities:

^Delayed school opening. Classes would begin one hour later than usual (at 9.50am) and end at the usual times. (If necessary, all infants can be supervised until 2.30pm.)

^Full school closure.

Any decision to delay opening or to close the school would be communicated as follows. (Please be aware that one or more methods could fail.)

1. Text message via *Text-a-Parent*.
2. Notice on school website.
3. Notice on local radio - *South East Radio*.
4. Voice message on school telephone.

Parents should not 'phone the school mobile, as this will be used to contact bus operators, staff, Gardaí, etc.

*Even if the school can open as normal, any decision to travel (or to use school buses) during severe weather rests with individual families.*

**2015-2016: 'BUS EIREANN WILL NOT OPERATE SCHOOL BUSES IN AN AREA AFFECTED BY A STATUS RED WEATHER WARNING.'** Therefore, given our large catchment area and the high number of our pupils who use bus services, GETNS is likely to remain closed during any **status red weather warning for Co. Wexford.**



*Last Friday's Junior Assembly: 'People Who Help Us'*

## Winter Fair, Sunday 6th December, 2pm—5pm at the school.

The parent reps & parents are working hard with the teachers & pupils to create all sorts of wonderful crafts for the Winter Fair. Thank you so much to all the parents who have been coming into the classes at agreed days and times, you have been fantastic!

Behind the scenes the Winter Fair committee have been having weekly meetings at the school. They have been really great giving up their time to make this Winter fair happen. Themes involving polar bears and tents, how much coffee will we need? Cakes! We need lots of cakes! As always :- ) music, songs, crafts, stories and activities are all being talked about and arranged. It's very exciting!

Many thanks to Raymond and all the staff so far! We really appreciate your help & cooperation in accommodating all the crafting and our comings & goings.

We can't forget all the wonderful pupils! Thank you guys :-)

**We are not finished yet!** Lots of crafting still to do and many of the classes will need help. It's great fun going into the classes and helping out. All the children enjoy it so much and it's great to spend time with the children in their classrooms. It's lovely to meet other parents and get to know more children in the classes.

Would you consider coming in over the next two weeks to help?

We'd love to see you!

Email us at [goreyeducatetogetherpta@gmail.com](mailto:goreyeducatetogetherpta@gmail.com)

Text Anne at 0863340691

*Helpers Needed to build a Winter Fair igloo with milk cartons! Please contact Carol on 087 211 7250*

### PARENT CRAFT STALL

We think it would be a great idea to give all the parents a chance to show off their own crafts!

Could you help coordinate a parent stall?

We'd love to have a parent join the team to organise this.

### DONATIONS

You can help out by donating materials listed here

**MATERIALS.** nylon tights...cotton wool balls...newspapers...ribbons...wool...lolly pop sticks  
wooden clothes pegs...glue...paint...little pom poms...socks plain white plain red plain brown  
wiggly eyes...feathers...cardboard...cardboard milk cartons orange juice cartons  
3ltr and 2ltr plastic milk jugs need about 500 will put up an advert on fb to collect them also  
wine bottle corks...birdseed...toilet/kitchen roll holders...clean socks any colour  
old t-shirts...buttons big and small

**CAKES.** Who can make a scrumptious cake to sell in the coffee shop on the day? We know there are some wonderful bakers out there. Donate a cake please:-) leave at school on Fri 4th December or bring along on the day.

**RAFFLE.** Who doesn't love a raffle?! So far we have some great prizes donated by parents. Do you have a raffle prize you'd like to donate? A voucher? A bottle of wine? Chocolates? A cake? You know what people like in raffles :- ) help us out and donate prize! Let us know as soon as possible!

Last but not least it's **COFFEE MORNING TIME AGAIN!**

*Friday 27th November in PE hall Parent coffee & cake @ 9am*

The Winter Fair committee & parent reps will be there ready to welcome you!

All parents are very welcome to come along

Feel free to bring some baking! See? Cakes! We're always on about cakes :-)

*Many, many thanks from the Winter Fair Committee.*

Winter Fair Crafting  
with Parents  
(First Class)

