



# Gorey Educate Together National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire*

Principal's Newsletter

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**Wednesday 16th December:** Optional nasal flu vaccine at school, (2nd-6th classes. Consent forms distributed last week.)

**Tuesday 22nd December:** End of Term. Classes finish at

- 12.00 Collect junior and senior infants
- 12.20 School buses, walkers and cyclists
- 12.30 Drivers: Collect children with family names A - L.
- 12.40 Drivers: Collect children with family names M - Z.

Infants using the school buses will be supervised and escorted to their buses, as usual. **School reopens to pupils Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

The full school calendar is available on our website.

**Friday 18th December:** Whole-School Charity Fundraiser by our 6th Classes. **"Odd Shoes and Odd Socks Day."**

6th class have chosen the following charities to support: 'St Aidan's Services,' Gorey and 'Alone.'

Suggested donation on the day: €2 per child or €5 per family.

'You can be as colourful and funny as you like, but remember that your shoes and socks can't match: so maybe one white runner and one brown shoe, one red football sock and one white ankle sock, maybe even one green wellington boot and one pink flip-flop.'

It is all for fun, and it is a reminder to everyone that all differences are welcome in our Educate Together school.



### Educate Together Active Citizenship:

The children have been very busy the past few weeks preparing cards, letters, bookmarks and stories.

These will be sent to **local nursing homes**, along with some gift hampers from Permanent TSB. A lovely gesture from the classes involved, which will be sure to put a smile on some faces - Muireann, class teacher.

### Final Newsletter of 2020.

A positive and rewarding school term is coming to an end – and we have great optimism for 2021.

Best Wishes for the festive season to all Gorey Educate Together NS pupils, families and staff!

*Raymond Swan,  
Principal*

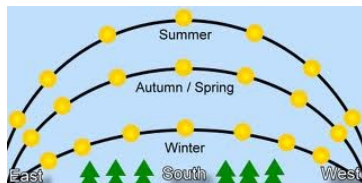
Drivers: Please turn off your engine when stopped at or near the school. Thank you.



**Lost and Found:** Please remind your child to 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?**

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



**Gifts for teachers and other staff?**

We would like to say that we neither encourage nor expect gifts from children/families.

We already feel supported and appreciated.

Also, this year, we all continue to do our best in terms of limiting contacts and limiting the passing of items from home to school and vice versa.

For the child who still wants to give something - a simple card (homemade or bought) with his/her thoughtful message written inside would be most welcome.



**Safety First!** The children should always wear **sturdy, non-slip footwear** to school. Footwear should be suitable for the full range of daily school activities (playground games, PE, etc.)



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**Parents: please continue to supervise your child's mobile phone and internet usage.**