



OLDERFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER 3rd DECEMBER 2021

Christmas Dinners

Our School Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 9th December. All numbers have been forwarded to the school kitchens. **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

Tuesday 7th December – Scripture Union Yr 3 – Yr 7 (Final Week)

Thursday 9th December – Festive Jumper Day

Thursday 9th December – Parent Teacher Association ‘Christmas Experience’ 6pm – 8pm

Tuesday 14th December – Scripture Union Christmas Lessons (in class)

Wednesday 22nd 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.**

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. If you wish your child to avail, please contact the school office.

Pupil of The Week

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

Year 1 – Logan Renwick-Reynolds

Year 2/3 – Ella McCowan

Year 4 – Aidan Small

Year 5 – Eddie-James McDowell

Year 6/7 – Bethany Hanson

School Meal Menu W/B 6th Dec

Mon – Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread, Carrot Sticks / Shortbread & Melon Slice

Tues - Savoury Mince, Creamed Potatoes, Mixed Veg / Orange Sponge & Custard

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

Thurs – Christmas Dinner

Fri – Fish Fingers, Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy / Jelly & Ice Cream

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.

Year 1 Applications

Calling our Olderfleet Community! At Olderfleet PS, you are our best publicity! If you know anyone with a child due to start school in September 2022, please encourage them to contact the school, where we will be happy to provide them with a personal tour. Our new publicity video will also be going live very soon. Please like and share on your own social media accounts.



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.

Daily Mile Santa Run

Today our pupils took part in the Daily Mile Santa Run! It was a big success and everyone had great fun! Check out our Facebook page to see the videos.

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.

December Kindness 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	15 Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
			29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022	

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Do I need to keep my child off school?

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

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OLDERFLEET PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Christmas RAFFLE

Win a Build A Bear

ONLY £1 PER STRIP

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