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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been lovely to finally have confirmation of all children returning to Byfleet on Monday 8th March - we can't wait to welcome everyone back.

Returning to School

- All children are expected to return to school on Monday 8th March and the staggered start/end of the day arrangements will remain as they were before Christmas. Please ensure you are wearing a face mask, unless exempt (adults only).
- It is going to be interesting relearning how to stagger all of our children back into school which will require everyone's cooperation. **Please only arrive at your allocated time slot to avoid congestion.** If younger siblings are being dropped off, then Year 3/4 children may wait at their allocated area (Yr 3 pavement, Yr4 staff car park).
- At the end of the day, if you have a child in Reception with an older sibling in Key Stage 2 (Yr 3, 4, 5, 6), these children can remain in class until the older siblings collection time.



	Start Time	Collect Time	Arrangement
Reception	8.30	2.40	Parents may follow the 1-way system onto the playground to drop/collect - please socially distance and avoid loitering Please be aware of the PE lesson that may be taking place on the playground at collection time.
Year 1 and 2	8.35	2.45	Parents may follow the 1-way system onto the playground to drop/collect - please socially distance and avoid loitering Please be aware of the PE lesson that may be taking place on the playground at collection time.
Year 3 and 4	8.40	2.55	Parents may drop their child off at the double gate - children walk independently to their allocated area (Yr 3 = pavement, Yr 4 = staff car park). An adult will collect them at the allocated time
Year 5 and 6	8.25	3.00	Children walk independently through the double gates to their classroom. An adult will collect them at the allocated time

- Please remember that children are expected to wear their school uniform with black school shoes or their PE kit (on PE days).

Monday	Reception	Year 3
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Tuesday	Year 4T	Year 4M
Wednesday	Year 5	Year 6
Thursday	Year 1	Year 2

- As always, we are trying to reduce the number of items coming in from home - no book bags etc. Please bring in your zippy wallet with a reading book and reading diary. A labelled lunch box (if packed lunch) and water bottle is permitted. Children may bring in their own labelled hand sanitizer (for their use only).
- Please send in your child's Maths No Problem books, reading books and any other learning resources that we provided them with at the start of lockdown. We will ensure these are quarantined appropriately.

Curriculum

- Wellbeing/mental health: It goes without saying that we have carefully planned appropriate additional activities to cater for our children returning to school, to help them adapt and adjust to returning and building routines. These include reducing timings of lessons with more rest breaks to build up stamina, regular toilet breaks, increasing social interaction talk sessions (pshe themed) and daily lessons from a scheme called 'A Good Life'. Here is an overview of some of the wellbeing content we will explore with our children, to ensure we are able to prioritise their wellbeing.

What's inside?

This journal is all about you. It is full of fun tasks to get you thinking about your life and looks at four areas of healthy living.

My Brain and Mind

Learning how to keep your mind healthy, helps us to understand thoughts and feelings better. A healthy mind helps to cope better with problems and challenges.

My Nutrition

Learning how food and drink affects your mind and body will help you make the right choices.

My Lifestyle

Learning about healthy habits ensures we feel good, keep clean and stay safe.

My Safety

Understanding how to keep yourself well and safe by making healthy choices that help to prevent ill health.

My Movement

Understanding why and how you need to move each day, helps keep your body fit and your mind happy.



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- **Physical activity:** Every class will continue to have x2 PE sessions each week (one with Ultimate Coaching - see PE timetable above, and one with their class teacher - dance, games or gym). Teachers will continue to ensure every child has opportunities for further physical activity through the *Daily Mile (10 minute fitness)* and we are very excited to launch our new climbing wall and outdoor 'Fresh Air Gym' equipment from 8th March as an additional physical enrichment for our children.

Support for Parents

A message for parents who would like support with dyslexia and helping their children....

- At Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity is offering free places on our HELP Parents Course to lower-income families. The courses help parents of children with dyslexia to support them at home with reading, spelling, maths and study skills. One of the courses starts on 22 February and there is another course scheduled for May. This course is free - find out more here:
<https://www.helenarkell.org.uk/news/new-dates-help-course-for-parents-online.php>



- We have also been sent through a link to adult course, which may be of use to some parents, from Surrey Council:
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

Thank you

- We were delighted to have received some lovely board games and toys for our classes and for After School Club from Argos Brooklands, who chose us as their school to support
- We've received some lovely cakes, chocolates and cards from our Byfleet families, thanking us for our support with remote learning - a little thank you goes a very long way so we really appreciate your kindness and lovely words.



Star of the Week

Well done to these superstars for doing something extra special this week.....

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Roman	Hadib	Poppy	Olivia C	Taylah Isla	Sophie	Isaac



Wrap Around Care

We will continue to offer wrap-around care before and after school. From Monday 8th March we are able to offer 20 places, which are bookable from Thursday 4th March using our online booking system in the usual way. If you are unable to book dates after Monday 8th March as the system is showing as full, please contact the school office who will hold a waiting list for spaces. We will review our extended day provision once all pupils have returned and we have a clearer idea of demand.





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Weekly Curriculum Themes

Spring 2's themes are focusing on a different subject area each week so that we are able to focus on the core skills/objectives for each subject in each year. Where possible, we will still try to make the planning link so that siblings can work together on this.

Here are the areas we are focusing on in Spring 2:

Week 2 (1st Mar) - History / Reading week (World Book Day is Thursday 4th March)

***Don't forget to dress up (optional) as your favourite book character or as something book related**

Week 3 (8th Mar) - Science (British Science Week is this week)

Week 4 (15th Mar) - Modern Foreign Languages (French) / Computing

Week 5 (22 Mar) - Creative Week - Music / Art & DT / Dance

Week 6 (29th Mar) - RE (Easter)

Staffing Update

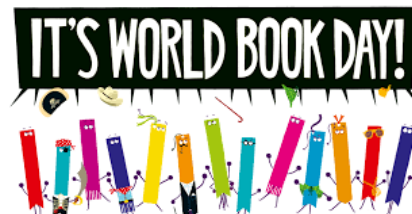
- We sadly say goodbye to our TA and MDSA, Mrs Percey in Reception today who is moving on to pursue a new exciting career. Mrs Heywood, our MDSA, is also moving on from her role at Byfleet and we would like to wish them both well in their new adventures.

Diary Dates

Please note that there is no INSET day on Monday 19th April

World Book Day Dress up - Thursday 4th March	Year 5 Bikeability - 29th March - 31st March
Parents Evening - Wednesday 3rd/Thursday 4th March	End of Spring term - Thursday 1st April Reception & KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Science Week - 8th March	Summer term starts - Monday 19th April
Comic Relief - Superhero Mufti £1 donation for charity - Friday 19th March	INSET day - Monday 7th June Last day of Summer term - Wednesday 21st July

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating **World Book Day** next week which will be filled with some terrific book activities for the children so please start thinking about ideas for dressing up (both at home and in school!) - we have many fun activities already planned to encourage our children to read more and celebrate reading for pleasure.



Thank you again for working so hard to support your child's home learning. We appreciate all the support and kind words you have shared with us over the past few weeks to show your support! We can't wait to welcome our children back in just over a week, on Monday 8th March.

Kind regards,

Mrs Meyrick
Headteacher