



## Byfleet Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we only have 3 weeks left of school until we start our Christmas holiday! This week, teachers carried out formal assessments with the children to gauge a standardised score for them, which will help us work out who will benefit from additional support and interventions. Further assessments will continue next week. In line with the current unknowns of a further national lockdown, EEEA have requested that all schools in the Trust add an additional INSET day this year, which is scheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. This will allow staff to prepare if schools are informed to close and remote learning is initiated – we will keep you updated however we anticipate that all children will return to school for the Spring term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

I also wanted to express my thanks as I have noticed that parents are being more considerate when parking up and using parking bays instead of parking across the verges. Thank you for helping keep our children safe. Please could all drivers continue to be vigilant and drive slowly outside the school gates as occasionally children can run out onto the road, which is out of our control once we've released children to their parents at the end of the day.

### Christmas Video

This week has been busy with teachers preparing some Christmas activities for our Christmas video of your children showcasing some of their work- Mrs Sopp has sent out a link for you to respond to if you don't wish your child to appear in our virtual Christmas video.



### School Improvement



This week staff reviewed our *Marking & Feedback policy*, where I hosted a training session focussing on providing immediate feedback to pupils during lesson time, called 'Live Marking'. Moving forward, staff will be using green and pink highlighters to identify good aspects of our pupils' work, along with providing immediate feedback to our children, encouraging them to respond and improve aspects of their work during the lesson time. Specific personal gaps will be targeted so that we can help our children make accelerated progress and maximise the learning opportunities during lesson time. It won't be long before our children become familiar with our new way of assessing.

### Byfleet Governors

Congratulations to Miss Yuen who has been appointed as our new staff Governor.

This week, in our half-term Governors' Meeting, the Governors signed off the following recently reviewed policies:

- Child Protection & Safeguarding
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy

### Anti-bullying Week Poster Winners

[Please take a look at the terrific video Mrs Lancashire has put together to celebrate our Anti-bullying Week poster winners](#) by clicking here. The winners won a pair of 'odd socks' for their great designs and their posters have been displayed around school to ensure we continue using STOP (Start Telling Other People) at Byfleet.





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### Homework Projects

Well done to Oliva H in Year 1 for making a terrific milk bottle Elmer the Elephant with lots of bright colours! We are seeing many wonderful projects coming in to school which the children are really proud to share with their classmates...

A big thank you to our parents for engaging so well with the homework tasks set out in their Homework Matrix. Please do continue to send in your children's wonderful creative projects so that we can celebrate these in school and share these with us on Twitter @ByfleetPrimary



### Safeguarding

Congratulations to Mrs Scipior who has recently completed her *Designated Safeguarding Training* and is now a member of our DSL team at Byfleet, along with Mrs Meyrick (DSL Lead) and Mrs Elliot & Mrs Brackenbury (Deputy DSLs). This week I delivered further safeguarding training to our Teaching Assistants to ensure that all staff at Byfleet are fully equipped to protect and safeguard our children following the correct procedures. Along with the introduction of our new *Safeguarding and Behaviour policies*, we aim to ensure that Byfleet is a safe and happy place for our children and staff. Please do refer to the 'Safeguarding' tab on our school website for more information.

**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**

### End of Year Gifts for Staff

As we near the end of term and the festive season, we know that some of you will be thinking about 'thank you' gifts for staff. Our staff do not expect anything, but if you do want to give something, cards and letters are appreciated (kind words mean a lot!). Some class' parents get together and give a joint present or voucher. Do think about this as it reduces the number of items coming in from lots of households with potential cross-contamination. If you are planning to give any gifts, whether jointly or individually, please ensure these are brought in one week before the end of term so they can be quarantined for 72 hours prior to being given to the member of staff. Do label them clearly to be left in the classroom. Staff cannot accept any cash gifts.



### 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.

### Warm Fleece – 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.



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### Family Learning On Line Resource

Family Learning courses are for parents and carers to help you give your children a positive start in life and to help support your child's learning and development at home and school. A wide range of free courses are offered online, from parenting and wellbeing to Maths and English for EAL parents. They are delivered in a relaxed and informal way by supportive and knowledgeable tutors. [Click here to find out more....](#)

### Now Press Play

The children are thoroughly enjoying their virtual trips using our Now Press Play headphones. This week, Year 1 went on a journey to the Moon – the feedback from them is very positive and we are delighted that we've been able to invest in this technology for our children.

### Science and Stem

Are you children interested in stem. [Here are loads of resources if so.](#)

### The FRIENDS of Byfleet Primary

The Happy School Bag Collection planned for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December has been cancelled due to the current restrictions. Further dates will be planned in the New Year.



### 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
Jackson	Sophie	Leiysha	Khaleesi	Jamie H Vivienne	Mya	Sinead



### Year 4 – Mrs Corry

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Corry on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November as she returns from her maternity leave.

### Christmas Arrangements

- Christmas isn't Christmas without a panto – we're all looking forward to this virtual pantomime on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December and Christmas movie slot during the last week



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### Forest School

Thank you for the tremendous response we've had regarding sourcing a Forest School teacher and helping out with outdoor equipment - we couldn't be happier with the response we've had from our Byfleet community and hope that we will be able to start this wonderful provision (fingers crossed) in the Spring term - we will keep you updated. Please could you continue spreading the word and help us keep looking for a Forest School teacher.....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](mailto: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?)
- 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!

And finally...

## Year 4 Stone Age Day

Wow! What a fabulous way to end another exciting week of learning in Year 4...dressing up as a person from the Stone Age! Thank you to our fabulous students and wonderful parents/carers for your awesome effort in creating such cool costumes! An absolute hit!

We loved immersing ourselves in fun and amazing experiences from the Stone Age! We began the day with a group picture of us all dressed up...complete with props!



Our learning was brought to life by taking a journey through the Stone Age experience using *Now Press Play*.

*"It was fun!" Eleanor*

*"It was really fun and I enjoyed it!" Freya*

*"It was very interesting trying new things!" Anaya*

*"My favourite bit is when you moved the torches to scare away the wolves."*  
*Rayyan*





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We truly enjoyed creating our own Bronze Age 'Gorget' (a decorative metal collar) whilst also learning why we call it The Bronze Age; such a brilliant way to compare modern day to long ago as we still wear decorative necklaces today.

*"It was fun because you got to paint the Gorget!" Matthew*

*"It was fun because you don't usually get to use cardboard, paint and make it yourself!" Taylah*

*"It felt really fun to make something from the Bronze Age because we learned a lot from the Stone Age!" Lana R*

*"It was fun because we got to paint it the bronze colour. It was like the colour we saw in the video!" Jamie*



We explored how we could survive the Stone Age through an online game by collecting stones, food and meeting others to help them build boats. Are you able to survive? <https://gridclub.com/activities/stone-age-survival>

### Dates for Your Diary

	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>Christmas class parties</b> - wear Christmas Mufti
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>Flu vaccinations</b> – whole school (pupils whose parents/carers have consented)	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>Last day of Autumn 2</b> 1pm – Reception, Year 1 & 2 1.15pm – Year 3 to Year 6 – please socially distance
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>Wear a Christmas Jumper/Hat day</b> - £1 donation brought into school to collect in each class's money pot	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - <b>Spring Term INSET – no children</b> Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January – <b>Children to return to school</b>
W/c 7 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>Official Year 2 Phonics Screening Check</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – INSET day Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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