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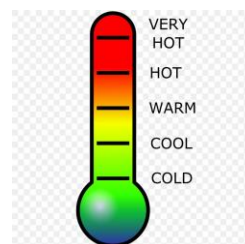
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great some of our families posting their children's home-learning on Twitter last weekend. This is a lovely way for you to share how you are supporting your child's learning with us so feel free to tweet @byfleetprimary #homework for everyone to see on Twitter.

### Risk Assessment and Safety Update

The weather is starting to get much colder so we urge you to please send your child into school with warmer clothes and layers, including days when they wear their PE kits to school – please layer up. As part of our COVID risk assessment, we are keeping the classrooms well ventilated, which means they may be a little colder than usual. Guidelines indicate that classrooms should be no less than 16C however we have now put thermometers in each classroom to ensure that we can maintain the temperature between 18C – 19C.



With the weather becoming colder, inevitably common colds are starting to emerge. If your child is feeling unwell, we have produced a flow diagram to help you make a decision on whether your child should stay at home – please read it here. We strongly advocate that you send your children in to school unless you feel they are too unwell or fall into the category of self-isolating due to COVID. We are working hard to help all of our children 'catch up and keep up' so every day missed is a lost opportunity.

### Parents' Evening

We will be hosting our Autumn parent evening slots via Zoom on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November where you will be given a 10 minute slot to meet with your child's class teacher. A link for you to register on a first come first served basis will be sent out next week.



### Is your child feeling anxious?

Surrey Border Partnership have produced some well reviewed Youtube videos for you to watch with your children to help explain what anxiety is and how to deal with it. [Please click here to view these videos](#).

### Anti-bullying and Behaviour

In assembly, we reinforced the meaning of 'Bullying' again and worked out ways to empower our children to resolve any friendship issues that may crop up.

We used S.T.O.P to help us:

Bullying = **S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose.

What can you do to S.T.O.P bullying = **S**tart **T**elling **O**ther **P**eople.



### Clubs

We still have space available in our Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club if you wish your child to attend. We have thought carefully about this provision, where the children are separated into the bubbles that they use during the school day so your child(ren) will not be mixing with other bubbles. Please contact the school office to enquire or book a place for your child.

## Parents Loitering and not Socially Distancing

Please may we remind parents to drop and leave the school gate as soon as possible. There are still some parents having a chat with each other for long periods of time at very close proximity which we are discouraging. It has been noted that some parents are utilising the pavements outside of school to socialise, resulting in our children having to walk around the pavement and step onto the road – please drop and leave to help us ensure all of our children can come into school safely. Teachers are available to return phone calls or email inquiries however it is not viable to have a conversation with staff at the gate as we are noticing more parents approaching staff to discuss matters. Please could all queries be directed via the school office on [info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk) as we try to reduce the amount of face-to-face contact we have. We apologise for this.

**SAFETY  
FIRST  
NO LOITERING  
IN THIS AREA**

## Year 4 Drop off

Thank you for working with us Year 4 parents – your **new designated waiting area is in our staff car park**. Please come through the pedestrian gate and wait with your children until just before 8.40 when your child can then walk independently onto the playground to meet their teacher. Please collect as usual on the playground at 3.05. This will allow Reception and Year 1 parents to socially distance more on the pavement.

## Parking



I have been in touch with *Surrey County Council's Sustainable Transport Team, Public Highways England* and *Byfleet Safer Neighbourhood Team* this week as we look at a solution to the ongoing traffic issues on King's Head Lane. The amount of traffic coming onto this road at the start and end to the day is of great concern causing congestion and risking the safety of our children and families of Byfleet. Some parents continue to mount pavements and park on the verges, with some idling their cars to allow children to climb out or into their vehicle.

Children and families who need to cross the road are finding it challenging to identify a safe space to cross due to the high level of congestion. We are currently looking into various solutions to this ongoing safety issue. Thank you to those who have opted to park beyond King's Head Lane to walk their children into school. This really does make a huge difference!

## Remote Learning and Local Lock Down

[Our Remote Learning Contingency Plan is now complete and available on our website](#), in the event of your child needing to take time off school due to self-isolating (short term circa 10 – 14 days) or a bubble closure or local lockdown (long term 14 days or more). We will be sending out your child's Google Classroom log on details shortly, along with details of how to access Google Classroom via an APP.



## Harvest Festival



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We will be sharing information on the importance of Harvest during our assembly next week and would like to give back to our local community by supporting a Food Bank at our local Methodist Church here in Byfleet. Please could you send your child into school with a small non-perishable donation from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This could include tinned food, dried pasta or dried beans/lentils, pasta sauces, long-life milk/custard etc.

## School Improvement

This week the staff looked at reviewing our Behaviour Policy. We are looking to move towards a levelled system, using mediation and a restorative approach to involve the pupils to come up with ideas to overcome any barriers they may face, as a means to empower positive behaviour choices.



### Stars of the Week

Each week, one child is chosen by their class teacher to receive a certificate for being the 'Star of the Week'. Well done to these stars.....

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Oscar	Harry K	William	Florrie	Polyna Isla	Olivia	Nia

### Ultimate Coaching Multi Sports Day

Ultimate Coaching will be running a Multi Sports Day at School on our inset day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 8.30am to 3 pm at a cost of £20.00, more details can be found on their website:

<https://www.ultimate-coaching.co.uk/inset-days?course=358>

### Start and End of Day Time Reminder

We would like to remind you of your child's start and end of day timings as many parents/adults appear to arrive well before their child's allocated slot. Please only arrive a minute or two before your time slot to allow us to keep congestion to a minimum.

	Start Time	Collect Time
Reception	8.30	2.40
Year 1	8.45	2.50
Year 2	8.45	2.50
Year 3	8.40	3.05
Year 4	8.40	3.05
Year 5	8.25	3.00
Year 6	8.25	3.00

### Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – <b>Last day of Autumn 1</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November & Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – <b>Virtual Parents' Evening</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - <b>INSET day – no pupils in school</b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>Last day of Autumn 2</b> Staggered end of day timings to be confirmed	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Harvest Food donations received</b>

Kind regards,  
Mrs Meyrick - Headteacher