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Dear Parents/Carers,



The Christmas feeling has started at Byfleet with each class having made a terrific festive hoop to hang in our foyer. Scan the QR code or [click here to view our video of their wonderful work](#). Children may 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.



This week we also celebrated Anti-bullying Week, which helped us reinforce our new Behaviour and Anti-bullying Policy. It was great seeing the children wearing 'odd socks' to represent that we are all different but equally important! Some classes enjoyed using the *Now>Press>Play* headsets to go on an audio journey on a mission to eradicate bullies by listening to an interactive story!

Here's a message from Mrs Lancashire, who kindly organised our Anti-bullying Week:

"Thank you to all the children for taking part in odd socks day on Monday. This week, the children have created a poster and there were winners in each class (2 in Y5 and 2 in Y6). Throughout this week, children have taken part in role plays and designed their own odd socks. In YR they have been learning about how we are all different through the story of Elmer the elephant. Year 4 did Now Press Play about Bullying."

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.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 End of Day Collection

We continue to ask - 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. Do not walk straight through the children's PE lessons** with our sports coach David, which is happening quite frequently.

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

There will be another Happy Schools Bag Collection for any unwanted clothing on Wednesday 2nd December: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fbps/#.X5FtJ9BKjcs>. Please drop these off in the sheltered area near the carpark.



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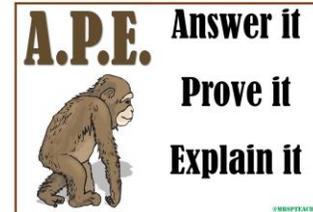
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Maths Mastery

This week Miss Yeun, our Maths Lead, worked with SLT to look at the progress our children are making in maths. This year we have introduced 3 CHALLENGES for the children to complete at the end of each lesson:

1. **Fluency** (an activity that links to developing speed – fill in the missing number, times tables & division etc.)
2. **Problem Solving** – usually these are word problems which require children to interpret questions. These questions require more than 1 step i.e. the working out and the answer.
3. **Reasoning** – these questions require a deeper understanding of maths and we use the acronym APE (answer, prove, explain) to lay out our answers to this question. Reasoning is the ability to explain HOW an answer is achieved. Children need to be taught explicitly how to use APE to support their answers.



Here is an example of a Reasoning word problem. Try use APE to answer it:

Five numbers have a mean of 12
Here are four of the numbers.

13 12 9 16

What is the fifth number?

1	6 pencils cost £1.68 3 pencils and 1 rubber cost £1.09 What is the cost of 1 rubber ?
Show your method.	

Ned's Yoyo Wellbeing Show



The children enjoyed watching Ned's virtual *Mindset Mission wellbeing and friendship show* this week as part of Anti-bullying Week. The yo-yos showcased in the show were on sale for children to purchase and the children are enjoying practising their skills during playtime in school. Thank you for your support we hope you enjoy the yo-yo's – we sold nearly the whole shipment and have now returned the few remaining items so they are no longer on sale. If you have any queries regarding your yo-yo please follow the link to [NED'S MINDSET MISSION](#).

School Improvement

This week, the teachers carried out virtual Google Hangout video calls with the parents/carers of children with additional needs on the SEND register to share what we as a school are doing to support these children and to share interventions. We were happy to share each child's Support Arrangement plan so that parents can work collaboratively with school on these targets at home.



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



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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
Jack	Orson	Mia-Rose	Stanley	Zarif Savannah	George	Kaiyah



Christmas Arrangements

- Unfortunately our lunch provider company (called '12.15') is not able to provide children who usually have a 'packed lunch' with a Christmas dinner this year. We are extremely sad about this as this is always a highlight for the children. Those who usually have a school lunch will be able to have a Christmas dinner and we will try and make this day as special as we can for ALL children by providing crackers, playing Christmas music and creating 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) – teachers are working hard to put together a little snippet of a show to share with parents/carers – as you can imagine, this is not easily done using videoing – wish us luck!
- Christmas class parties on Wednesday 16th December and Christmas movie slot during the last week

Forest School

We are currently looking at different options of starting up our own Forest School here at Byfleet. If you know of anyone who is a trained Forest School Leader, or wishing to pursue a career in Outdoor Education, please ask them to email us at info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk.



We would also like to ask you to help us source the following to set up our Forest School:

- Tree trunks that can be used as seating (any tree surgeons out there?)
- A fire pit
- Large wooden electric cable reels (to be used as tables)
- Large army tent or army canvas/shelter/tarpaulin
- Wooden pallets
- Old tyres
- Hammers, nails and pliers
- Outdoor rope



Hopefully we can make our Forest School dream a reality soon!



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Dates for Your Diary

Friday 27 th November – Year 4 Stone Age Dress Up Wow Day	Wednesday 16 th December – Christmas class parties - wear Christmas Mufti
Monday 7 th December – Flu vaccinations – whole school (pupils whose parents/carers have consented)	Friday 18 th December – Last day of Autumn 2 1pm – Reception, Year 1 & 2 1.15pm – Year 3 to Year 6 – 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 INSET – no children Tuesday 5 th January – Children to return to school
W/c 7 th December – Official Year 2 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 19 th April – INSET day Monday 7 th June – INSET day

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Meyrick – Headteacher