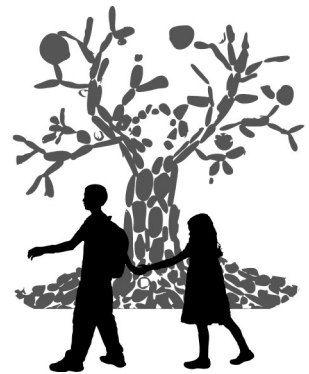


# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*



Principal's Newsletter

6th September 2016

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Again this year, whenever possible, we will issue newsletters & general notes on **Tuesdays**. Please check the schoolbag! Newsletters are also uploaded to the school website. [All junior and senior infants receive newsletters. Thereafter, it's one newsletter per family – to the youngest pupil.]

Important: Fully completed '**contact/medical forms**' should be returned to the school tomorrow, unless no information has changed since last year. E.g. the phone numbers that the school should contact when a child is ill or has a mishap.

Please keep the **School Calendar & updated Code of Behaviour** booklet in a safe place, for reference during the year. These were distributed last week. Spares are available from the office. The booklet is also available on our website.

Return the optional **Pupil Personal Accident Insurance** form along with payment, to the school by 28th September 2016. (We cannot process late applications.) For further info about the scheme visit [www.allianz.ie/Other\\_Products/Schools/Pupil-Personal-Accident](http://www.allianz.ie/Other_Products/Schools/Pupil-Personal-Accident)



**Junior Infants will have classes until 1.30pm each day beginning Thursday 15th September.** David & Edel will walk the children to the front of the building. (From the 15th, infants should be collected from their classrooms on rainy days only.)

# WELCOME

*Welcome back everyone! And a very special welcome to all our new pupils, their families and to our new staff members. Wishing everyone a wonderful school year.*

*Raymond Swan, Principal*

## Teachers and Special Needs Assistants, September 2016

Special class for children with autism: Jacinta Hayes, Edel Hogan, Ewa Minias, Helen Quinn.

Special class for children with autism: Laura Connick, Niamh Murphy, Lisa O'Connor, Loyola Meireles.

Junior Infants: Edel McDevitt

Junior Infants: David O'Shea, Mary Kinsella

Senior Infants: Mary Foley

Senior Infants: Suzanne Keane

First Class: Lynn Reddy

First Class: Michelle Doyle, Caitriona O'Neill

Second Class: Andrea Maher, Sue Balfe

Second Class: Daire Gohery, Katryna Maciulskyte Kinsella

Third Class: Deirdre Hogan

Third Class: Fergus Lacey

Third Class: Catriona Lane, Teresa Carey, Anna Caria

Fourth Class: Brian Quigley, Jill Scragg

Fourth Class: Deirdre Flynn

Fifth Class: Laura Dagger

Fifth & Sixth Class: Martina Ivory, Pauline Carroll

Sixth Class: Brendan Breen, Ken Blackmore

Learning Support and Resource Teaching: Orla Comerford, Helen Flynn, Mairéad Jordan, Anna Wolohan, Imelda Wright, Louise Redmond, Patricia Sheil, Padraig Parle, Anna-May Egan

Special Pre-School Class for Children Autism: Patrick Cashman, Sarah Jane Dowse, Ewa Minias

## Whole-School Charter

During 2016 the children on our School Council worked with the Principal in identifying priorities for the school community. Questionnaires were used in some classrooms, and the results of a parental survey on Social, Personal and Health Education at our school were also referred to. The need to convert knowledge and words into everyday actions was also discussed: *Action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely day dreaming, but vision with action can change the world* – Nelson Mandela.

The resulting Whole-School Charter is as follows:

Gorey Educate Together NS – Vision with Action: 'A safe place.' 'Friendship and happiness!' 'Respect for everyone.' 'Our best teaching and learning!' 'A bully-free school.'

This whole-school charter will be promoted through school activities and publications. It will offer guidance to the school community as we engage in the development of Classroom Charters and other undertakings.

