

Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

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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.

(Junior Infants: forms were already submitted during June.)

Please keep the **School Guide & Calendar** booklet in a safe place, for reference during the year. These were distributed last Tuesday. 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 25th September 2018. (We cannot process late applications.)

For further info about the scheme visit www.allianz.ie/schools



Junior Infants will have classes until 1.30pm each day beginning Monday 10th September. Lynn, Mary & Edel will walk the children to the front of the building. (From the 10th, infants should be collected from their classrooms on rainy days only.)

Homework Club has recommenced, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2nd-6th classes only. See letter from the organising teachers, (distributed last week.)

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 2018

Junior Infants: Mary Foley

Junior Infants: Edel McDevitt, Caitriona O'Neill

Junior Infants: Lynn Reddy

Senior Infants: Deirdre Hogan, Teresa Carey

Senior Infants: Suzanne Keane

First Class: Orla Comerford, Anna Caria

First Class: Michelle Doyle, Katryna Kinsella

Second Class: Sinéad O'Loughlin

Second Class: Daire Gohery, Jill Scragg/Celine Axinte

Third Class: Katie Dunbar

Third Class: Fergus Lacey

Fourth Class: Mairead Jordan, Sadie Harpur

Fourth Class: Louise Redmond, Sue Balfe

Fifth Class: Michaela Doyle Murphy

Fifth Class: Brendan Breen

Sixth Class: Elizabeth Nolan, Pauline Carroll/Mary Kinsella

Sixth Class: Brian Quigley

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, Muireann Morris, Róisín Franey, Andrea Maher

Join the PTA Committee!

The first Parent Teacher Association committee meeting of the school year will take place on Tuesday 11th September at 7.30pm in the school's Staff Room. The PTA Committee organises various events and activities throughout the school year e.g. school discos, after-school activities, coffee mornings, sponsored walk/treasure hunt, the Winter Fair, talks for parents and the annual 6th class graduation event. Funds raised by the PTA also go towards buses for special events, sports day and other school costs.

We are looking for additional volunteers to join our committee, and would particularly like parents or guardians representing the diverse nationalities and cultures in the school. We look forward to seeing you on the night!

- Terence White, PTA Chairperson

Parent Teacher Association After-School Activities

Tuesdays, from 18th September: **Glee Club**, Michelle Delmar, 4th–6th classes only, 2.30-3.30pm. €30 for 6 Tuesdays. *'Does your child love to sing? At Glee Club your child will receive weekly singing lessons from professional vocal coach, singer and choir director Michelle Delmar. Michelle will teach vocal exercises and techniques to help the children find and develop their voices in a relaxed and fun environment. Each week will consist of vocal coaching, learning songs and harmonies and working on performance tips and microphone technique. Glee Club invites all children from 4th, 5th and 6th classes to join in the fun!'*

Wednesdays, from 19th September: **Zumba**, Lisa Keogh, Junior & Senior Infants 1.30-2.30pm, 1st–6th classes 2.30-3.30pm. €30 for 6 Wednesdays. *'Lisa returns to us with her high-energy Zumba/dance classes.'*

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 that sibling discounts and multi-activity discounts are no longer available. Sorry.

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.