



OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER – 6th NOVEMBER 2020

School Holidays 2020/2021

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April

Friday 30th April - Monday 3rd May

Friday 28th May - Tuesday 1st June

Car Parking

We are still having issues with parking in and around the school. We would urge you to be mindful of our neighbours and to please 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 residents' 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.

Flu Vaccinations

Just a reminder that the Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school on Wednesday 11th November

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 or the school office on 28 276524. Queries regarding school work can be directed to your child's class teacher via SeeSaw.

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**.

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 9th November

Mon – Steak Burger in Bap, Peas & Sweetcorn, Diced Potatoes / Frozen Yoghurt & Fruit

Tues – Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Sticks, Crusty Bread / Choc Sponge & Choc Sauce

Wed – Breaded Fish, Peas, Chips or Baked Potato / Yoghurt, Fruit

Thurs – Roast Chicken, Carrots & Parsnips, Creamed & Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy / Fruit, Biscuit & Milkshake

Fri – Sausages, Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy / Choc Brownie & Fruit

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.

Education Minister Statement

Peter Weir, Minister for Education, issued a statement this week regarding the re-opening of schools. In this statement he asks parents/guardians to play their part in keeping everyone safe. He also thanked parents for the sacrifices they have made under such difficult circumstances.

The minister said: "The transmission of **Covid-19** within schools remains low and by taking some simple steps we can all make sure that continues. I know that the overwhelming desire of parents and carers is to maintain a full return to school and I thank them for all the sacrifices they are making in very difficult circumstances.

"I am asking parents and carers not to congregate at school gates when they are dropping off their children. Always practice good social distancing and wear a mask and try to avoid going beyond the school gate unless you have an appointment. If you need to speak to a teacher ring or email first.

"Parents/carers are at the heart of fighting the virus, and minimizing any disruption to education, so your role in responsible action both at the school gates, and in ensuring that the whole family including children, abide by all the necessary health restrictions are the difference between success and failure. With your help we can all protect the future education and wellbeing of our children."

Accelerated Reading Programme

Please find the link for the Accelerated Reading Programme if your child wishes to complete any quizzes during the extended holidays.

<http://bit.ly/OlderfleetAcceleratedReader>

Parent Survey

We would like to thank those parents who took the time to complete our parent survey. We were overwhelmed by the positive comments that were received. You can find the results and analysis on our school website at www.olderfleetps.com or by clicking the following link: <http://bit.ly/OlderfleetParentSurveypdf>

Ditch The Dark

We are holding another Ditch the Dark day, for all pupils on **Friday 20th November**.

This year pupils will be adding lots of colour over their uniform and coat, so their top layer will be eye-catching (pupils will still be wearing their uniform). This is to emphasise the message that we should wear something bright over our coats on a daily basis to keep us safe, especially as the days get shorter and darker.

We are encouraging our pupils to 'Be a Road safety hero'. Each pupil who takes part will receive a Sustrans Hero certificate and there will be a goodie bag for the most brightly dressed pupil in each class.

Mathletics

Olderfleet PS will be taking part in a Mathletics Numeracy Number Challenge. This challenge will focus on pupils mastering curriculum activities and practising their mental maths skills. The challenge will run from Monday 16th – Friday 22nd November.

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

