



# Byfleet Primary School

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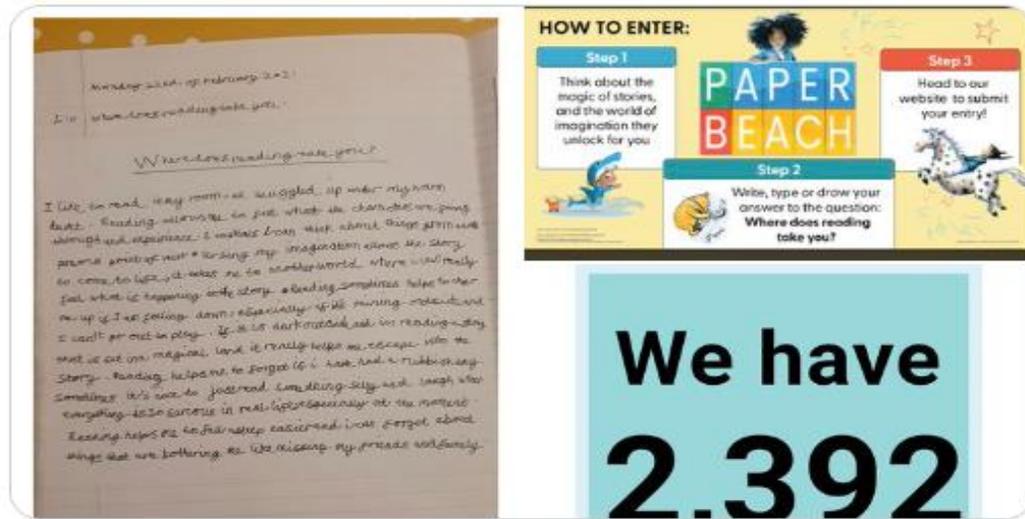
Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to have all of our children back in school with us next week - we can't wait to see how much they've grown and to catch up with all of their news. This week we celebrated book week and it was lovely to see so many children taking part in the many book-related activities planned for them. Many of our children took part in a reading competition from Egmont Books, and we were delighted to find out that superstar Jack W in Year 4 won top spot! Thank you to all of your children who entered this competition - well done everyone! Thank you to Miss Forde, our Reading Leader, for organising such a fun-packed week!



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Wow! We're super proud of Jack W in Yr4 for winning a £500 book bundle from @egmontbooksuk for @ByfleetPrimary. From 2392 entries, he took top spot for writing passionately about Where Reading Will Take You. Superb writing and well deserved reward, Jack. We're incredibly proud!



This week was also parents/carers meetings. Thank you for all the lovely feedback we have received about our remote learning offer and Google Classroom, which you shared with us during these meetings. If you missed your appointment, please be in touch with the school office to book a suitable appointment with the class teacher as we'd love to share your child's progress with you.

## 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).
- We have created a powerpoint to share with our children on their first day back, to reassure them and to share some reminders with them. [Please view our First Day Back Reminders here](#). You may wish to share this with your child at home beforehand if you feel this will be beneficial.



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- 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. This is the same arrangement as we had in the Autumn term. Families of children in both Year 3/4 and 5/6, please socially distance whilst waiting outside for your older children.

|              | 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<br><br>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<br><br>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.

| Ultimate Coaching PE Day - please wear your PE kit to school |           |         |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Monday   | Reception | Year 3  |
| Tuesday  | Year 4T   | Year 4M |
| Wednesday  | Year 5    | Year 6  |
| Thursday   | Year 1    | Year 2  |

Each class will have 2 PE sessions - the day for the session with the class teacher will be confirmed next week.



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- 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 and a replenished pencil case. 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.
- As mentioned previously, most staff have opted to take lateral flow tests twice per week, to help us further mitigate against Covid. Regular additional cleaning of classrooms, around school and high touch surfaces will continue - please view our Covid Risk Assessment on our website for further guidance on what we have initiated at Byfleet. Please can I remind all parents to wear face masks, unless exempt, at drop off/collect times.

## Curriculum

- Our recovery curriculum is focussed on the 5Rs: **Relationships, Routine, Retrieval, Regulate, Reteach**. We are mindful of the need to ease children back into routine so have adjusted timings etc of lessons to reflect our child's needs.
- There will be a heightened emphasis on wellbeing, mental health and physical activity. In the summer term, we will reinstate afterschool clubs run by staff, which will be physical activity clubs, as this is an area we would like to prioritise. Mr Smith, our caretaker, is also currently preparing our swimming pool for our summer term lessons. Here is an example of our wellbeing journals that we will focus on with our children:

### 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.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>My Brain and Mind</b> | 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. |
| <b>My Nutrition</b>      | Learning how food and drink affects your mind and body will help you make the right choices.   |
| <b>My Lifestyle</b>      | Learning about healthy habits ensures we feel good, keep clean and stay safe.  |
| <b>My Safety</b>         | Understanding how to keep yourself well and safe by making healthy choices that help to prevent ill health.  |
| <b>My Movement</b>       | Understanding why and how you need to move each day, helps keep your body fit and your mind happy.   |

## Fresh Air Fitness and Traverse Climbing Wall



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A big thank you to Mrs Elliot for spending hours sourcing suitable outdoor gym equipment and a climbing wall for our children. We are delighted that these have now been fully installed with rubber mulch flooring.

We have a 15 piece gym and a large traverse wall and vertical climbing poles for the children to enjoy on the main playground and our reception children will benefit immensely from the gross motor climbing equipment newly installed in their playground. We will be unveiling these new additions to our children next week! We know they are going to love using them.



### Friends of Byfleet

Our parent PTA, known as Friends of Byfleet Primary, have generously helped us purchase a new chrome book trolley for our additional 32 new chromebooks, which have been donated from DfE, Byfleet Charity and Cobham International School. We are now in a fortunate position to have 2 class sets of chromebooks that can be used simultaneously by our children, to enhance their curriculum - what lucky children.



### 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 |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Liam      | Hari   | Jack   | Katherine | Jack W<br>Cameron | Henry  | Izzy   |





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### 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 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.



### 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 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)

### Diary Dates

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

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Science Week - <b>8th March</b>   | End of Spring term - <b>Thursday 1st April</b><br><b>Reception &amp; KS1 - 1pm</b><br><b>KS2 - 1.15pm</b> |
| Comic Relief - Superhero Mufti £1 donation for charity - <b>Friday 19th March</b> | Summer term starts - <b>Monday 19th April</b>   |
| Year 5 Bikeability - <b>29th March - 31st March</b>                               | INSET day - <b>Monday 7th June</b><br>Last day of Summer term - <b>Wednesday 21st July</b>                |

Thank you again for working so hard to support your child's home learning. In a few years time, we'll look back on this challenging phase and reflect on how incredibly resilient we have been and be proud of what we have accomplished. We can't wait to welcome our children back on Monday 8th March 2021.

Kind regards,

Mrs Meyrick  
Headteacher