



3rd Edition | 9th February 2024 | Spring Term

NEWSLETTER FOR OLDFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an inspirational start to the first half of the Spring term with 2 visits to Parliament and the National Science museum in London and the Northern Ballet 'Hare and Tortoise' workshops in school. We also had an author visit from Jennifer Killick. Thank you for coming to our Phonics and Reading Parents' mornings, the children love sharing their learning with you. Year 3 children shone as historians in their Mary Murdoch exhibitions. **Our 'Dairy Dates' are at the end of the letter.**

Our weekly **Playgroup session for 0-3 year olds** are on a Friday morning from 9.15am - 9.45am. Tell your friends and come and join in. We have places in our **nursery for 3 year olds** including **30 hour places** for working parents. We also have **additional sessions** available for 15 hour places. Speak to our office team for more information.

X/Twitter (@OldfleetP) includes pictures every week from every class. Oldfleet learning in action, as it happens! See if you can spot your child learning.

Please take some time to read the important information below from the NHS about the MMR vaccinations.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19th February. Remember that we need your children in school, on time every day! If you need our help getting your child to school please call.

Thank you for your continued support, have a great half term with your children.

Julie White
Head of School

School Uniform Every Day

Wearing the **correct uniform** supports your child to be a successful at school.

Grey or black trousers or skirt, pale blue or white t-shirt and a royal blue sweater is Oldfleet uniform.

Sports hoodies and tracksuit tops and bottoms are **not school uniform**.

Buy uniform from the **supermarket** or come and check out our **pre-loved rail**. Uniform does not need to have the school logo.

Remember a cosy winter coat is needed for playtimes and lunchtimes.

Please speak to us if you need help with organising uniform.



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Pupil Voice

Junior Leadership Team

This term, the **JLT** have given every class a **Pupil voice notebook** for collecting ideas.

We have set up **Eco-challenges** including a bingo game and collecting plastic bottle tops.

We have **chosen new prize books** that children will enjoy reading for the vending machine.
- Alex, JLT

Wellbeing Ambassadors

This term the **Wellbeing Ambassadors** have been designing 'You were caught being kind' tokens.

We have shown and practised **relaxation techniques** to help our friends and ourselves.
- Temia, Wellbeing Ambassador

Parent Voice



We have listened...

To improve communication with you we are :-

- Sending one message per family not one message per child. You only need the message once!
- Always adding letters to our website page [here](#), after we send them in a message, so that you can get to them in one place.
- Sending more messages, postcards and making calls to let you know when things are going well. We all like to hear good news!
- Changing the settings on class dojo so you can see your child's dojo points again!
Note: the messaging part of Class Dojo is not being used.

Please tell us how we can improve communication further if you have more ideas.

Have your children had both their MMR vaccinations?

The best protection we have from these serious, preventable illnesses is the MMR vaccine.



MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA ARE SERIOUS BUT PREVENTABLE WITH THE MMR VACCINATION

Children should have their first MMR vaccine at 1 year old, and second dose at 3 years and 4 months old. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed to give full protection.

Over 99% of people who have had two doses of the MMR vaccine will be protected against measles and rubella. Cases of mumps in vaccinated people are much less severe than those who are unvaccinated.

Anyone who has not had two doses of the MMR vaccine should make it a priority, regardless of age. If you are not sure if you, or someone in your family, has had two MMR vaccines contact your GP practice online to check. Your GP practice will be able to arrange a catch-up vaccination if needed.



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Everything you need to know about the MMR vaccination

Is the MMR vaccine safe?

The MMR vaccine has been safely protecting against measles, mumps and rubella since 1988. The vaccination has undergone rigorous safety testing. It is trusted across the world to protect against these potentially deadly, preventable diseases.

What side effects will my child have after the MMR vaccine?

Side effects from the MMR vaccine may include a red, swollen or sore thigh/arm where the injection was given. Some children may feel unwell, lose their appetite or develop a temperature.

Does the MMR vaccine contain gelatine?

There are two MMR vaccines used in the UK; one with, and one without, gelatine. If you would prefer for you, or your family, to have the vaccine that does not have gelatine talk to your practice nurse.

I've read that MMR is linked to autism, is that true?

There have been multiple studies undertaken to investigate the MMR vaccine and autism. There is no evidence of a link. The original study which suggested this has been discredited.

The MMR vaccine protects against:

Measles

A serious, preventable infection that spreads easily. There is no treatment or cure for measles, and it will make you feel very poorly. It can lead to complications like pneumonia, meningitis, blindness, and seizures.

Mumps

A contagious viral infection that causes painful swelling in the face. There is no treatment or cure for mumps. It can make children and adults very poorly and lead to complications like viral meningitis and hearing loss.

Rubella (sometimes known as German measles)

A rare illness that causes a rash and uncomfortable cold-like symptoms. Rubella can be very serious in pregnancy, potentially causing blindness and deafness in unborn babies or even miscarriage.



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Diary Dates

Spring Term Diary Dates	
Thurs 8th Feb 2024	Y3 History Exhibition 'Mary Murdoch' am Nursery Stay & Read 8.45 - 9.15am
Fri 9th Feb 2024	School closes for half term holiday
Mon 19th Feb 2024	Children return to school
Tues 20th Feb 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 12.15 - 12.45pm
Thurs 22nd Feb 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 8.45 - 9.15am
Mon 26th Feb - Fri 8th Mar 2024	Y4 Swimming lessons
Tues 27th Feb 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 12.15 - 12.45pm
Wed 28th Feb 2024	Year 6 DT and Science visit to East Park
Thurs 29th Feb 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 8.45 - 9.15am
Tues 5th Mar 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 12.15 - 12.45pm
Wed 6th Mar 2024	Year 2 visit to Streetlife 9.30 - 3.00pm Amy Johnson Experience
Wed 6th Mar 2024	Y6 Samba Workshops am Parents Consultation Evening (Y1 - Y6) 3.30-6pm
Thur 7th Mar 2024	World Book Day celebrations - dress as a bug/non-uniform day Parents Consultation Evening (Y1 - Y6) 3.30 - 5.30pm
Mon 11th Mar 2024	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tues 12th Mar 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 12.15 - 12.45pm
Thur 14th Mar 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 8.45 - 9.15am
Fri 15th Mar 2024	Comic Relief - non uniform day
Tues 19th Mar 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 12.15 - 12.45pm



Diary Dates continued

Wed 20th Mar 2024	EYFS & KS1 Purple Pig Company animal farm in-school visit
Thurs 21st Mar 2024	Nursery Stay & Read 8.45 - 9.15am Y1 Geography Exhibition 'Life on the farm' pm
Fri 22nd Mar 2024	School closes for Easter holidays
Summer Term Diary Dates	
Mon 8th Apr 2024	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tue 9th Apr 2024	Children return to school
Thurs 11th Apr 2024	Parents Morning - Reading (Y4, 5, 6) 9.00 - 9.30am
Thurs 18th Apr 2024	Parents Morning - Phonics & Reading (KS1 and Y3) 9.00 - 9.30am
Mon 22nd April 2024	Photograph day
Thurs 25th Apr 2024	Parents Morning - Phonics (EYFS) 9.00 - 9.30am
Mon 6th May 2024	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Thurs 9th May Fri 10th May	Bikeability in Y6 (Group 1) PM only All Day
Mon 13th May - Thurs 16th May	SATS in Y6
Mon 20th May Tues 21st May	Bikeability in Y6 (Group 2) PM only All Day
Thurs 23rd May Fri 24th May	Bikeability in Y6 (Group 3) PM only All Day
Thurs 23rd May 2024	Y2 Geography Exhibition 'Comparing Hull and Freetown' pm
Fri 24th May 2024	School closes for half term holiday
Mon 3rd June 2024	Children return to school

