

Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2020



PTA Special Ladies gift sale

The PTA Special Ladies gift sale will take place on **Wednesday 18th March**. This shop item will remain on School Money until Monday 16th March. If your child is making a hand-made personalised gift these will sent home on Friday 20th March.



PTA Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

The PTA Mothers Day Afternoon Tea will take place on **Friday 20th March at 1.30pm**. If you are joining us for this event please advise the school office if you have any allergies or special dietary requirements by Monday 16th March.



Easter Competition

You should all have received a letter on Monday about our Easter competition for the children to enter. Pupils in Early Years, Years 1 and 2 can enter an Easter bonnet/hat and pupils in Years 3-6 can decorate an egg with your choice of theme!



There will be an worship on Friday 3rd April at 2.30pm when prizes will be presented to a winner in each year group. Parents are welcome to attend to see the entries and winners! All children will receive a prize for entering, kindly donated by the PTA.

Parent teacher meetings

Parent teacher meeting letters were sent home this week. These will be held on Wednesday 25th March. Please e-mail or return your slip to the school office to book your appointment slot.

I hope you enjoy a lovely weekend.

Miss S Finch

Headteacher

Attendance w/c 9th March 2020

1st	Lower School	97.37%
2nd	Early Years	96.92%
3rd	Middle School	94.44%
4th	Upper School	89.09%

Whole School – 94.46%
The Government expects our attendance to be 96%

Stars of the Week

EYFS	-	Harri
Lower School	-	Maisy Iteoluwa
Middle School	-	Abigail Dideoluwa
Upper School	-	Connor Kristen

Playground Stars

Frankie L	Samuel	Jayjunior
Ava	Sophie	Lucia

Team Points

This week **Yellow** team had the most points.
Well done **Yellow** team!

Key dates

18th March –PTA event—
Special Ladies Secret Gift Sale

20th March—PTA event—
Special Ladies Afternoon Tea
Party 1.30pm

25th March—Parent teacher
meetings

3rd April—Easter Service at St
Marys church 9.30am

3rd April—Easter Competition
Worship 2.3pm

3rd April—Last day of term

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Bulphan Church of England Academy PTA

Wednesday 18th March
2020

*Special Ladies
Secret Gift Sale*

£3.00 per gift payable in advance via the shop
on school money

Your child(ren) can choose you or someone else special in
their lives the perfect gift for Mother's Day which will
come beautifully gift-wrapped

Parentkind
Member Association

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party

20TH MARCH 2020

1.30PM

THE SCHOOL HALL

£10.00
PER TICKET

TICKETS INCLUDES:

Tea & Coffee

Scones

Cake

Prosecco

Raffle tickets will be on sale

Please purchase your tickets via the
shop on School Money



BULPHAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY PTA

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Member Association

Covid-19 Information for Schools and Educational Settings

This information has been produced to provide you with the relevant information and advice about the Coronavirus pandemic in one accessible document.

All the information contained is based on the [latest government advice](#):

What is Coronavirus?

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

The latest information regarding the [number of positive cases](#) and number of people tested is published each day by Public Health England.



What to do if staff or pupils think they have symptoms of coronavirus?

If students or staff become unwell with symptoms of coronavirus they should self-isolate for 7 days and remain at home even if symptoms are mild. They can return to school or work 7 days after the onset of symptoms if they feel well enough.

Symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough.

They should not attend a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

Use the [NHS 111 coronavirus service online](#) for advice and only contact 111 by phone if

- symptoms cannot be coped with at home
- the condition gets worse
- symptoms do not get better after 7 days

It is not necessary to contact NHS 111 by phone to advise them of [self isolation](#) unless [medical advice](#) is necessary,

What to do if you think you or a pupil or staff member have been exposed to coronavirus?

If families have recently been in/[travelled through a number of areas](#) they may be at greater risk of being exposed to coronavirus. There are some areas where [travellers](#) are being asked to self-isolate even if they have no symptoms, and other areas where they are asked to self-isolate if they experience symptoms, even if mild.

The latest guidance regarding areas of risk that families may have [travelled to](#) and you or they are then concerned about the risk of infection is available at the [gov.uk website](#).

Travel advice for families planning or with planned holidays is also available [here](#).

If a pupil or staff member is at risk they should contact NHS 111 to arrange to be tested and follow advice to [self isolate](#). If that individual is already at school try and keep them separate from other pupils and staff in a ventilated room whilst advice is obtained.

In what circumstances should the school be closed?

The school should only be closed following advice from Public Health England. To date this advice has been given when there has been a confirmed positive case in a pupil or staff member or family member who has been in the school.

When should a school arrange to be deep cleaned?

If there is a positive case of coronavirus confirmed by Public Health England of a pupil, staff member or person who indicates they have been in the school the health protection team at PHE will contact the school and may recommend a deep clean take place.

What advice can we give pupils to prevent infection?

There are [resources](#) that can be used by schools to educate pupils about the importance of good hand hygiene to help prevent infection. These are similar to the advice around preventing the spread of other viral illnesses such as the flu.

[Posters](#) can be displayed in public areas and in bathrooms that advise on [handwashing practices](#).

What to do if you are unsure if a child/family member is at risk or has been exposed?

If you are unsure what to do and the query is not resolved or answered through the resources contained within this briefing you may contact the Public Health team at the council for support in answering your query. Publichealth@thurrock.gov.uk (Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)

When to self isolate?

Self-isolation is about protecting others and slowing down the spread of COVID-19. It is very important that anyone who has the virus, or might have been exposed to it, limits the number of people they come into contact with. This is the most effective way of preventing the coronavirus from spreading.

If children/families are asked to self-isolate, it is important they follow the advice for the whole period, even for those without any symptoms.

PHE give more information about self isolation in this [linked blog post](#).

Additional sources of help.

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

If you cannot get through to the DfE helpline, NHS 111 or you need help identifying if a child/family member is at risk you may contact the Council Public Health team at publichealth@thurrock.gov.uk A response will be given as soon as possible. Monday-Fridays between 8am and 5pm.