



OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER 11th 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



Our independent adjudicators in Year 1 made the Christmas Hamper draw this morning. Congratulations to the winners!

Adult Hamper – Mrs Alana McCready

Child's Hamper – Daniel Swann

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 Holidays

School will operate as normal week beginning Monday 14th December. School will close for all pupils on Friday 18th December and will be a non-uniform day with no charge. Finishing times will be as follows:

Yr 1/2 – 12 noon (side gate beside slide)

Yr 3 – 11.50am (blue door beside slide)

Yr 4 – 11.55am (Baylands)

Yr 5 – 11.50am (front entrance)

Yr 6 – 11.50am (Baylands)

Yr 7 – 12 noon (front entrance)



Pupil of The Week



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

Year 1 / 2 – Riley McCready

Year 3 – Jayden Hunter

Year 4 – Kacey Perry

Year 5 – Alex Glass

Year 6 – Joshua Hanson

Year 7 – Maisie Holden

School Meal Menu W/B 14th December

Mon – Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread / Fruit & Ice Cream

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 / Biscuit, Fruit & Milkshake

Board of Governors

We have received an application for the role of Parent Rep on our Board of Governors. If there are any other interested parties, please inform the school office as soon as possible. If we receive no other applications, then our applicant will be duly elected.

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 continue to post videos of our pupils in the countdown to Christmas. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see our Christmas Shenanigans!

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%.

School Meals

Please note that there will be no school meals served on Monday 4th January, all pupils will be required to bring a packed lunch on this day. School meals will resume on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

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.

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>

Larne Foodbank

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have donated to our foodbank appeal. We have been able to donate a substantial amount of items to help those in need in our community over the festive period.

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**.

Car Parking

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.

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.

Olderfleet Parents' Association

Dear Parents,

Just letting you know that Olderfleet Primary School PTA are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/olderfleetprimaryschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

Thank you so much!
Olderfleet PA

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

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



Olderfleet Primary School
Twelve DAYS OF Christmas
Olderfleet Virtual Christmas Shows
Keep an eye on our Facebook page
We will be releasing videos of our Christmas Shenanigans

COVID-19

NI EXECUTIVE RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES - DECEMBER 11



 No indoor mixing of households in private dwellings (exemptions apply)	 No more than 6 people to gather in a private garden from no more than two households	 Bubbling to be limited to a maximum of 10 people from 2 households	 No overnight stays in a private home unless in a bubble	 Work from home unless unable to do so	 Outdoor gatherings limited to 15 (except for organised events with a risk assessment)
 Shops to re-open in line with guidance	 Close-contact to re-open (appointment only basis)	 Restaurants, cafes and coffee shops to re-open (restrictions apply)	 Hotels and accommodation providers to re-open (restrictions apply)	 Libraries to re-open	 Wet pubs to remain closed
 Places of worship to re-open in line with guidance	 Weddings and civil partnerships to take place in line with guidance. Numbers determined by size of venue	 Funerals to take place in line with guidance. Numbers determined by size of venue	 Gyms to re-open for individual and one-to-one training only	 Maximum of 500 spectators at sporting events (risk assessed)	 Visitor attractions and entertainment venues to re-open with restrictions
Continue to follow the public health advice and regulations.					
 If you have symptoms, stay at home, self-isolate and book a test	 Limit social contacts	 Keep your distance	 Wear a face covering	 Wash your hands	 Download the StopCOVID NI app