



# OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER – 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020

### School Holidays 2020/2021

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

### School Queries

All queries relating to Olderfleet PS should, in the first instance, be directed to Mrs Montgomery in the school office. Contact [amontgomery187@c2kni.net](mailto:amontgomery187@c2kni.net) or the school office on 28 276524. Queries regarding school work can be directed to your child's class teacher via SeeSaw.

### Healthy Break

At Olderfleet PS we would encourage our pupils to bring a healthy break each day. There are many advantages of a healthy break and these include:

- Childhood is an important time to establish good eating and drinking habits for the future
- School healthy eating schemes give pupils the knowledge and opportunity to make healthier choices
- Studies have suggested that a healthy snack at breaktime can help with concentration
- It encourages suitable drinks and snacks and helps prevent tooth decay
- It helps to meet our target of five or more portions of fruit and veg per day



### Car Parking

We are still receiving complaints from our neighbours regarding the parking situation at drop-off and collection times for our pupils. We would urge you to use the car-parking facilities and avail of Mr Close to cross your child safely across the road. **Please refrain from parking on Portland Road as there are cars blocking access to resident's properties. We would also remind you that the double yellow lines at the front of the school are not a suitable drop-off point for your child.** Thank you for your co-operation. Please also be mindful of social distancing regulations and congregating around the school entrance / exit points.

### Child Protection and Safeguarding

Please remember that concerns about your own or another child outside as well as inside school should be reported in the first instance to – **Mrs Brownlees – (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)**. If you have immediate concerns outside school time (weekends, holidays, evenings) do not hesitate to call – **Gateway on 94424377**.

### ParentPay

We are still having issues with meals not being booked on ParentPay. **We would like to remind parents that all meals, both paid and free, must be made using ParentPay.** Even if you have allocated money to your ParentPay account, the meal must be ordered for the day required. If you have any issues booking meals on ParentPay please contact the school office.

### Board of Governors

We currently have a vacancy on our Board of Governors for a Parent Representative. Please visit <https://www.eani.org.uk>, click the link for school management and then school governors for more information regarding the role of a Board of Governor member. If you would be interested in applying for the role of Parent Representative, please contact Mrs Montgomery in the school office.

### Parent Survey

Please find attached a link for our Parent Survey (via Seesaw) The primary goal of our parent survey is to collect and understand parent/guardian opinions, perspectives, attitudes, and perceptions towards our school.

### Start & Finishing Times

Yr1/2 – 9.00am – 2.00pm	Yr5 – 8.50am – 2.50pm
Yr3 – 8.50am – 1.50pm	Yr6 – 8.50am – 2.50pm
Yr4 – 8.55am – 2.55pm	Yr7 – 9.00am – 3.00pm

### Pupil of The Week



Congratulations to our Pupils of the Week who have been working extremely hard!

Year 1/2 – Grace Adams

Year 3 – Chloe Barrons

Year 4 – Cerys Perry

Year 5 – Evie McKeown

Year 6 – Nathaniel McKinven

Year 7 – Ava Bagchus

**Each week we will give you a short update on what the children are doing in class. This week it is Ethan Hindes Yr4's update!**

What have you been learning this week?

- I have been learning punctuation – the “speech marks” and some tens and units on the whiteboard.

What is your favourite thing about school?

- I like going outside to do PE

What do you do outside school?

- I play football with my friends

### Mental Well Being

In Olderfleet Primary School we strive to support our pupils' mental health. We have developed a whole school programme to promote mental health and we all have a Great Dream.

**GREAT DREAM**  
Ten keys to happier living

- GIVING** Do things for others
- RELATING** Connect with people
- EXERCISING** Take care of your body
- AWARENESS** Live life mindfully
- TRYING OUT** Keep learning new things
- DIRECTION** Have goals to look forward to
- RESILIENCE** Find ways to bounce back
- EMOTIONS** Look for what's good
- ACCEPTANCE** Be comfortable with who you are
- MEANING** Be part of something bigger

**School Meal Menu W/B 12<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Mon – Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice,  
Naan Bread / Ice Cream & Fruit

Tues – Savoury Mince, Creamed  
Potatoes, Mixed Veg / Sponge &  
Custard

Wed – Chicken Nuggets, Beans,  
Chips or Baked Potato / Yoghurt,  
Fruit

Thurs – Roast Pork, Cauliflower,  
Creamed & Roast Potatoes,  
Stuffing, Gravy / Fruit, Cookie &  
Milkshake

Fri – Fish Fingers, Peas, Creamed  
Potatoes / Jelly & Fruit

**Mathletics**

We are currently trialling a new maths programme in school. We hope that this will be a fun way to boost maths skills throughout each year group and we would ask you to encourage your child to use this programme at home. Please contact your child's teacher via SeeSaw for login details if required.

**Halloween Dress Up Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

We will be having a dress up day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed up in a Halloween Theme. There will be spot prizes on the day for best costumes! There is no charge for this event.



