



Byfleet Primary School

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Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the term comes to an end, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of our Byfleet community for so many reasons..... Thank you for bringing your children to school everyday and helping them settle back into their routines and learning. Thank you for embracing the many changes brought about as a result of COVID, like our one-way systems, mask wearing and staggered start and end of day timings, helping us keep our children safe.



Thank you for supporting your child's weekly home learning: the big home-learning projects that have been brought into school have been of an exceptional quality, and all of this on top of daily reading, spelling and learning multiplication tables! With COVID, the landscape changed daily and I'm immensely proud that the staff have worked hard to keep the school open. As mentioned previously, we are one of a handful of Surrey schools to have not had any bubble closures, which we are grateful for on so many levels. A huge thank you to the wonderful staff at Byfleet for helping keep our children safe and school open! What a privilege to lead such an inspirational team!

Free Parenting Course

Family Learning provides free online parenting courses for parents and carers, including grandparents, who lack confidence or are struggling to support their children with school, homework or behaviour issues. [Click here to register.](#)

Roll up, Roll up...Byfleet's Christmas Video

A big thank you to our terrific Byfleet children for putting together a brilliant virtual Christmas show. We hope you enjoyed watching them acting, singing and dancing whilst getting us in the Christmas spirit. [If you missed it, watch it here....](#) Please respect the rights of our families and do not share this link on any social media platform. This week the children had their Christmas parties and had lots of fun playing games and singing songs. It was also great having our Christmas dinner on Wednesday – lots of crackers and jokes were shared.



Outstanding Behaviour Tea Party

This week, the children who have won 'outstanding' behaviour awards took part in a Tea Party to celebrate their brilliant behaviour choices. Well done to the children who have made sensible behaviour choices this term and shown excellent learning behaviour. Ask your child if they were one of the lucky ones to join the Tea Party! We wonder who will join us for our next Tea Party in the Spring term?



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Handwriting Awards

We are currently having a big push on improving our children presenting their work neatly and teaching the children how to join their handwriting correctly. We are proud of the quick progress being made across the school and have awarded a book prize for the most improved handwriting this term. Well done to the following children:



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Muskan	Charlotte	Albie	James	Cameron Zarif	Henry	Bella

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
Rory	Matilda	Matylda	Preston	Ollie R Matilda	Lola	Ben



Staff Announcements

- Miss Kirby has had to take some rest before commencing her maternity leave in the Spring term. She is really sad to have not been able to say goodbye to her class. We wish her all the best.
- We are delighted to be welcoming two new members of staff to the Reception team in January: Mrs Pardi will be the class teacher replacing Miss Kirby, who will be having her baby shortly. Mrs Pardi is an experienced Early Years Teacher who had led several Early Years Settings in her leadership roles. She looks forward to leading our Reception class and we welcome the vast experience she brings with her to make our children's first year at Byfleet a successful one. We have appointed Mrs Bray, an additional 1:1 adult to support in the Reception class. Mrs Bray has a strong track-record of working successfully with children with SEND.



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.

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.

COVID News

Mrs Meyrick will remain available for Track and Trace duties up until 24th December (and beyond if necessary).

The Department of Education recommend that we make you aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:



- For the **first 6 days** after teaching ends (until 23rd December), if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Please email the full name and class of any affected person who was in school on Thursday 17th to our school office info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk. This will be monitored daily for 6 days.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching (23rd December).

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.

Spring Term Newsletters

From the Spring term, we will be reducing our Byfleet Newsletter to every fortnight. If there is any news that we wish to share, we will email this out to you as-and-when to ensure you are kept updated.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4th January - Spring Term INSET – no children	Monday 19 th April – INSET day
Tuesday 5th January – Children to return to school	Monday 7 th June – INSET day
15th – 19th February – Half Term	
22 nd February – Happy School Bag Collection w/c 1 st March – Science Week 3 rd March -- Parent/Carer Meetings 4 th March – Parent/Carer Meetings	29 th -31 st March – Y5 Bikeability Level 1



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And finally, as we head into the New Year with the beginning of the end in sight - and simply because a little positivity goes a long way - I share a poem by Laura Kelly Fanucci.

When this is over, may we never again take for granted

*A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the shops
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
Communal prayers*

*A routine check-up
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.*

*When this ends
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way — better
for each other
because of the worst.*

I'd like to wish you a wonderful Christmas break with your loved ones. Please come back to us safely on Tuesday 5th January, ready for another term filled with great learning opportunities for our children. Keep safe. Keep well.

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – with best wishes from the staff of Byfleet Primary School.

Kind regards

Mrs Meyrick
Headteacher