



## WEST BYFLEET INFANT SCHOOL

Friday 30th September—Autumn Newsletter No 4

We Believe in Success

Teachers who love to teach..... Children who love to learn.....

### ***This Week.....***

*Thank you to everyone who came in for the Reception Parent's information meeting on Tuesday. We hope you found it informative and helpful.*

*The children all behaved really well for their school photos on Wednesday. We hope you will like the results!*

*Year 2 had a great time experiencing life in the times of Florence Nightingale, in their Florence workshop on Friday.*

### ***Next Week:***

*Glow Worms will start their Forest School experience on Monday. Please come into school in suitable outdoor clothing, wellies/trainers and bring a spare pair of shoes for wearing indoors. We are very excited as the Fire Engine is coming to visit Year 1 on Tuesday next week. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the PFA Disco on Sat 15th Oct!*

### Useful Dates:

**Mon 3rd Oct**—Forest Schools—Glow Worms—please come into school wearing suitable outdoor clothes/wellies/trainers and bring a waterproof coat and spare pair of shoes for indoors.

**Mon 10th Oct**—Reception class photo for Surrey Advertiser.

**Sat 15th Oct**—PFA Disco

**PFA Fireworks**—Firework Night will be on **Friday 4th November** on the Junior School Field. Tickets on sale soon.

### **Hand Foot and Mouth**

We have had a recent case of Hand Foot and Mouth at school. Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common infection that causes mouth ulcers and spots on the hands and feet.

It's most common in young children – particularly those under 10 – but can affect older children and adults as well.

Hand, foot and mouth disease can be unpleasant, but it will usually clear up by itself within 7 to 10 days. You can normally look after yourself or your child at home.

The infection is not related to foot and mouth disease, which affects cattle, sheep and pigs.

Please go to the NHS website below for more information:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>

### **Question of the Week**



**Would you rather climb a high mountain or explore a really deep cave and what do you think it would be like?**

*Thank you for your help in discussing this fun question with your children.*



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### **Vacancy for Early Birds Assistant**

We have a vacancy for an Early Birds Assistant working 5 mornings a week from 7.45am to 8.45am, starting as soon as possible. The hourly rate is £9.06 (FTE £17,000 pa).

West Byfleet Infant School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you are interested please email Sue Sil — [admin@west-byfleet-infant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-byfleet-infant.surrey.sch.uk) for an application form.

### **A Huge Thank You.....**

To Tom Bowen and Mr Bowen Senior (Tom's Dad), who spent a lot of time and effort

designing and constructing the wonderful Reception gazebo from scratch and putting together the outside sheds for the Early Years area. You are both amazing, thank you!!

### ***Fruit and Snacks***

***We are very happy for you to send a fruit snack in for your child to have at break time. This should be a piece of fruit or pieces of fruit in a disposable bag. Please do not send in sweets, or fruit strings/fruit sticks or similar items. Please note we are also a nut free school.***

### **Surrey County Council advice on Ticks:**

*It is important that any school running outdoor activities such as Forest School advise children and parents on how to avoid tick bites and what action to take if your child gets bitten, as they are particularly active between Spring and Autumn. Ticks are tiny creatures similar to spiders and mites. Their bites are not painful but they can transmit bacteria that cause diseases such as Lyme Disease which should not be left untreated. Not all tick bites result in disease but you are more likely to become infected if the tick is left on your body for more than 24 hours. Therefore it is important to check children when they come home from a Forest School session.*

#### ***Be tick aware and reduce the risks of infection by:***

- *Walking on clearly defined paths and avoid long grass*
- *Wear appropriate clothing ie long sleeved T shirt and trousers tucked into socks/wellies*
- *Use insect repellent on exposed skin and perform regular tick checks, particularly at the end of the day, including head, neck and skin folds (armpits, groin, waist-band)*
- *Some tick bites can result in infection so it is important to remove ticks as soon as possible. They can be removed safely with fine tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool.*

*Parents should be advised to contact their GP if their child has been bitten or recently spent time outdoors and starts to feel unwell. Parents can also check that pets do not bring ticks into their homes in their fur. Please see fact sheet from Public Health England for more info:*

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