



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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Thank you very much for supporting our recent Winter Fair.

Special thanks to our volunteers for *all* their work before, during and after the event!

- from the PTA Committee

Wednesday 18th December: End of year songs, poems, etc. by Infants [**11.30am**], 1st and 2nd classes [**1.00pm**.]

Thursday 19th December: End of year songs poems, etc. by 3rd and 4th classes [**11.30am**], 5th and 6th classes [**1.00pm**.]

Please note that, to allow for set-up & rehearsals, the hall will only open to parents 10 minutes before each performance.

Photography/video: Please allow everyone to enjoy the live performances! Parents are asked to remain seated during the event or to film from the back of the hall, etc.

Normal school times for the children. (After the performances, parents can collect children from their classrooms if needed.) (Pupils can't attend the performances of their older sisters/brothers. All the classes will see each other perform on Friday.)

Friday 20th 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 Monday 6th January 2020.**

Krafty Kidz after-school Art & Crafts: Mondays, 1.30-2.30pm Junior & Senior Infants and 2.30-3.30pm 1st-6th classes. Beginning 13th January. Contact Krafty Kidz 087 4136905 for details.

After-School Fitness Club: Tuesdays. Contact the organising teachers (Lizzie Nolan, Fergus Lacey) for details.

The Brickx Club after-school Lego Club: Wednesdays, 1.30-2.30pm Junior & Senior Infants and 2.30-3.30pm 1st-6th classes. Beginning 15th January. Contact Brickx Club 086 0647911 for details.

TekCentral after-school computer classes: Thursdays. Contact www.tekcentral.ie for next starting date.

Creative Keyboards after-school music classes: Fridays. Contact www.creativekeyboards.ie for next starting date.

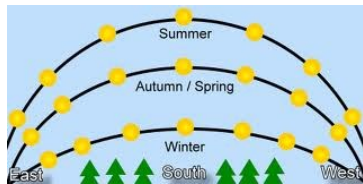
Science Fair finalists! Mangahigh Maths medal winner!



Lost and Found:
Please check the classrooms and our overflowing lost and found box. At the end of term leftover items will be taken to a Charity Shop or Recycling Centre.

Some festivals and events at this time of year: Can you match the event with one of the images below?

Advent	Hanukkah
Christmas	Hogmanay
New Year's Day	Ganjitsu (Japanese New Year)
Guru Singh's Birthday	Winter Solstice
	Diwali



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.

PTA Prize Draw: Raffle tickets will be on sale at the school on December 18th and 19th. All support much appreciated! Many thanks to all the local businesses that donated the prizes!



Winter Weather Visit 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 *Aladdin Schools*.
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.

'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 most likely to remain closed during any **status red weather warning** for **Co. Wexford**.

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