

# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

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**Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December:** Parent Teacher Meetings. See appointment letters from the teachers.

**Tuesday 28th November, 7.30pm:** Parent Teacher Association committee meeting. All are welcome.

**Friday 1st December, 9am:** Coffee Morning for Parents. All are welcome.

**Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th December:** Vaccination Team visits the school. (Junior Infants.) See appointment letters from the vaccination team.



**Sunday 10th December:** International Winter Fair at Gorey Educate Together NS.

**Wednesday 20th December:** End of year songs, poems, etc. by Infants, 1st and 2nd classes.

**Thursday 21st December:** End of year songs poems, etc. by 3rd-6th classes.

**Friday 22nd December:** End of Term. Infants finish at 12:15. Older classes at 12:30. School reopens Monday 8th January.

**After-School Art:** last class Monday 11th December.

## Parent-Teacher Meetings

**Appointment letters for meetings were issued last week: please check the school bags.**

Free-of-charge minding service (for the duration of your meetings only) available in the school library from 2.30pm –4.00pm on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November, (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.)

## **Cottage Autism Network Upcoming Event: 'Anxiety & Autism'**

A talk for parents and professionals by Davida Hartman, Senior Educational & Child Psychologist, Author, The Children's Clinic.

Davida will be talking about anxiety, and how and why it can be such a challenge for people with autism. She will also present practical methods for how to reduce anxiety (either by themselves or with the support of teachers, staff, parents or carers.)

**Tuesday 5th December @ 10.30am to 12.30pm**

**Venue:** Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford

**Cost:** €7 for CAN Members and €10 for Non- CAN Members

**Book your tickets:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/davida-hartman-talks-about-anxiety-and-autism-tickets-39671534628>

**Additional info :** Contact Saskia @ 085 189 1077

## **'What is Fragile X?'**

Fragile X is the most common identifiable, inherited cause of intellectual disability. It is estimated to occur in 1 in 4000 males and 1 in 6000 females.

'Fragile X syndrome is associated with varying degrees of intellectual disability. As it is a genetically inherited condition, when one child in a family is diagnosed with Fragile X, there are enormous implications for the parents and brothers and sisters of that child. Indeed there are implications for many other relatives of the wider family circle as they may also be carriers of, or affected by, the syndrome.'

**Date: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Venue: Gorey Community School, Esmonde Street, Gorey.**

**Time: 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker - Tracy M Stackhouse, MA, OTR, Occupational Therapist.**

**Booking on [www.ecwexford.ie/courses](http://www.ecwexford.ie/courses)**

For parents, teachers, SNAs and others.

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA) After-School Activities



Mondays, from 4th December: **Baking**, Anne Synnott, Infants 1.30-2.30pm & 1st-6th classes 2.30-3.30pm. €40 for 8 Mondays.

Mondays, from 8th January: **Art**, Niamh Murphy and Louise Redmond, 1st-6th classes only, 2.30-3.30pm. €40 for 8 Mondays.

Tuesdays, from 21st November: **Arts & Crafts**, Olive Doherty, Infants 1.30-2.30pm only. €40 for 8 Tuesdays.

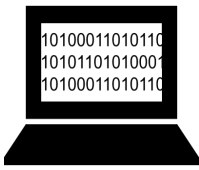
Wednesdays, from 29th November: **Zumba & Dance**, Lisa Keogh, Infants 1.30-2.30pm & 1st-6th classes 2.30-3.30pm. €40 for 8 Wednesdays.

Thursdays, from 7th December: **Brick Club**, Olive Doherty, Infants 1.30-2.30pm & 1st-6th classes 2.30-3.30pm. €40 for 8 Thursdays.

Thursdays, from 7th December: **Computer Coding/Scratch**, Fergus Lacey, 3rd-6th classes only. €40 for 8 Thursdays.

General questions about PTA After-School Activities? Please check the newsletters on the school website or visit the PTA Facebook page. Avoid telephoning or dropping into the school office. Thanks. (If you still can't find the information you are looking for, email ptaafterschool@gmail.com or text the parent volunteer 087-2117250.)

Please note - a sibling discount of €5 applies if you have more than one child attending an activity i.e. €50 for first child, €45 for 2nd child. Also, a Multi-Activity discount of €5 applies if your child attends more than one activity i.e. full price for first activity, 2nd activity has €5 discount



To enrol in any of the above activities, please send an envelope with payment (Cash or Cheque payable to 'Gorey Educate Together PTA') to the school office, along with a fully completed booking form. (See below.) Places will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis, beginning tomorrow. (Minimum and maximum numbers apply.) **If you submit a booking form and payment, please assume that your child has a place on the activity. (You will only be contacted by the PTA if the activity is over-booked.)**



• *from the PTA Committee.*

### Parent Teacher Association After-School Activities Booking Form:

Child/Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children's Classes & Teachers \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: '3rd class — Deirdre')

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Mobile Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Activity/Activities Being Booked \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed € \_\_\_\_\_

Junior & Senior Infants only: Will child travel home by school bus? Yes No

(If yes, child will be escorted to bus.)

Please submit form, along with payment, in an envelope to the school office.

**Running Club 2nd – 6th classes** Next sessions postponed until the New Year. Details to follow during January or February.



'Emotions' assembly by Junior Infants. Winter Fair craft making in Patrick's class.