



Byfleet Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing half term with your children and welcome back to Autumn 2 at Byfleet. Thank you for adjusting so quickly to our new one-way system at the school gates, entering through the double gates and exiting via the single pedestrian gate. Thank you also for wearing masks whilst on school premises and for not loitering. I've noticed the start to term has been very calm and organised and the children have come back ready for learning, which is great. Tuesday and Wednesday's Parents' Evenings via Google went smoothly and we are pleased that we had no hiccups with technology.



As a school we are very proud of how we are embracing the challenges Covid poses; the rapid advancements we have made since September, in not only securing chrome books for our children and staff (many thanks to our Friends of Byfleet PTA!), but also in our use of technology in setting up Google Classroom and carrying out our Parent meetings with you remotely via Google Hangout/Meet shows how committed we are to building back better as a school.

Year 4 Drop Off

Thank you to the Year 4 parents for waiting in the car park for their 8.40 start. We appreciate that it may be difficult to drop younger siblings off in the morning so kindly ask that you drop your Year 4 child off in the staff carpark from 8.30, when both Macaws and Toucans class teachers will be in the carpark to meet the children, and then drop off your younger siblings. Children without younger siblings need only be dropped off for a 8.40 start. After handing your child over to a member of the Year 4 team, parents are to please promptly leave to ease congestion. Please do not leave your children without them being handed over to a member of the Year 4 team. No Year 4 children may enter the building to go to their classroom without waiting in the car park area first, where they will then be escorted into the building by the Year 4 team. Thank you for your cooperation and working with us on this.

Thank You

We have so many things to be grateful for so early on in the term:

- Thank you to a parent, Karolina Brittain, for organising the extremely kind donation of 32 used Ipads and charging trolleys from *Tiffin Grammar School*. These arrived this week and we can't wait to share these with the children to enhance their curriculum.
- Thank you to all the Byfleet parents who so generously donated Pritt glue sticks and boxes of tissues. As they say, '*every little helps*'.
- Thank you to our Friends of Byfleet for organising today's fundraiser event – Breaking the Rules Mufti. Our children enjoyed being rebels for a good cause so thanks for sparing some money for this.

Harvest Food Parcels

A big thank you to our families for the generous donations to our local church for Harvest. We collected 142kg worth of food. Vaughan Starkey at the church has asked for any of our Byfleet families who are in need of food parcels to please make contact with the food bank on 01932 355972 and they will help them out.



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Warm Fleeces – school uniform

Just a reminder that children may wear a PLAIN BLACK FLEECE as part of their school uniform. This needn't have the logo on it as I am hoping to keep costs down for our families. The weather is getting colder so please ensure your child is coming to school with appropriately warm clothing.

The FRIENDS of Byfleet Primary

Please remember to order your child's tea-towels here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fbps/#.X5FtJ9BKjcs>. They will make great Christmas presents for loved ones, or a wonderful keep sake.....

Behaviour Policy & Playground



This week we unveiled our new Behaviour Policy to our children. It has been great to see the children return after their break so settled and ready to learn. Well done on the calm atmosphere around school. We introduced new 'Yellow Behaviour Forms' to help us record poor behaviour choices from a small handful of children. We look forward to using our



restorative approach to empower our children to make the right choices. Our new Behaviour Policy can be found on our website [here](#).

We have renewed lots of playground equipment for the children to keep busy and active with and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying these, particularly our new Didicars.

National Lockdown

With a national lockdown in place, we will continue to keep our school open for 'business as usual'. Please do continue to send your children in to school every day and we will update you on any safety changes we need to make as we review our risk assessment regularly and in line with government guidance. If you feel that your child is not well enough to attend school, please let us know each day by phoning the school. In the instance that we need to move to using remote learning, we will communicate how we will be using *Google Classroom* at home to support your child's learning. We hope that you have had a chance to familiarise yourself with *Google Classroom* when you logged into your child's Google email account to access your Parents' Evening.



Surrey County Council have issued us the following message: *Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.*



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School Improvement

This week Miss Forde, our English Leader, worked with SLT to moderate Writing across the school. We are currently looking at how we can improve the teaching of grammar and explicit writing skills, like using different sentence types, a range of punctuation and making interesting vocabulary choices. We will continue to use our text-based approach where all writing lessons are planned around a theme from a book that the class is studying. Please ask your children which book they are reading as a class as we are working hard to put reading at the heart of our curriculum.

Clubs

Unfortunately, following government guidance, we have to cancel Ultimate Coaching's Monday football and gymnastic clubs and Wednesday's dodgeball. The only club provision we are advised to offer is for the purpose of childcare. As a result, wrap around care before and after school will continue if this provision is used for: a.) childcare for parents who are working or studying, b.) for respite for vulnerable children. We are so sad that we have had to take this decision as we know how important daily exercise and sport is for emotional and physical wellbeing for our children.

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.

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
Lula	Chloe	Diana	Evelyn	Ella Anaya	Albert	Eltion



Christmas Arrangements

This term is always such an exciting time of year as we lead up to Christmas and despite Covid interrupting our routine, we hope that we can still make this festive season as much fun as in previous years.....

- Christmas cards may be brought in for our children to share with their friends. These will be posted into their bubble's own Christmas postbox and will be quarantined for a minimum of 1 week. Cards can please come in to school **between Monday 16th November – Friday 4th December**. These will be handed out to our children on Friday 11th December.
- Christmas dinner will be served with trimmings and crackers – we are currently finalising the day and will let you know when.
- Christmas isn't Christmas without a panto – we're all looking forward to this virtual pantomime on Friday 11th December!
- Whole-school Christmas show (virtual video) – we won't give too much away and spoil the surprise!
- Christmas class parties and Christmas movie slot





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SEND Parent Appointments

Staff have set individual targets for our pupils who are on the SEND register, which have been laid out in each child's *SEND Support Arrangement* document. We will email these documents out to the parents of our pupils who are on our SEND register at Byfleet so that parents can work at home on the targets set for their child. We will be in touch next week to book an appointment slot for a Google Meet video call for the week commencing 16th November, so that class teachers can discuss *SEND Support Arrangements* with parents of our pupils on the SEND register. Working in collaboration is key to helping our children achieve their best.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16 th November - Odd Sock Day – Anti bullying	Wednesday 16 th December – Christmas class parties – wear Christmas Mufti
Monday 9 th November – Whole School Religious Studies (RE) Day	Friday 18 th December – Last day of Autumn 2 1.15pm – please socially distance
Friday 11 th December - Wear a Christmas Jumper/Hat day - £1 donation brought into school to collect in each class's money pot	Monday 4 th January - Spring Term Starts

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you and your family keep safe during this national lockdown.

Kind regards,

Mrs Meyrick – Headteacher