



# ECS Primary - Latest News: Friday 06<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Dear parents,

It has come to our attention that there has been many misconceptions about what we are doing as a school to help protect the children and staff. So I have summarised the information below:

The symptoms of the coronavirus (COVID-19) are a cough, high temperature, shortness of breath. Of course, these symptoms are seen in many other conditions such as the common cold/seasonal flu. In order to keep our pupils and staff safe, please do not send your child to school if:

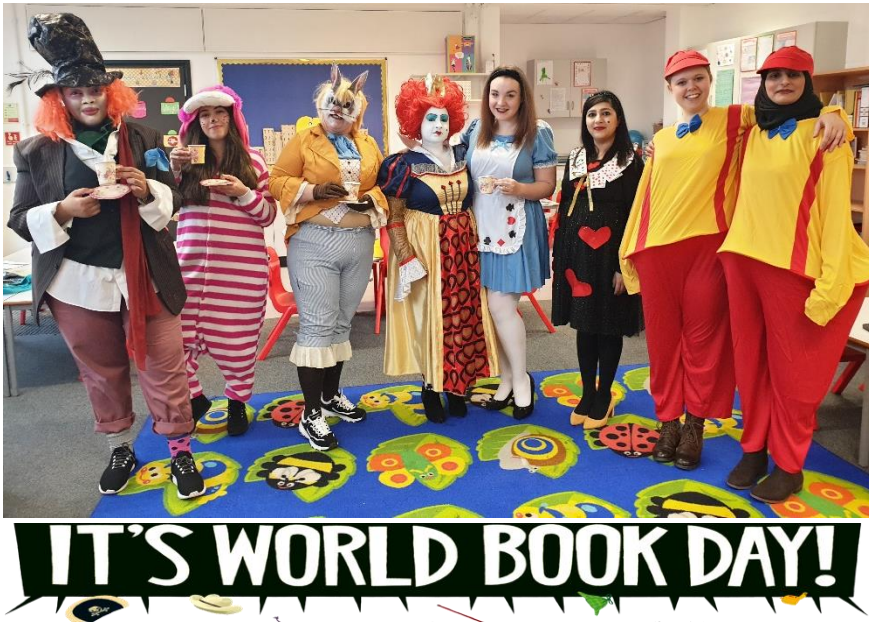
- They develop a fever (temperature above 37.5C);
- They have a cough;
- Seek advice from 111 who will direct you to the appropriate place to get help.
- Go to NHS.UK/coronavirus for information about the virus and how best to protect yourself.

Can we take this opportunity to remind everyone that regularly washing your hands (for at least 20 seconds), especially when going home/into school/work is an effective way to kill the virus. We are learning a song, which is 20 seconds in length to support this. Where this is not possible, use hand sanitiser (we have one inside and outside every classroom). Cover your mouth/nose when you sneeze, preferably into a tissue but if not, into a sleeve. Avoid touching your eyes/nose/mouth if your hands have not been cleaned. Face masks are not recommended for the general public by health professionals and in some cases, if handled incorrectly, may increase the risk of spread of the virus. For this reason, face masks will not be permitted in school. We now have an isolation room as a precaution if any child or adult enters the building with the virus. The school will be following the latest guidance from PHE (Public Health England) and implement additional risk assessment measures in regards to avoiding travel/trips to certain locations. One of our lovely parents is a doctor and she will be leading an assembly with the children this week on the coronavirus.

Ms. Raymond

## World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters. We were lucky to have award-winning author, Elys Dolan, run a workshop for every year group. All the children looked amazing and huge congratulations to the costume winners! A big mention goes to Key Stage 1 teachers and their amazing Alice in Wonderland outfits!



## Sickness and Absence

**Polite Reminder:** If your child is unwell, please make sure you call the primary office by 9.00am to explain their absence. Leave a message with your child's name, class and reason.

Tel: 0208 507 4611



## Attendance Challenge

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2020



The class with the best attendance gets a free trip to the cinema!



## Science Museum Trip

Year 2 had a brilliant day at the Science Museum where they explored the museum and learnt even more facts about Space. They also took part in a fantastic interactive workshop called Destination Space, where children had the chance to experience different aspects of living and working in space, from recycling water to floating pool. When a problem hits the station they to observed, described, tested and selected materials and equipment to build a space suit.



## Museum of London

Year 3 stepped into Londinium where they got to experience what life was like during this era. They were guided by Marcus, a real life Roman who told the children about his own experiences.



## Dates For Your Diary

- ❖ **Monday 09<sup>th</sup> March:** British National Science and Engineering Week begins

### Spring Parent Consultations

- ❖ **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** 3.30-6.00pm
- ❖ **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** 3.30-6.00pm
- ❖ **Friday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Mad Scientist Dress Up Day!
- ❖ **Friday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Parent Workshop – Physical Education and Getting Fit – 2.30-3.05pm
- ❖ **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** St Patricks' Day
- ❖ **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 4 Showcase – 2.30pm
- ❖ **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 4 Showcase – 9.30am
- ❖ **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** EYFS Parent Workshop: Investigating Science and Understanding the World - 2.30-3.05pm
- ❖ **Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> April:** Easter Bonnet Parade and choir – 2.00pm
- ❖ **Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> April:** Last day of Spring Term – Non-uniform

## Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Belfast who were our first ever attendance challenge winners. They will be having a free trip to the cinema this half term! The next attendance challenge starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March! Want to have a free cinema trip? Make sure your attendance is 100%!



## Nursery

There are nursery spaces available for September 2020. Please call the office to make an appointment to visit the nursery and take an application form.

