



OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER 4th DECEMBER 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



Christmas Hamper



To spread a bit of festive cheer, we have organised two Christmas Hampers that you could be in with a chance of winning. 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 11th December. Good Luck!

Videographer

Our school video is now live and we have received lots of positive feedback! Please promote our video on Facebook and other social media platforms:

<https://bit.ly/OlderfleetVirtualTour>

Our thanks to Alan McCready for all of his hard work and commitment. We are very proud of his work.

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.

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.



Pupil of The Week



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

Year 1 / 2 – Isaac Rowe

Year 3 – Brody McMaw

Year 4 – Noah Robinson-Steele

Year 5 – Joshua Galway

Year 6 – Dan Bondarau

Year 7 – Kelsey Weir

School Meal Menu W/B 7th December

Mon – Steak Burger in Bap, Sweetcorn / 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 / Biscuit, Fruit & Milkshake

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

Olderfleet Twelve Days of Christmas

Unfortunately, we cannot invite you to our Christmas Concerts this year, therefore, we are bringing them to you! We will be posting videos of our pupils in the countdown to Christmas. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see our Christmas Shenanigans!

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.

Christmas Dinner / Festive Jumper Day

We had a great day on Thursday for our Christmas Dinner. Thank you to the school kitchens for their hard work and preparations! It was lovely to see our pupils in their festive jumpers and thank you to those who donated.

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%.

Parents' Association

To enrich and enhance our children's school day, we need your help on the PA. We need volunteers to help with our fundraising efforts and we would love to hear from you if you can spare a few hours of your time a few times a year for our school. Drop the PA a message on their Facebook page or email at olderfleetpa@hotmail.com. Alternatively, you can contact the school office.

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.

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**.

Covid Regulations

As we approach the Christmas Holidays, can we remind families to show extra caution and to keep following Government Guidelines to keep our Olderfleet Community safe

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

<https://bit.ly/restrictionupdate>

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.

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

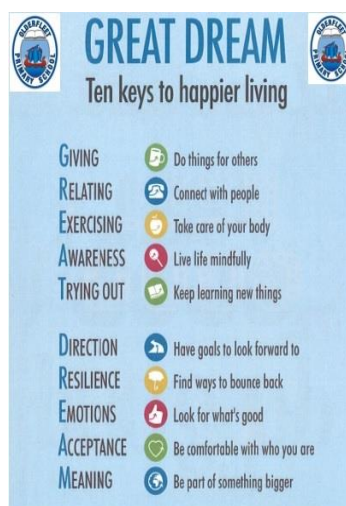
To spread some festive cheer, Mr Harvey is holding a Christmas Hamper Raffle! There is an adult hamper and a child's hamper to be won!



Please send money in a named envelope to your child's class teacher. Draw will take place on Friday 11th December.

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



Make a Good Choice

Be Positive

Show Respect

Keep Control

Be Safe



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Twelve DAYS OF Christmas

Olderfleet Virtual Christmas Shows
Keep an eye on our Facebook page
We will be releasing videos of our Christmas Shenanigans