



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 8 September 2023



Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to you all for the start of our new school year. We have been blessed with an Indian summer to start our year. A huge welcome to our new Year 3 and all parents and carers and to any children/parents in other year groups who are new to our school. I have already been very impressed with the way they have all settled in during their first week.

Sports Provider

We welcome our new Sports providers Pleiades who deliver sport to the whole school every Wednesday and Friday. These are PE uniform days for the whole school, easy to remember! We have five dedicated coaches from Pleiades, Mr Adams, Mr Kaye, Mr Meaney, Mr Stokes and Mr Webb.

Wonderful News

Wonderful news from Mrs Watts, who teaches in the newly named Year 5 Class Curie, who is pregnant and expecting her first child in December. Curie will welcome back Miss Creighton from maternity leave to take over from Mrs Watts.

We welcome back Miss Lonergan (IT Lead), Mrs Sheen (Geography) and Miss Drabble who all return back from maternity leave. Miss Lonergan is teaching Y6 Snowdon four days and Miss Drabble will teach Snowdon on Tuesdays. Mrs Sheen is teaching in Y4 Shakespeare Monday - Wednesdays.

Summer Development

Our long awaited new upper playground has been completed with our new sports markings and it looks amazing. This was fully funded by our wonderful PTA and formed phase 1 of the outdoor learning project. Thank you once again to the PTA for their tremendous work.

We had our still very newly refurbished Oaks building have further internal decoration thanks to our resident painter Ms Hannington.

ACS Cobham - Thank You

Our wonderful links with ACS Cobham have taken us into unexpected directions as during the holiday we were donated a whole new dining set of tables and chairs, which has transformed the comfort and efficiency and workload at lunchtimes, thereby benefitting everyone. A huge thank you to Robyne Simpson at ACS who co-ordinates their charitable role throughout local state schools. We also gained additional furniture for our Extended Schools provision located in our dedicated provision "The Oaks".

Information Meetings

Thank you to everyone who joined one or more of the Year Group Information Meetings. It was great to see so many of you in person. If you were unable to attend then please see the Year Group presentation that have been uploaded on the school website.

School Calendar

This has been updated for the term, more dates will be added as the term progresses, for additional updates each week please see diary dates section in the school newsletter.

Important reminders:

School Uniform: All children should be wearing winter uniform, ensuring all items are named.

School Dinners: must be booked by 11.59pm on Sunday evening, or provide your child with a packed lunch. Where possible please bulk book, as there is a transaction fee per transaction.

Packed lunches: should be nutritional and balanced in named container (not carrier bag) and be nut free

Water Bottle: Please remember to send your child in daily with a **named water bottle**.

After School Clubs: Applications have now closed for school run clubs. We will advise you which club your child has secured in due course. We thank you for your patience.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Diary Reminders & Updates
Newsletter week ending Friday 8 September 2023
Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 11 Sept		Life and Space PHSE workshops	Franklin, Shakespeare, Kew, Nightingale
Mon 11 Sept	Y6 Snowdon	Forest Schools	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag
Tue 12 Sept		Life and Space PHSE workshops	Curie, Darwin, Tate, Aviemore
Wed 13 Sept	Whole School	All Classes have PE lesson	PE Kit worn by all
Wed 13 Sept		Life and Space PHSE workshops	Lonsdale, Eden, Snowdon, Windermere
Thur 14 Sept	Y6	Evacuee Day	
Fri 15 Sept	Whole School	All Classes have PE lessons	PE Kit worn by all
Mon 18 Sept	Y6 Snowdon	Forest Schools	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag
Mon 18 Sept - Fri 22 Sept	Y5	Hindleap Warren Residential Trip	
Tue 19 Sept	Y5	Outdoors People Activity Camp	Year 5 children not attending Hindleap Warren Trip
Wed 20 Sept	Y4	Swimming—session 1	12:30-15:30
Wed 20 Sept	Y4	Launch meeting for Hooke Court Residential Trip	15:30-16:00 (in person)
Fri 22 Sept	Y6	Forest Schools	
Fri 22 Sept		Full Governors Meeting	08:00-10:00

Unauthorised Absence from School

Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child/ren out of school without authority for five or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days.

Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Term starts Tuesday 5 September

Inset Days Friday 1 and Monday 4 September

Half Term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October

Term ends Friday 15 December

SPRING TERM 2024

Term starts Wednesday 3 January

Inset Day Tuesday 2 January

Half Term Monday 12 to Friday 16 February

Term ends Thursday 28 March

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term starts Tuesday 16 April

Inset Day Monday 15 April

Half Term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May

Inset Day Friday 24 May

Term ends Tuesday 23 July

Extended School Care: Rise & Shine and Discovery is open. Please visit website and complete the registration form. Contact N. Moore to make a booking, once registered Miss Moore will upload on School Money for future bookings.