



OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER – 13th 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

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 02828 276524. Queries regarding school work can be directed to your child's class teacher via SeeSaw.

School Meal Menu W/B 16th November

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, Biscuit & Milkshake

Fri – Fish Fingers, Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy / Jelly & Fruit

School Website

We have added a new Parent Zone on our school website. Here you can find information on a variety of resources including Citizens Advice and Family Support NI. This area will be updated on a regular basis and we hope that you will find the information useful. If there are other resources that you would like to see included then please let us know.

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.

Absences

If your child is off sick or absent from school, please provide a written note or seesaw message to your child's teacher explaining their absence. It is vital that we are kept informed of any absences from school. Please note that school must make a referral to Education Welfare Service when a pupils' attendance is a cause for concern or when attendance drops below 85%.

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 Brownlee – (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**.

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.

Harbour Bears

You may be aware of the recent vandalism that happened to the Harbour Bears premises on Curran Road. Substantial damage was caused to the buildings and equipment. A Just Giving fundraising page has been set up to help raise funds for a security system. Further details can be found at:

[www.justgiving.com > crowdfunding > harbourbearsctct](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harbourbearsctct)

Board Games

If there are any families who are clearing out before Christmas and would like to donate any board games for our pupils to use on rainy days at school, we would be very grateful. These will be quarantined before use in accordance with Covid guidelines.

Covid Regulations

<https://www.olderfleetps.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Department-of-Education-Parent-Carer-Information.pdf>

★ Pupil of The Week ★

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

Year 1 / 2 – Amy Lyness

Year 3 – Zack Rea

Year 4 – Whitney Longmore

Year 5 – Isla Johnston

Year 6 – Dean Cabrera & Megan McConnell

Year 7 – Mihai Oanta

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.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week will take place from Monday 16th November until Friday 20th November. Each class will be taking part in a number of anti-bullying related activities during the week in school.

Christmas Dinner

Please remember to complete and return the Christmas Dinner note before Wednesday 18th December. Please note that a Christmas Dinner cannot be requested after this date to facilitate the school kitchens in preparing their orders.

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

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| 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 |

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>

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>

Food Bank

Thank you to those who donated items for the Foodbank. We are extending this until December to help families in need over the Christmas period. Please leave any donations into the school office.



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

