

OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly update - Monday 18th January 2021

Latest news:

Wow, what a week!

I'm not sure about for all of you but for me it passed by in a blur. I do feel that we are beginning to settle into our next version of a new normal and I have my fingers crossed that we all had at least an enjoyable weekend. I did promise the procedures, policies and remote learning offer and this was sent on Friday last week. I have included a summary here for your convenience.

1. Staff will provide, as best they can, the typical curriculum that children would receive regardless of whether they are at home or in school.
2. Children should embrace the challenges provided to the best of their ability and with the resources they have.
3. Children using Teams should not start their own meetings.
4. Parents/Carers should offer only light touch support during lessons, over guidance limits learning.
5. Communication should be through emails to office@oldfletton.peterborough.sch.uk or during the telephone conversation with the member of support staff allocated to the year group.
6. Everyone should check the mute function as we have heard many conversations I am sure were not for our ears. 😊

I would like to take this opportunity to thank teachers who have not been trained for this method of delivery, who are experiencing twice the amount of workload to enable class and home learning to take place at the same time, for the wonderful way they have embraced this challenge, they are like our swan logo - graceful on the top but paddling very hard underneath. I would also like to thank you for the support you are offering at home to your children to access the learning offered. We all know the teacher-pupil relationship is very different to the parent-'pupil' relationship so I am not insensitive to how difficult this must be for you too.

Free School Meals

Oh my word, the food parcels seen on TV are shocking. I would like to reassure the community we are not doing this and have continued to provide vouchers to enable families to purchase food that meets their specific requirements. Also in the news is the suggestion that meals will not be provided over half term - this is not accurate - it will just be funded by the local authority and not schools. Please contact the office if you feel you are entitled to free school meals as we do not want you to miss out.

Message from Mrs Farrell

Before Christmas my daughter and I launched an appeal to try and raise donations as presents for the residents of three care homes in and around Peterborough. We were overwhelmed with the response. With the help of Old Fletton Primary School and the generosity of parents, children, staff, their families and friends and people in the community we were able to donate to four care homes instead of the planned three.

When we delivered the presents, we were told that they would make such a difference to so many of the residents as some have no family or wouldn't be getting visits this Christmas. Thanks to your fantastic response we were able to give over 170 residents a present, a cone of toffees/chocolates, Christmas cards from the children and a hamper for each care home with smaller items in that the residents could share.

So on behalf of the residents, care home staff, my daughter and myself I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who was kind enough to donate to this appeal. You helped in letting someone know that you were thinking of them and hopefully made them smile at this difficult time.