



WEST BYFLEET INFANT SCHOOL

We Believe in Success

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

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Fun Facts about Smiling:

- Smiling boosts your immune system
- Smiles relieve stress by releasing endorphins
- It is easier to smile than frown
- It takes 5 to 53 muscles to smile
- Babies are born with the ability to smile
- There are 19 different types of smiles



Reception had a surprise visit today from Zoolab, who brought in a wonderful selection of jungle animals which the children were able to look at and hold!

We are still looking for a few more parent reps—if you are interested please let us know!

Don't forget that the final day for Governor nominations is tomorrow, Friday 6th October.

We look forward to seeing you at the Infant School Quiz tomorrow at 8pm.

Useful Dates:

See Important Dates List Attached

Coming up soon.....

Fri 6th Oct—Final date for Governor nominations 12 noon.

Fri 6th Oct—Infant School Quiz Night 8pm

Sat 14th Oct—PFA Kid's School Disco 1-3pm

Weds 18th Oct—Year 1 parent workshop 2-3pm

Thurs 19th Oct—Parent evening lists out

Mon 23rd Oct—27th Oct—HALF TERM

Mon 30th Oct—Flu vaccinations

Safeguarding Tips

Gov.uk published a paper in August 2013 which is as relevant today if not more so than it was then. The paper entitled "How healthy behaviour supports children's wellbeing" identifies a link between children's screen time and lower levels of wellbeing, affecting self worth, self esteem, emotional distress, anxiety and depression.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sedentary-lifestyles-and-too-much-screen-time-affect-childrens-wellbeing>

The Designated People for Safeguarding:

At West Byfleet Infant School we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child which you would like to discuss, then please contact one of our DSL's (Designated Safeguarding Leads):

Shirley James—Co Head

Sarah Smithers—Co Head

Stacey Webber—Acting Deputy Head

Becky Perry—Safeguarding Governor

Harvest



This year we will be celebrating Harvest by asking for donations of tinned and packaged good that will be donated to our local food bank. The children will celebrate Harvest in school by discussing, talking and thinking about why it is important for us all. Please ensure food is in date and in school by Friday 13th October for us to display. Thank you very much.

School Dinners

For ordering purposes, you can either have school lunches or packed lunches each term. If you want to swap between packed lunch and school dinner or vice versa, you need to give the office half a term's notice. We cannot cater for changes on the day as food has to be ordered in advance. Thank you for your help.



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Eco News and Tips

Our Eco Council are helping to keep the school efficient by closing doors and turning off lights when rooms aren't in use!



Question of the Week



Why is smiling so good for you? What makes you smile the most?

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



World Smile Day

We are very excited to be celebrating World Smile Day this Friday. The children have been making salt dough smiles this week and we have discussed how "smiling" is a positive and enjoyable thing to do. As a new school initiative, we are launching a "School Smile" celebrations book. If you visit our school or have a positive experience we would love to hear about it. The new initiative will be available in the front school office—you can take a complimentary "smile token" every time you come and write a little note to tell us what made you smile about our school. We will be sharing all the comments with the children in Celebration Assembly every Friday. Let's be proud of what we do as a school and how, each day, a positive comment can bring a beaming smile to any face!



Office News and Requests:

If you are applying for a DBS we strongly advise you to take advantage of the DBS update service. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service> to take advantage of this within 30 days of receiving your DBS certificate. This is free for volunteers and enables you to take your DBS with you from job to job instead of having to apply for another one (ie you can also use it at the Junior School)



Please donate your used stamps to the Office—Gill sends them to the Tadworth Children's Trust to raise money. Thank you.