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Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's starting to feel like Christmas – just look at the amazing array of twinkling lights outside our school. Thanks to Mr Smith and Mrs Cosentino for decorating our school – it looks fab! This week the children have been finalising their Christmas shows, which we will be sharing with parents/carers before we break up. Now that the second national lockdown has come to an end and the country moves into a tiered system, we will be in Tier 2 (High Alert) - please see the summary from the Tier 2 Government poster below. Covid 19 has not gone away and we all need to continue to play our part to make sure we all stay as well and safe as possible. Tier 2 (high level) restrictions means:



MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Maths Advent

Calendar

[Click here to view some brilliant maths themed advent calendars](#) for each year group – these will be great to print off and complete at home over the festive period.



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School Improvement

This week staff carried out assessments of the children's writing and had professional discussions about the criteria for each year groups' writing objectives. This has allowed the teachers to identify which children will receive additional interventions for writing, spelling and handwriting in the spring term. Teachers will be sending home some additional handwriting sheets for identified children to use at home to help them form their letters correctly and join up their writing – thank you for helping them at home as this is a big school focus for us at the moment.



Year 1 Road Safety Assembly

Road Safety was the theme for our Year 1 virtual class assembly this week. Year 1 Meerkats worked incredibly hard with Miss Payne and Mrs Crammond to put together a virtual assembly with key messages about keeping safe on our roads, particularly as the days get darker in the winter months. Year 1 parents/carers – please check your child's Google Classroom for this video. Mrs Sopp has also emailed it out to their parents/carers to enjoy.

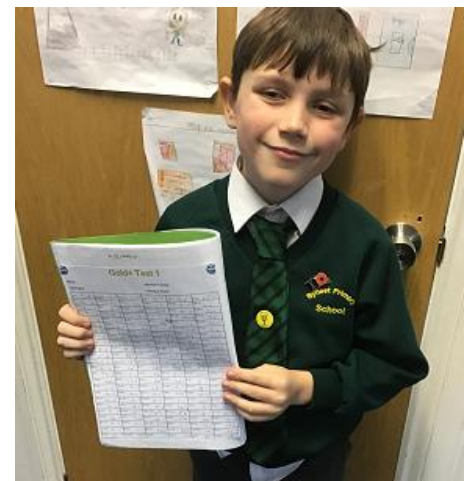
Year 5/6 End of the Day Release

Could we remind parents/carers of Year 5/6 children who collect them at the end of the day to please collect them from the pavements to the LEFT and RIGHT of the main gate. Teachers will dismiss children to the pavements only so please don't encourage your child to cross the busy road towards the green opposite the school. Whilst it's appropriate to wait on the green to ensure social distancing occurs, we cannot risk our children running across the road. I continue to have parents/carers complain that children are crossing the road dangerously, which I've reiterated is difficult for the school to control once the children have been handed over to parents/carers. Please help us keep our children safe.



144 Club

We introduced the timetable 144 Club this term, where we are trying to build up our children's multiplication fluency by being able to recall all of the 12 x 12 tables and division facts off by heart, from Year 2 – 6. It is vital that children have daily opportunities to recite their tables and division facts to help them quickly use maths facts. [Please see our 144 Club resources on our website](#). There are also many APPS that can be downloaded to help your child practice at home each night. A huge well done to Oliver R in Year 4 for achieving his GOLD badge in the 144 Club – this is the highest achievement so far at Byfleet!





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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/carers 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.



Staff Announcements

- Miss Hurn will be undergoing a medical procedure in the final week of term which she is required to self-isolate for beforehand. She is sad to not be able to spend the last week with her class before Christmas. Her last day with Year 3s will be on Friday 11th December if you wanted to say a little thank you to her and wish her well before she leaves.
- Miss Libby has been teaching the current year 4s since the academic year of 2018/19 – she will be leaving us on Friday 18th December. We would like to wish her well in her new teaching endeavours and thank her for her commitment during her time here.
- From January 2021, alongside Mrs Corry in Year 4M, we are delighted to introduce Mrs Billson, who will job-share with this class and teach them on Thursdays and Fridays until Miss Martin returns at the end of the summer term.
- We have also appointed a teacher called Mr Thornton to help us raise standards across Key Stage 2 – he will be working predominantly in Year 3 & 4 in the spring term. We look forward to this additional capacity to help our children achieve better.



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 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.

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.



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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
Muskan	Olivia B	Zach	Daniela	Eddie Oliver R	Calia	Izzy



Year 3 News!



For his home learning, Jed has made a delicious loaf of bread to accompany his sweet potato and butternut squash soup – looks delicious Jed!

Forest School Teacher

Unfortunately we haven't been able to appoint anyone for our Forest School Teacher role yet so 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.

Second Hand School Uniform

The Friends of Byfleet are happy to take your second hand school uniform donations within the restrictions of Covid. The wooden shed inside the school gate will be open for you to socially distance and drop off any second hand school uniform between 8.30 – 9.15 on Monday 14th December. All items will be quarantined before they are sorted and washed by The Friends of Byfleet later on in the week. If you are in need of any specific school uniform items, please email the school office and let Mrs Sopp know.



Christmas Arrangements

- Christmas isn't Christmas without a panto – we're all looking forward to our 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!



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Dates for Your Diary

W/c 7 th December – Official Year 2 Phonics Screening Check	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
Wednesday 16 th December – Christmas class parties - wear Christmas Mufti	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 stay safe.

Kind regards,
Mrs Meyrick – Headteacher