



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

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## Teachers and Special Needs Assistants, August 2018

Junior Infants: Mary Foley

Junior Infants: Edel McDevitt, Caitriona O'Neill

Junior Infants: Lynn Reddy

Senior Infants: Deirdre Hogan, Teresa Carey (Mary's current class)

Senior Infants: Suzanne Keane, (Edel's)

First Class: Orla Comerford, Anna Caria (David's)

First Class: Michelle Doyle, Katryna Kinsella (Suzanne's)

Second Class: To be confirmed (Laura's current class)

Second Class: Daire Gohery, Jill Scragg (Muireann's)

Third Class: To be confirmed (Daire's)

Third Class: Fergus Lacey (Lynn's)

Fourth Class: Mairead Jordan, Sadie Harpur (Fergus')

Fourth Class: Louise Redmond, Sue Balfe (Deirdre Hogan's)

Fifth Class: To be confirmed (Deirdre Flynn's current class)

Fifth Class: Brendan Breen (Katie's)

Sixth Class: Teacher To Be Confirmed, Pauline Carroll/Mary Kinsella (Mairead's)

Sixth Class: Brian Quigley (Brendan's)

Special Class for Children with Autism: Patrick Cashman, Ken Blackmore, Ewa Minias, Niamh Murphy, Lisa O'Connor

Special Class for Children with Autism: David O'Shea, Edel Hogan, Majella McGovern, Annette O'Shea.

Special Class for Children with Autism: Martina Ivory, Paula Byrne, Sarah Jane Dowse, Helen Quinn.

Special Education Support Teachers: Imelda Wright, Patricia Sheil, Laura Dagger, Jacinta Hayes/Fiona Fay, Pdraig Parle, Catriona Lane/Chloe Carton, Others to be confirmed.

*Again this year, teacher & SNA recruitment in many schools will be finalised during late-June/July. An updated staff list will be posted on our website during July.*

Dear Pupils, Parents and Staff,

Welcome to my 37th (and final!) newsletter of the 2017-2018 school year - yet another rewarding year at GETNS. Together, we've accomplished so much since September!

Let's commend the children on their development over the past 10 months: the great thinking and learning, the kind-heartedness, the friendship and understanding, the mutual respect.

To the staff: thank you for the dedication and determination, the care, the flexibility and the creativity, day after day.

'Thank you' to the parents, guardians and grandparents who supported the school in so many different ways all through the year.

To the Board of Management, the Parent Teacher Association, the Parent Class Reps, the School Council: thank you! Your work was much appreciated.

This week we bid farewell to our tenth 6th class! We wish them every success and happiness. Keep in touch!

At the end of August we will welcome many new families to Gorey Educate Together. (Most of these families were referred to the school by you... Thanks!) For them (and for us!) let's all keep up 'our good work.'

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer,

*Raymond Swan  
Principal*

## AND...

Congratulations to pupils and staff on the awarding of a Plaque of Excellence to the school by Science Foundation Ireland in recognition of our work in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM.) The award was announced during Whole-School Assembly yesterday (Monday)!



The **Parent Teacher Association** invites families of incoming Junior Infants to join them at Gorey Town Park on Monday August 27th at 11am.

'This a great opportunity for the children to meet other children in their classes and for the parents also to mingle.'

A reminder will be posted on the Gorey Educate Together PTA Facebook page closer to the day.

It will be weather dependent and if cancellation is required this will be communicated through the PTA Facebook page.

PTA garden project



**Book Lists 2018 – 2019:** As usual, all books will be supplied in class. Please pay the full amount or €40 deposit by the end of June. A receipt is issued for all book payments. School reopens Thursday 30th August. Please pay the balance on your account by Monday 3rd September. This year, your child's books and supplies can only be passed on to their classteacher when the booklist has been paid for in full. Unfortunately, the school is not in a position to make any exceptions to the above.

Please help us to *keep* booklist totals as low as possible: **look after rental books very carefully and always return rental & library books to the school.** (Most rental books are in use in our older classes. Our younger classes use more workbooks.)

*Eligible families may wish to apply for the 'Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance': details available at Social Welfare, HSE and Citizens Information offices.*

**Payment methods:**

Bank Transfer: Gorey Educate Together NS, Account No: 03139099, Bank Sort Code: 93-36-43, AIB Bank, Main Street, Gorey, Co. Wexford. IBAN: IE24 AIBK 93364303139099 BIC: AIBKIE2D

Paypal: info@goreyeducatetogether.ie

Cheque: Payable to 'Gorey Educate Together NS'

Cash: Exact change only please - no cash kept on school premises.

For bank transfers and *Paypal*, please include details such as '**YOUR CHILD'S NAME books**' with the payment! (Additionally, you could email the payment explanation to the school office: [info@goreyeducatetogether.ie](mailto:info@goreyeducatetogether.ie))

**Booklist Totals 2018:** Junior Infants - €70.35, Senior Infants - €73.00, 1st Class - €96.84, 2nd Class - €99.79, 3rd Class - €98.79, 4th Class - € 81.64, 5th Class - €81.24, 6th Class - €81.24

**Tuesdays 29th May–26th June:** Swimming. Special classes.

**Wednesday 27th June:** School Tour to Kilruddery Estate. Third Classes.

**Wednesday 27th June, 7-9pm: Evening event in honour of 6th Class.** For 6th class & their parents. Recommended dress code for 6<sup>th</sup> class: 'smart casual.' (Nothing too 'grown-up' please! No make-up.)

**Thursday 28th June:** School Tour to Woodfield House, Oylegate. Junior Infants.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June: End of term. Classes finish at 12.15 (Infants) and 12.30 (1st–6th classes.) Please note that the school grounds/playgrounds will also close at 12.30.**

**Monday 2nd July–Friday 13th July:** July Programme for our Special Classes for Children with Autism. (Usual school times.)

**Saturday 7th July:** 'Courtown Colour Run,' in aid of Gorey Hockey Club. See [courtowncolourrun.com](http://courtowncolourrun.com)

**Thursday 30th August 2018:** First Day of School.

*Please check at home for school **Library Books, English books, rental books, etc.** Please return to the classteachers or the office.*

*Please check the school for **lost & found** clothing, etc. Items left after the end of term will be disposed of.*

**Summer Camps at Gorey Educate Together**

**First week of July: 'Summer Stars** will take place in Gorey Educate Together from July 2nd – July 6th 2018. 10am – 2.30pm for children aged 7 – 12. For more details see flyer on school noticeboards. Contact Louise Redmond: [summerstarsgorey@gmail.com](mailto:summerstarsgorey@gmail.com) or call 087-1624501.'

**Second Week of July: Starcamp Summer Camps.** See [www.starcamp.ie](http://www.starcamp.ie) for info. and bookings.

**After-school supervision** (1.30-2.30pm) for the new school year: Parents can now register their interest — please contact the office. In September, places will be allocated on the following basis:

1. Junior & Senior Infants who use our *Bus Éireann* approved school buses.
2. If places remain available, they will be allocated to infants with siblings in 1st–6th classes and who live a considerable distance from the school. Demand may exceed availability — families not using school buses should make contingency arrangements.

**Summer Stars Reading Programme**

Be a Summer Star!

Encourage your child or pupils to read during the summer months with our free Summer Stars Reading Programme. Children read 6 books during the summer to complete the challenge and collect fun rewards along the way. Open to all primary school children.

- From the staff at Gorey Library



**Inhalers, Emergency Medicines:** Please remember to take these home for the summer.