



# OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

### Christmas Dinners

Our School Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All numbers have been forwarded to the school kitchens, unfortunately if you did not return a dinner slip to the school office we will be unable to offer your child a dinner on this day. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### 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.** There has been an increasing number of children requesting school meals, who have not booked via our payment system. As our meals are not cooked on site, a set number of dinners are prepared and delivered to us. **There are no extra dinners available each day.**

### Key Dates

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – After School Football - Years 5,6 & 7 (pay as you play)
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Scripture Union Yr 3 – Yr 7
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – After School Multi Sports – Years 5, 6 & 7
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**– After School Netball – Years 5, 6 & 7 (pay as you play)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Daily Mile Santa Run
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – School Finishes @12pm For All Pupils

### Stay & Play

Stay & Play is available from 2pm until 4pm. **The cost is £3.50 for one hour or £6.00 for 2 hours on the same day.**

**In line with Covid regulations it is essential that you book in advance for the week ahead. Please ensure that all bookings are made on or before Friday of the week prior to when stay & play is required. Monies should be sent to the school office in a sealed envelope with your child's details written on the front. Thank you for your support.**

### 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 Godfrey – (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.**

### Pupil of The Week

Congratulations to our pupils who have worked very hard this week!

- Year 1 – Isla Howie
- Year 2/3 – Amy Lyness
- Year 4 – Edie Cooke
- Year 5 – Taylor Clark
- Year 6/7 – Phoebe Cosgrove

### School Meal Menu W/B 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

- Mon – Hot Dog, Beans, Potato Wedges / Fruit, Milkshake & Flakemeal Biscuit
- Tues – Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Sticks, Crusty Bread / Apple Sponge & Custard
- Wed – Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Sweetcorn, Chips or Baked Potato / Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
- Thurs – Roast Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Creamed & Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy / Chocolate Cookie, Milkshake & Banana Muffin
- Fri – Fish Bites, Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy / Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt



Where a case of confirmed COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has been reported in a person with links to a school setting, all close contacts of the case who need to take specific actions with regard to testing and self-isolation will be identified, contacted and advised by the **Public Health Agency (PHA) Contact Tracing Service.**

If you are contacted by PHA Contact Tracing Service, please follow the guidance that they provide to you. Information on the latest self-isolation requirements can be found on NI Direct (<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating>).

#### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
  - high temperature and/or
  - a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- Please book a free PCR test, even if an earlier one was negative.**
- Your child should stay at home and self-isolate until you receive the result.** Please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): self-isolating | nidirect](#) for guidance on whether other people in your household also need to self-isolate while you are waiting for your child's PCR result.

### Absences

If your child displays Covid symptoms, please do not send them into school. It is recommended that children should complete a lateral flow test or book a PCR test.

We request that parents communicate if your child has been identified as a close contact from outside school situations.

Communication is also required if your child is absent from school for any other reason. Attendance is closely monitored and accuracy is paramount in the event of Education Welfare involvement.

### School Counselling Service

Following the launch of the recent Department of Education 'Healthy Happy Minds' pilot initiative, we are pleased to announce that Olderfleet will be offering a counselling service in school.

The Healthy Happy Minds pilot allows for therapeutic and counselling services to be provided to pupils, during this school year. We anticipate that the counselling service will commence early December and run on a weekly basis until March 2022. Further details will follow.

### Access to School

We would like to remind parents / guardians that the double yellow lines on and around school premises are not suitable for parking. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

### Poppy Appeal

The recent Poppy Appeal raised £187.00. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity

### PTA Christmas Raffle / Christmas Experience

Olderfleet PTA have organised a Christmas Raffle with the chance to win a Build-A-Bear and chocolates. Tickets are priced at £1.00 per strip. If you would like to purchase tickets, please send the money in a named envelope to the school office. Tickets purchased for the Christmas Experience will be issued to pupils next week.

*We need your help*  
**Let's make a great night for our kids**  
*Thursday 9th December*  
**Can you help? Event Setup or on the evening.**  
 All help greatly appreciated

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## Do I need to keep my child off school?

<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Stapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

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### New Ways November 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2. Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3. Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4. Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5. Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6. Try out a new way of being physically active	7. Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8. Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9. When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10. Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11. Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12. Find out something new about someone you care about	13. Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14. Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15. Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16. Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17. Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18. Connect with someone from a different generation	19. Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20. Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21. Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
22. Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23. Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24. Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25. Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26. Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27. Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28. Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card
29. Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30. Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times					

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OLDERFLEET PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# Christmas RAFFLE

Win a Build-A-Bear

**ONLY £1 PER STRIP**

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