

# Weekly Bulletin

February 28<sup>th</sup> 2020



Welcome back after the half term break. From the children's discussion around school, they seem to have enjoyed getting out in half-term and seeing their friends and relatives. This year we have had an overwhelming response to our parent survey, with 94 responses– an all-time record! We very much appreciate the time that you spent and value all your views and feedback. We are very pleased with the high level of confidence you feel in all aspects of the school.

Thank you also to those of you who included additional comments or suggestions. These have been noted for further discussion, as we want to continue improving. In the meantime, thank you for your support and partnership in our shared aim of giving your child a safe, happy and effective education here are a few comments...

*'My child is learning lots and seems to be flourishing in confidence.'*

*'My child talks about children and adults who he can go to if he has any problems.'*

*'The vibes of the school are very friendly and feels like a big family.'*

*'All staff are very good at providing feedback to me about my child's school experiences.'*

## Updated Coronavirus Advice

We are continuing to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals in the UK remains low. We are advised that the infection is not serious for most people, including children; therefore, there is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

The Chief Medical Advisor for England has updated advice for travellers returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19, which you can find at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## What should you do if your child is unwell?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. As always, we ask that you follow [government guidelines](#) for schools and nurseries that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it is important to phone us on the first day to let us know that your child will not be in and why.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

## World Book Day - **CHANGE OF DATE** to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day is one of our favourite days in the school calendar, a wonderful celebration of authors, illustrators, books, stories and reading. You can find out more about this national event at the [World Book Day website](#), which includes great resources including book recommendations so that your child can spend their £1 book voucher wisely.

## Fun Run

Please join us in raising awareness and funds for Sports Relief on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Children are asked to come to school in sportswear (masks, whacky glasses, face paints optional). Suggested donation £1.

From 9:15 onwards, all children will be taking part in our annual fun run through Melwood. Please make sure all runners bring a change of shoes. We are currently on the hunt for willing volunteers to marshal the route. **CAN YOU HELP? We need 20+ additional adults.** Just let our school office know.



### Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

**How serious is the coronavirus?**

- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- The infection is not serious for most people, including children
- There is currently no vaccine
- Most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

**How likely are you to catch the virus?**

- You can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- The chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- If you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

**How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?**

<b>If you need to cough or sneeze</b>	<b>You should wash hands with soap &amp; water or hand sanitiser</b>
<b>Catch it</b> with a tissue	<b>After breaks &amp; sport activities</b>
<b>Bin it</b>	<b>Before cooking &amp; eating</b>
<b>Kill it</b> by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser	<b>On arrival at SCHOOL ETC.</b>
	<b>After using the toilet</b>
	<b>Before leaving home</b>

Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles

If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3. [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](#)

**What should you do if you feel unwell?**

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for children or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](#). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](#) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self-isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](#) for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**

## A quick note...

For health and hygiene reasons, **long hair should be tied back**. Hair accessories should be practical and conform to school colours (neutral, white, grey, or green).

A **MCAS update was released over the half term**, so if you have not already please make sure you have installed this.

## Certificate Winners

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**Headteacher Award winners...**Lukas Z, Lottie H, Sophia BE, Luca D, Esme H, Evie B, and Maisie H

**Olympic Values Trophy winners...** Tilly W, Elliot F, Ethan B, Declan P, Otis I, Millie U, and Whole Osprey Class.

**Star Writers...**Chris L, Samuel J, Amelia L, Samuel HP, Florence F, Freddy Lee C, and Leo E.

**Attendance this week is 96.26 %**  **this year it is 95.4%** 

## Next Week at School

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Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March - **Grafham Water Residential information meeting for Parents 3.10pm**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> March - **Year 6 SATs information meeting for Parents 2pm and 6pm**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - **World Book Day – Book Character Costume Day** **CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO SCHOOL BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES** Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite storybook character.

## Coming soon

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – **Fun Run for Sports Relief**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – **Our school 110 year anniversary celebrations & Edwardian dress up day**

**Puffin Class cake sale**

**PTA Quiz Night**

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