



WEST BYFLEET INFANT SCHOOL

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

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When you
Enter this
Loving school
Consider yourself
One of the special
Members of an
Extraordinary family.



This week Year 2 have enjoyed going back in time to the Crimean War and learning about Florence Nightingale in their workshop. Today Tempest came in to take school photos—proofs of these will be sent home with your child later in the term. Surrey Advertiser were also here on Wednesday to take the new Reception Class photo for the paper.

This afternoon at 2.30 we have Parent Helper Training—we look forward to seeing many of you.

Flower Pots—Plea for Help

Would any parent be able to help us spruce up, monitor and maintain our flower pots at the front of the school? We have a budget for planting but just need someone to help us keep them looking pretty! Any offers please let Gill or Sue know in the office.



Safeguarding Tips



Last year, the AAP hosted a national conference in San Francisco, where an estimated 10,000 paediatricians met to discuss new children's health recommendations for 2017. Children's screen time, social media and cyberbullying were key points of interest. Under the new guidelines, the AAP identifies screen time as time spent using digital media for entertainment purposes. Other uses of media, such as online homework, don't count as screen time. The academy recommends that for children 2 to 5 years of age, screen time should be limited to one hour per day. For kids ages 6 and older, parents can determine the restrictions for time spent using screen, as well as monitor the types of digital media their children use.

Babies are most vulnerable to screens. Infants aged 18 months and younger should not be exposed to any digital media, the academy says.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/10/21/health/screen-time-media-rules-children-aap/index.html>

School Equipment—Bags

As mentioned in the curriculum meetings, please can you ensure that all children have a school book bag and a school PE bag as part of the school uniform. Please do not send them in with anything other than the blue school book bags/PE bags—ie no back packs etc, as we do not have room in our trays and on pegs for these types of bags. These are available to purchase from the school office—book bags are £4.50/ PE Bags are £3.50. Thank you!

Please can you also ensure that children do not bring any toys or accessories into school in their book bags. These can distract the children and/or get lost. We really appreciate your help with this.



USEFUL DATES:

Fri 6th Oct—Infant School Quiz Night—8pm
Fri 6th Oct—Last day for Governor nominations
HALF TERM: 23rd Oct—29th Oct—back to school on 30th Oct.



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Fantastic Sponsored Read!

Congratulations to Eddie in Year 1 who had the great idea of undertaking a voluntary sponsored read and raised a fantastic £44 for the school fund. Well done Eddie—you are a star!



Question of the Week



Why do some leaves fall off the trees in autumn?

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



Eco News and Tips

Our wonderful Eco Leader, Emma, spent the weekend tidying up the Wild Life Garden and laying a gravel path. It looks fantastic—thank you Emma!



Attendance Policy

It is really important that your child is at school for as much time as possible in order to learn and develop to their full potential.

Please see the attendance policy sent as an attachment this week.

Office News and Requests:



Office Opening Times

8.50am—10.50pm

11.50am—3.30pm



Pupil Premium Forms: If you haven't done so already, please fill out and return these important forms to the office by the end of this week. Thank you.