



# OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER – 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

### School Holidays 2020/2021

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

### School Meal Menu W/B 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Mon – Hot Dog, Beans, Potato Wedges / Biscuit, Fruit, Milkshake

Tues – Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Sticks, Crusty Bread / Mandarin Sponge & Custard

Wed – Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato / Yoghurt, Fruit

Thurs – Roast Chicken, Cabbage, Creamed & Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy / Brownie & Milkshake

Fri – Breaded Fish, Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy / Popcorn Cookie & 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. We have also added a Pupil Zone where pupils can access Athletics and My School:

<https://www.olderfleetps.com/pupil-zone/>

<https://www.olderfleetps.com/parent-zone/>

### 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. School meals can now be booked for December.

### 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:

<https://harbourbears.org/fundraising/>

### 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.

### Videographer

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November we will be making a promotional video of our school. Please contact your child's teacher if you would prefer that they are not included in the video.

### ★ Pupil of The Week ★

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

Year 1 / 2 – Yasmin Baird

Year 3 – Grace Millar

Year 4 – Harry Boyle

Year 5 – Lexi-Mae Morrow

Year 6 – Rory Kennedy

Year 7 – Kyle Lupari

### Covid Regulations

<https://www.olderfleetps.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Education-Restart-Leaflet.pdf>

<https://bit.ly/restrictionupdate>

### Parental Responsibility

We have recently noticed an increase in children arriving to school before their allocated starting time. Please note that there is no supervision available and we have been advised by the EA that children left to school early are the responsibility of the parent/guardian until school starts each morning. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

### Christmas Dinner / Festive Jumper Day

Christmas Dinners have now been ordered with the school kitchen. Please note that no further orders can be placed. The children are encouraged to come to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in a festive jumper. There will be a donation of £1.00 which will help to buy resources for the school.

### Ditch The Dark

Thank you to all of our pupils who took part in our Ditch the Dark day. Everyone looked fantastic in their bright colours! Always remember to be seen and be safe especially in the winter months.

### Mathletics

Thank you also to everyone for taking part in our Mathletics Challenge Week. The independent learning activities were fantastic and the pupils really enjoyed the challenges.

### 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

### 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

**WORRIED?**  
**We're here to Listen**

Call Childline on 0800 1111 or visit [childline.org.uk/kids](http://childline.org.uk/kids)

Whatever your worry, you can talk to us. It's free, you don't have to tell us your name, and you can chat about anything.

**childline**  
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

**Make a Good Choice**

- Be Positive
- Show Respect
- Keep Control
- Be Safe

Bring home the spirit of **CHRISTMAS**

Larne Virtual Christmas Lights Switch-On  
20 November, 7pm

Larne hidden gem #spiritofMEA

Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

**HAPPY WEEKEND**