



Byfleet Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Last week's mufti day was a huge success and raised a total of £630 so thank you for your support – we are delighted that our **FRIENDS of Byfleet Primary** are currently looking at how the proceeds could support our recent purchase of #SmartSacks chairbags for our children in Year 1 – 4. These allow our children to store all of their belongings like pencil case and waterbottle in their #SmartSacks and helps reduce the amount of movement around the classrooms and help them keep all of their resources within arm's reach, during this pandemic. A tremendous big thank you to our **FRIENDS OF Byfleet Primary** for arranging this. We are also appreciative of an unexpected offer from *Christian Seymour LTD*, who kindly contacted us

to offer to pay for the Year 2's #SmartSacks. This generosity is wonderful so please help us pay-it-forward by supporting his company in return.



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Pencil Cases for Year 1 & 2

Could you please provide your Year 1 and Year 2 children with their own pencil case to store their stationery in, now that they have their own #SmartSack chairbags and no longer need a pencil pot on their desk.

Maths Mastery

We have started using Maths No Problem (MNP!) as our approach to teach maths at Byfleet this year. All staff had a whole day's training on the mastery maths approach. Miss Yuen, our Maths Lead, is working with staff to ensure we provide challenges like problem solving, fluency and reasoning once the children have completed their maths learning. Here is an article to help you gauge [a better understanding of this approach](#).



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 End of Day Collection

Please could parents who are collecting their children from the playground at the end of the day be mindful of the PE lessons that are taking place on Tuesday – Thursday. Please walk clockwise around the playground to avoid interrupting or walking straight through the children's PE lessons with our sports coach David.

Ned's Yoyo Wellbeing Show

We have arranged for a virtual Mindset Mission wellbeing and friendship show to take place for our children on Wednesday 18th November. The show will showcase the use of yo-yos and the company (Ned) have asked for us to sell some fun yo-yos on their behalf. Please refer to the email that was sent out earlier today with further information on this event and how you can purchase a yo-yo if you wish, which your child will be allowed to play with in school. [Here's a sneak preview.....](#)

Food Parcels for Byfleet Families

Vaughan Starkey at our local 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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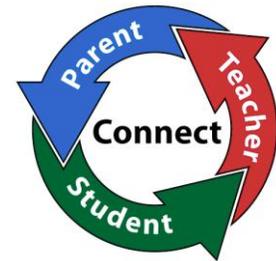


Warm Fleeces – school uniform

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.

SEND Parent Appointments

If your child is on the SEND register, then your class teacher should have been in touch to arrange your timeslot for your SEND meeting which will take place next week via Google Hangout video. Your child's SEND Support Arrangement Parent Meeting time slots will be emailed to your child's Google email, along with the copy of their *Individual SEND Support Arrangement* document for you to look through beforehand. We hope you find this additional parents/carers evening beneficial as working in collaboration is key to helping our children achieve their best.



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

This week's assembly focussed on the words 'Discrimination' and 'Tolerance' to support our new behaviour policy. It was wonderful to listen to our children, even our youngest in Year 1 and 2 explain how we should not treat others differently or be unkind by basing this on looks, beliefs, culture, language or family set up.



RE Day

This week we celebrated our first RE day, where the entire day was spent learning about a particular religion in each year group. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about the 5 main religions of the world, promoting tolerance and understanding different cultures. Some year groups used **Now>Press>Play** headsets to go on an audio-virtual journey to Mecca to learn about the 5 Pillars of Islam, which they loved. Year 3 also enjoyed their 'Italy' Wow Day this week and made some delicious pizzas!





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National Lockdown and King's Pre-school on site at Byfleet

We have been notified that we are one of a handful of schools in Surrey that hasn't had a 'bubble' closure yet. We feel fortunate to still be open for 'business as usual' to provide your child(ren) with a well-structured and full curriculum during this second national lockdown, allowing them to catch up on lost learning and support their wellbeing. We urge you to continue sending your children into school if they are well enough to do so. We have recently made the arrangement with *King's Pre-school* who are based on our school site, that if either of our settings were to have a potential or confirmed case of Covid, then we will be transparent and notify each other. This will allow us to restrict any further outbreaks. Please be advised that if you are requested to self-isolate or seek a test for your child(ren) by either myself, Mrs Meyrick or Kerry, the manager at King's Pre-school (if a sibling attends this nursery setting), then we will communicate this between our two settings and liaise with families involved. Thank you for cooperating with us and helping us keep our community safe.

School Improvement

Mrs Elliot, our Deputy Head, has been working hard behind the scenes to improve our playtimes and PE lessons; we will shortly be having a traverse-climbing wall and outdoor gym installed in our playground, along with some climbing equipment for our Reception children. We know this will hugely benefit our children's physical development and provide them with some fun activities during PE lessons and play times, perfect for developing their fitness and wellbeing. We'll keep you updated on this.....



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.

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
Isabella	Roshan	Riley	Jed	Lana X-D Alfie	Clara	Anaya





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Christmas Arrangements

- Remember to bring in Christmas cards 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.
- We are currently negotiating with our lunch provider (12.15) to see if all pupils will be able to have a Christmas Lunch, which is looking unlikely, however those who usually have a school lunch will be able to do so. If we aren't able to secure this, we will still make this lunch time a special one for those with packed lunches and will provide crackers, play Christmas music and create a wonderful festival vibe for them.....
- 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



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16 th November - Odd Sock Day – Anti bullying – wear odd socks to school	Friday 11 th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper/Hat day - £1 donation brought into school to collect in each class's money pot
Wednesday 18 th November - Ned's Wellbeing Yoyo assembly – yoyos on sale which can be used in school playtime	Wednesday 16 th December – Christmas class parties -wear Christmas Mufti
Friday 27 th November – Year 4 Stone Age Dress Up Wow Day	Friday 18 th December – Last day of Autumn 2 1.15pm – please socially distance
Monday 7 th December – Flu vaccinations – whole school (pupils whose parents/carers have consented)	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