

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Autumn Term and hello to our new Reception families. We hope you all had a great summer break. This academic year is certainly getting off to a busy start and we couldn't be happier to kick start our fundraising off with the Byfleet Running Festival.

The Byfleet Running Festival is an annual 5km and 10km race along the canal on Saturday 21st September. It's a fun family morning for the whole community run by local volunteers, with any profits going to local charities, including Friends of Byfleet Primary School! There are **free** children's races at 10am in the field opposite St Mary's Church, or for the more ambitious children, they can enter into the 5km race (accompanied by a paying adult) along the canal at 10.30am, with race registration open 8.30-9.55am in the St Mary's Church Hall.

Pupils are invited to collect sponsorship money in return for participating either at school on Friday 20th and/or at the Running Festival on Saturday 21st. Pupils who can't join in on Saturday morning can take part in running races on Friday 20th September at school instead with Nuffy Bear from Nuffield Health and the Running Festival team there to encourage the children.

With your help we are hoping to raise £2,500 to improve the IT facilities in school – supplying Ipads and headphone sets for maths and reading provision, as well as supporting the Computing curriculum. Please collect any sponsorship money and make sure it, along with the forms, are in school by Wednesday 25th September: either to your Class Rep or deliver to the office - sponsorship totals can be verified and prizes can then be awarded.

The rewards for participating:

- classes who raise £300 collectively will enjoy a mufti day
- classes who raise £400 collectively or more will enjoy a film after lunch on the mufti day
- the class who raises the most money will receive a special trophy that they can admire in their classroom until next year
- Nuffield Health have kindly donated fabulous family prizes for the top four individual KS1/KS2 girls and boys fundraisers: A Nuffield Health branded goodie bag featuring a TWO WEEK FULL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP with a full health MOT, mini Nuffy teddybear and sports water bottle.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER:

- Thursday 19th/Friday 20th Year 4 'Parrots' CAKE SALE
- Saturday 21st BYFLEET RUNNING FESTIVAL
- Monday 30th FRIENDS AGM at 7.30pm

OCTOBER:

- Saturday 12th COMEDY & CURRY EVENING; who could ask for more!
- Friday 18th SCHOOL DISCO

NOVEMBER:

- Thursday 7th/Friday 8th YEAR 3 'Penguins' CAKE SALE
- Friday 8th Bags2school clothing collection
- Saturday 30th CHRISTMAS FAIR
- Sunday 31st INDOOR TABLE TOP/CAR BOOT SALE

Thank you for your support and we hope the children have a great term, kind regards, The Friends.