



# Sutton Upon Derwent and Bugthorpe CE Primary Schools



## AUTUMN TERM 2019

### Newsletter 6 – 29/11/19

**The following messages are for both schools:**

#### A New 'Focus' Curriculum @Sutton @Bugthorpe

We have been busy in staff meetings this term to create a new curriculum for our schools, which we will launch in January 2020. There are many Educational Advisors out there, but we are inspired by Sir Ken Robinson. He promotes creativity, and excited children with their hand up, engaged in learning a broad curriculum. Being led by the pupils, but harnessing their imaginations through topics to cover the National Curriculum. I am very passionate about enquiry-based learning, where the children are exposed to questions, and encouraged to ask questions themselves that we can investigate further too. We will be using Focus Education as our main driver. This scheme covers topics through key questions e.g. Y5/6 – What would a journey through your body be like? We will approach our topics in a very cross-curricular way, linking lots of subjects together to embed knowledge and skills. Staff are excited to take this new approach on board, and I am more than confident that all of the children will flourish and be inspired to achieve their full potential. Linking with certain topics, you will be sent home a 'knowledge mat'. This will provide you with the key vocabulary and 'sticky knowledge' that the children need to learn for their topic – a useful tool to support your child with learning at home. Each class will study a new topic each half term and we hope to link our school trips to these too, throughout the year. When we embed our new curriculum, we will invite you all into classes to see topics in action and for the children to share their work with you.

#### Children in Need and Just One Tree @Sutton @Bugthorpe

We are very pleased to share with you that both schools donated enough money to plant 72 trees per school! As well as raising money for Just One Tree, we also raised around £72 per school for Children in Need. Thank you for all of your kind donations.

#### Pantomime @Sutton @Bugthorpe

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, both schools are attending a pantomime at Sutton Upon Derwent Village Hall. (Class 4 @Bugthorpe will not be attending as they are on a school trip that day at York University). Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper that day if they wish.

#### Residential Payment @Sutton @Bugthorpe

The third payment of £55 is due by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December for Class 4 pupils attending residential this year. I personally believe that going away on residential is a fantastic opportunity for the children. After Christmas I will be asking for your opinions regarding residential, and whether we should move towards making this an annual event in the Class 4 calendar.

**The following messages are for @Sutton:**

#### PTFA Winter Fair @Sutton

The PTFA are delighted to announce that they raised a record-breaking total of **£2645.14** at the Winter Fair last week. What a fantastic achievement! The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all and I would like to thank everyone involved in making it such a success! Brilliant stall ideas, organising and setting it up, running stalls and spending your pocket money. It was a great community event.

The PTFA are working hard to raise funds for a possible outdoor space – potentially a library. I am looking into the possibilities, with East Riding CC and the PTFA, of purchasing a garden room, which could be used by staff for their staffroom, and include a separate space for the library to go in. I will keep you informed if there are any updates regarding this matter.

#### Christmas Sing-a-long Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm @Sutton

Parents and Carers are invited to join us in Class 2 for a Christmas Sing-a-long on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. I think it would be a good chance for us to continue the festive cheer and get together for a karaoke. Mr Connolly is putting together a playlist with the help of the children. When we finish, around 2:30pm, you will be able to take your children home early if you so wish. **Please note there will be no SUDS Club on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Class Christmas Parties Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
@Sutton**

The children are allowed to wear party clothes for their Christmas party on the morning of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. School will provide a snack and a drink for all of the children so there is no need to send in party food. Thank you.

**The following messages are for @Bugthorpe:**

**Pot Holes in the Carpark @Bugthorpe**

Can anyone help with filling the pot holes in our carpark? If you can help in any way, please contact Mrs Sunderland in the School Office. Thanks in advance.

**Seatbelts – Road Safety @Bugthorpe**

It has been brought to our attention that some cars are vacating the carpark without ensuring their children have fastened their seatbelts. 'It could happen here!' Please stay safe and ensure 'clunk, click'.

**Vacancy – After School Club @Bugthorpe**

Our After School Club is becoming really popular. We could do with some extra staff to help run the club. Job shares would be considered and we can provide **free childcare** for your primary school aged children. The After School Club runs from 3:30 – 5:30pm each school night. The rate of pay is £9.36. If you are interested, please contact the School Office.

**Poppy Appeal @Bugthorpe**

We are pleased to confirm that we raised £75.87 for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy product to raise money for this great cause.

**After School Club Film Night Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
3:30-5:30pm @Bugthorpe**

Afterschool Club are showing The Polar Express on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. All children are welcome to attend. More information to follow regarding pricing and food. It would be great to see you there.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr B Holtby

Executive Headteacher

