



# OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER – 27<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

### Access to School

We would like to remind parents / guardians that due to current Covid restrictions, access to the school is restricted. Should you need to contact a member of staff please telephone the school office. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

### Videographer

This week we have had the videographer in school to make a promotional video. Our thanks to Alan McCready for all of his hard work and the final video will be published soon!

### 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.

### Christmas Hamper

In order to spread a bit of festive cheer, we have decided to organise 2 Christmas Hampers that you could be in with a chance of winning in the run up to Christmas. There is an adult hamper and a child's hamper to be won! Tickets cost **£1.00 or £5.00 for 6**. Please send all monies in a named envelope to your child's class teacher. The draw will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Good Luck!

### ★ Pupil of The Week ★

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

Year 1 / 2 – Annie Caughey

Year 3 – Enzo Howie

Year 4 – Seth Cosgrove

Year 5 – Lily Morrow

Year 6 – Theo Rossborough

Year 7 – Connor Burgess-Allen

### Christmas Dinner / Festive Jumper Day

Christmas Dinners have now been ordered with the school kitchen. **Please ensure that you book your child's meal on ParentPay if you have returned a Christmas Dinner slip to school.** 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.

### School Meal Menu W/B 30<sup>th</sup> November

Mon – Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread / Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit

Tues – Savoury Mince, Creamed Potatoes, Carrots / Fruit Sponge & Custard

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

Thurs – Christmas Dinner

Fri – Fish Fingers, Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy / Jelly & 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. School meals can now be booked for December.

### Covid Regulations

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

<https://bit.ly/restrictionupdate>

### 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**.

### 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 Cards

Christmas is such a special time for our pupils and families. We don't want to take away the pleasure of exchanging Christmas Cards. When cards are brought to school they will be quarantined before being passed out to classmates.

While staff are always very appreciative of gifts at Christmas, this year has been hard for many. To alleviate any added stresses, we would rather that money is spent on your own families or make a donation to the local foodbank.

### 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%.

### Mathletics

Well done to all of our pupils who took part in the Mathletics Challenge Week. Olderfleet PS came 159<sup>th</sup> out of 674 schools worldwide!

### Food Bank

We are still accepting donations of food items for Larne Foodbank to help those families in need over the Christmas season. Please leave any donations to the school office on or before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.



