



Newsletter
16th March 2020



Update to Advice and Arrangements Concerning Coronavirus

During the next few weeks and months, we will be regularly updating you regarding our arrangements linked to the Coronavirus. At every turn we will be following the advice from *National Health England* and from the *Waltham Forest Director of Public Health*. At this time, it is very important that parents and carers engage with information from reliable sources and so we have included two links below to very trustworthy sources of Coronavirus-linked information. Parents should, as always, be mindful of misleading information on social media.

The following two sources of information are very reliable and give updates on National Health England's current advice, which was updated late last week.

General Advice Concerning Coronavirus from NHE England

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Advice about Staying at Home if Symptoms Are Experienced

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

To date in the UK, around 4% of those people suffering symptoms that have been tested for Coronavirus have then tested positive – so around 96% of those experiencing *possible* symptoms do *not* have the virus, and are sick for different reasons. The new government advice asks us all to be rightly cautious and to self-isolate if we are experiencing symptoms that *could* possibly be caused by the Coronavirus.

Anyone with Coronavirus symptoms should **stay at home for 7 days** if they have either of the following:

- a **high temperature** – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means you've started coughing repeatedly (where you were not coughing before)

If your child has either of the symptoms above, you should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them they're staying at home. Testing for coronavirus is not needed if they're staying at home. The 2nd link above explains how to self-isolate where symptoms are experienced. You should only call the NHS 111 Service if you feel your child cannot cope with the symptoms at home; your child's condition gets worse; or your child's symptoms do not get better after 7 days.

If your child is experiencing the symptoms above, please ensure that they stay at home for the full 7 days before returning to school, unless symptoms persist for longer than 7 days, in which case the 111 NHS line should be called for further advice.

Mr O'Brien, HT

Hygiene at St Mary's

We are continuing to encourage the children to have good hygiene to minimise the possibility of germs being spread by asking them to do the following:

- wash their hands with soap and water often – for at least 20 seconds
- cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or their sleeve (not their hands) when they cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash their hands afterwards

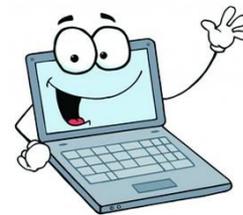


World Book Day Outfits!



Computer and Internet Access at Home

Could any parents who do not have access to a **computer, laptop or tablet** with an **internet connection** please let the office know. It may be that we that we can help in this respect in some way, so do please call us. Thank you.



Parent Workshops

During the course of the year we will be running a series of Parent Workshops on a number of subjects that parents may find useful. The workshop will begin at 3.45 and will last between 30 minutes and an hour. There will be a crèche for your child, should you wish to attend.

Tuesday 17 th March	Handsome Handwriting
Tuesday 24 rd March	RE Curriculum
Tuesday 28 th April	Sharing Age Related Expectations
Tuesday 12 th May	Writing
Tuesday 19 th May	Developing Your Child's Creativity
Tuesday 2 nd June	SRE Workshop
Tuesday 9 th June	Creative Curriculum
Tuesday 16 th June	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Values and Growth Mindset

Dates for your Diary

18 March 2020	<i>4A and 4W Parent Open Week Sessions @ 9am</i>
19 March 2020	<i>Class Assembly – 1 Wilson @ 9am</i>
26 March 2020	<i>Class Assembly – 1 Attlee @ 9am</i>
2 April 2020	<i>Class Assembly – 1 Morris @ 9am</i>
Friday 3 rd April 2020	<i>School closes for Easter Break – 2pm</i>
Monday 20 th April	<i>Return to school</i>

Our term dates follow on the last page of this newsletter. Please be aware that the early May Bank Holiday has changed, and has not been particularly well publicised. The Bank Holiday is no longer [Monday 4th May](#) and has been changed to [Friday 8th May](#).

Useful Contacts

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Church: www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

The new GDPR is now in force. The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is responsible for overseeing this policy and developing data-related policies and guidelines. Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

The DPO's contact details are as follows: **Data Protection Officer:** Craig Stilwell, **Address:** Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE **Email:** dataservices@judicium

Dates for 2019-2020

Spring Term 2020

Second Half (30 days)

Start – Monday 24th February 2020

End – Friday 3d April 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

NB: THE EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS CHANGED FROM MONDAY 4TH TO FRIDAY 8TH MAY

Second Half (35days)

Start – Monday 1st June

Finish Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days.