



Byfleet Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Byfleet Crowdfund

You may have seen the extremely kind Crowdfunding that was set up by a local Byfleet resident, to raise funds for our children on Facebook. Rev McCabe has been in touch to indicate that this money will be distributed proportionally between local schools, which we will be delighted to receive – what a lovely gesture in such a difficult time. He has also indicated that there have been many generous donations of printers and laptops (less than 6 years old) that will be quarantined and ready to be gifted to some of our families who need them. If you feel you would benefit from a printer or laptop, please email the office info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk and we will liaise with Rev McCabe who will distribute these.

Remote Learning

- We currently have 38% of our children with us in school, which is still a very high proportion – if you are able to work from home, we urge that you please give up your space in school so that we can reduce our numbers. At present we have **every** member of our teaching staff either teaching our Critical worker/vulnerable children in school or setting work on Google Classroom and delivering remote learning. We are incredibly stretched but continue to provide the best education we are able to at present. If a member of staff were to fall ill then we will have to unfortunately ask that these children stay at home and access remote learning for the duration of the absence.
- Please note that you will always be prompted to ask for 'permission' to access any work/resources on Google Classroom if you are not signed in with a Byfleet account. **Each child has their own Byfleet.surrey.sch.uk account which is the one that we ask that you use to avoid a 'permission request'**.
- Is your child interested in Science and STEM? Here are some new live teacher-led lessons for Key Stage 2 children to access remotely. Simply **follow the link** www.stem-school.co.uk, **select a time** that best suits your child's' home learning schedule and **enrol your child for a week or more** up until half-term. If you haven't experienced their sessions they are offering a **FREE starter lesson** to see what it's all about.
- We hope you found the tutorial on how to '**Access Google Classroom**' useful, which gives you more information on how to submit your children's learning to their teacher. **If you missed it, here it is.**
- Many parents have shared that they are enjoying the 'life-skill challenges' - please do remember to tweet your photos of any great learning to @byfleetprimary as we'd love to see what your children are getting up to.
- Please could you check that your children 'switch off' from using Google Classroom and other technology after a certain time as teachers have passed on concerns that some children are still posting on the class stream at 10.30pm which is well past bedtime!





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Free Parenting Magazine

Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home – [find out more in this free Family First Magazine.](#)

Weekly Themes

The foundation subjects are being covered through 'Weekly Themes'. These are themes which will be consistent from Years 1-6. Your child's teacher will set an activity each day relating to one of the 'Foundation Subjects' linked to the week's theme.

Here is an overview of each theme:

Week 1 - New Year

Week 2 - Winter

Week 3 - RE week - Christianity

Week 4 - Chinese New Year (this is being taught ahead of Chinese New Year on 12th February)

Week 5 - Well-being week (in line with Children's Mental Health Week)

Week 6 - Internet Safety (in line with Safer Internet Day on 9th February)

We hope that having a consistent theme will make Remote Learning easier for families who have children in different years as they can share the learning as a whole family.

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
Ted	Isabelle	Luke	Jacob	Darcy Alex	Lily	Freddie



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.

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.



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Clubs- For children in school

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.

Wellbeing

No one has been left unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thousands have lost loved ones, their businesses, their jobs, their homes. Over the past ten months, the situation has changed almost on a daily basis and at times, the 'light at the end of the tunnel' has never seemed so far away. [We have added a dedicated section on 'Wellbeing' to our website which we hope you will find useful and refer to when needed.](#) There is a lovely story called 'Good Days in Unusual Times' which you could start off reading to your child - it is lovely!



You've Got This!

During tough times, we all need a little reminder that we can cope. With self-care, support and certain little tips and tricks, you can get through a difficult patch. Consider the advice below and remember... you are stronger than you think!

Take One Day at a Time

As tricky as it seems, try not to focus on the big picture. In uncertain times, none of us know what the big picture actually is and speculating won't help. Focus on the now - today - and maybe tomorrow or the next few days. This method is used by many and really works.



Focus on the Things that Are in Your Control

You can't control everything. In times of crisis, there is an awful lot that is out of your control. Focusing on the things you can control will help if you are someone who needs to feel they have a handle on things. You can control your actions, your routines, your schedules, your reactions and responses to situations and to others.

Be Prepared to Be Flexible

For those who like to be in control and to be organised, this can seem almost impossible. But understanding that you may need to be flexible and not feeling guilty when you don't get something done is a really important part of self-care. You might have thought your children would have got more school work done. You maybe hoped to have cleaned the kitchen. You might be disappointed that you didn't have time to sort out the garden as planned. But that's OK; plans change and there's always tomorrow.



Celebrate All Achievements

While it's important to not beat yourself up about the things you didn't get done, it's just as important to congratulate yourself on the things you did get done - no matter how small. Focus on the things that did get achieved or completed (or even started) and be proud of yourself just for getting through another day.



Plan Something to Make You Smile

Try to pencil something in for every day that will make you smile. This could be a walk in the sunshine or a spot of gardening. It could be a family board game or an episode of your favourite TV show. It could be a tasty treat. Or it could be some quiet time, with a good book, in a nice, hot bath. Having something to look forward to, no matter how small, can really help to get you through the more challenging aspects of your day.

Feeling lonely?
Anxious?
Depressed?

We can all feel anxious for various reasons but when these feelings increase, they can have a big impact on our wellbeing.

Our **Community Wellbeing Calls** service may help you by having someone to talk to, regularly on the telephone, about your troubles or wellbeing. These calls are free and may be the lifeline you need to help life feel better.

To find out more
Telephone 07866 340 739
Email info@wokingmind.org.uk
**We will need your name and contact number to call you back.*

Service is available to all adults living in Surrey.

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Dates for Your Diary

15th – 19th February – Half Term	Monday 19 th April – INSET day TBC Monday 7 th June – INSET day TBC
22 nd February – Happy School Bag Collection w/c 1 st March – Science Week 3 rd March -- Parent/Carer Meetings TBC 4 th March – Parent/Carer Meetings TBC	29 th -31 st March – Y5 Bikeability Level 1 TBC

We hope you are keeping well and please remember to stay at home and protect our NHS. Stay well and we hope that we will be able to open our school to all of our children in the coming months.

Kind regards,

Mrs Meyrick
Headteacher

