



# Byfleet Primary School

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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at Byfleet as we have been preparing for staff to start using Lateral Flow Tests from next week. Our outdoor gym and climbing wall is being finalised today (please see the photos in today's assembly video) – we will share the final photographs with you in next week's newsletter. Thank you also to parents for working so hard to juggle home learning – we appreciate how difficult this may be but have seen some excellent engagement from our children and it's great to see so much work being shared with the class teachers. Please could we remind parents of Critical Worker/vulnerable children who are being taught in school – **mixing with other households outside of your support bubble out of school hours will revoke your child's place with us at Byfleet** as we cannot risk putting our children in school and our staff's lives at risk.

### Remote Learning

- Parents/Carers of Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 children may come to school from next week to collect phonics reading books if they wish. If your child is in upper key stage 2 and still reading these books, you are also welcome to come and collect some books for them. Miss Payne has sent out a letter outlining the information. Collection days are:

Reception Monday	Year 1 Tuesday	Year 2 Wednesday	Year 3 Thursday
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- We currently have 32% of our children with us in school, which is still a 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.
- We currently have several parents each week requesting for their children to return to school, despite not being classified as vulnerable or Critical Worker. We unfortunately are unable to offer any further spaces due to capacity however urge parents to reach out to us if we are able to support or advise with home learning or other queries about how your children are coping at home – we are here to help and will do our best!
- Here are 9 tips to help your child with online safety – [click here for more information](#).
- 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' -





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please do remember to tweet your photos of any great learning to [@byfleetprimary](https://twitter.com/byfleetprimary) as we'd love to see what your children are getting up to.

- Does your child have dyslexia? [If so, here's a useful guide on how you can support them with remote learning.](#)

### Wellbeing

- We hope your children are benefitting from the morning Google Hangout sessions with the teacher and their friends. This is a great time for the children to ask any questions they may have.
- [Here is a video to share with your child](#), showing how you can support their mental health during this lockdown. Please look on our school website as we have made a folder with [resources for you to utilise to support wellbeing during lockdown.](#)
- Stormbreak.org have some great resources too that you [may find useful to share with your children.](#)



### National Assessments



It is no surprise, given the major interruption to learning, that statutory assessments have been cancelled for Year 2 and Year 6 SATs, Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Check for this academic year. We will keep parents updated once we have received further guidance from the government. As a school, despite moving to remote learning, staff are still working hard to assess children's work which is why it is important that you submit their learning. If this lockdown continues into Spring 2, we will be sending home the NLS assessment papers that we were due to use with the children in school, to gauge their current levels. Mrs Elliott, who is responsible for Assessment and Data, will be in touch later in the term to outline how we are going to run these assessments for our children at home – we may need to be creative in our approach. We want to reassure you that these tests needn't put any additional strain on children but merely an opportunity of us to broadly gauge their progress and for you as parents to see what types of questions your children are exposed to so that you can further support them at home.

### Chromebook Donations

Since the start of this lockdown, we have issued 16 devices to our families to help them access remote learning – these have been an essential resource which we are fortunate to have. This week, we have been completely overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of others as we have received 32 new chromebooks:

- 15 from ASC (American School Cobham)
- 12 from DfE (Department of Education)
- 1 from a kind parent
- 4 from a local Byfleet Crowdfund (Byfleet Charity)



We are grateful for these kind donations and looking forward to seeing how these are going to benefit our Byfleet children.



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## 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. 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.

Here is an overview of each theme:

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)

## 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
Sophia	Sterling	Harrison	Jack	Amelia Benjamin	Leon	Henry



## 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](mailto: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 school so that we can issue a food voucher for the food bank.



Please follow us on twitter and tweet some of your child's home learning if you wish to share work they are proud of – we'd love to share with this with our wider community. @Byfleetprimary

## Dates for Your Diary

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

If you are struggling to complete work set on Google Classroom as you haven't got a device at home, then please email or call the office and we will see how we can support you with this.

Don't forget to pop into school next week in your slot to collect reading books for your children!

We have also let some pupil writing and maths (plain) books in the school atrium if you have run out of books/paper to carry out remote learning. Please do help yourself to a book for your child if you run out.



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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



### Online Resources to Support Remote Learning

#### General Learning Resources

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

A fantastic resource which has nearly 10,000 lessons, videos and activities which can support your child's learning at home. You are able to select by year group or subject making it really easy to navigate.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/primary-live-lessons/zmc9jvh>

The BBC has put together a fantastic selection of programmes and videos to support your children, covering everything from literacy to fitness.

#### English

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Lots of information for parents about phonics including: what exactly phonics is, how it is taught in UK schools and suggestions for helping children develop or consolidate their phonics knowledge.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

Oxford have a wealth of free downloadable books which can be accessed at home, you are also able to search for books by age so you can ensure that the books are appropriate for your child.

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

A fun online game to help children with phonics and the art of reading.

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

Currently Amazon are offering a whole variety of children's books available to download on Kindle for free, these include fiction books and educational books. You simply need to search for free children's books in the search bar.

#### Maths

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

A great resource with a wealth of lessons for all primary aged children, lessons include videos and resources.

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

The Maths Factor is free for everyone for the duration of the UK Schools closure period. Age 4-12 years. Matched to the National Curriculum.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

A great website with a whole host of interactive maths games to help develop maths skills.

#### Other curriculum resources

<https://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/learning-at-the-aquarium/home-learning-sessions/>

Every Friday during Lockdown the National Marine Aquarium will be hosting live encounter with a whole host of their amazing animals, all led by their aquarium teachers.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/key-stage-2/>

A great website containing a whole host of free RAW resources.



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<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/primary-resources/>

National Geographic have created a wide variety of engaging ideas, with accompanying resource sheets covering a wide range of subjects to support your child's learning at home.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Fun activities, quizzes and interactive information across many different topics.

### **Well-Being**

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wellbeing-week-daily-resources/>

To help support your child with their well-being at home you might link to visit this page, simply scroll down to the bottom of the page where you find links to power points with different discussion-based activities. These are updated on a daily basis.

### **Computing**

<https://scratch.mit.edu/parents/>

A great creative free programming programme which children also use in school so may be familiar with.

### **Staying active**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

The Body Coach, Joe Wicks will be holding LIVE PE lessons at 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on his YouTube channel for children of all ages. For 30 minutes a day Joe aims to inspire and energise the kids to get active, bounce around and have fun.

### **Art and creativity**

[www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob](http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob)

Draw with Rob - Rob Biddulph posts draw-along videos that parents can watch with their kids and, hopefully, make some nice pictures.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsscZgxEvgPp2caT3UNODA>

Olaf Falafel - Fun and engaging art classes for all abilities

### **COVID-19 support books**

[https://issuu.com/nosycrow/docs/coronavirus\\_-\\_a\\_book\\_for\\_children\\_about\\_covid-19/22](https://issuu.com/nosycrow/docs/coronavirus_-_a_book_for_children_about_covid-19/22)

Coronavirus: A Book for Children About Covid-19

[https://nursedottybooks.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/dave-the-dog-coronavirus-again.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3sWVS3HfEDGzn5DeJxpNnhuy-iFQeqEwc-ubcFt2elo0cXTKzs\\_6hUf50](https://nursedottybooks.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/dave-the-dog-coronavirus-again.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3sWVS3HfEDGzn5DeJxpNnhuy-iFQeqEwc-ubcFt2elo0cXTKzs_6hUf50)

Dave the dog is worried about Coronavirus again

[https://globalhealth.emory.edu/includes/documents/sections/ebook-competition/bray\\_bray\\_conquers\\_the\\_coronavirus.pdf](https://globalhealth.emory.edu/includes/documents/sections/ebook-competition/bray_bray_conquers_the_coronavirus.pdf)

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