



# Sutton Upon Derwent and Bugthorpe C of E Federation



## FOLLOW YOUR PATHWAY AND GROW WITH CONFIDENCE

**AUTUMN TERM 2023**

**Newsletter 1 – 15/9/2023**

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

**Welcome Back! @Bugthorpe @Sutton**

It has been a busy start to the school year but both schools have had a very settled start and there is a lovely atmosphere. On behalf of the staff team, across the federation, we would like to thank parents for all our kind cards and generous gifts at the end of the summer term – very much appreciated. A warm welcome to our new families too. Apologies that this is a long Newsletter, but it is packed with important messages to hit the ground running in 2023-24.



**SIAMS and Collective Worship @Bugthorpe @Sutton**

Following a postponement last school year, @Bugthorpe will have their SIAMS Inspection **imminently** – seeing how our vision is lived out as a church school. This will be an opportunity, like with Ofsted, for our school to celebrate all the good that we do in enabling our children to 'Follow their pathway and grow with confidence'. @Bugthorpe's vision is based on Matthew – the Parable of the Sower; we grow in the good soil – at Bugthorpe.

As a church school, our vision is the most important part of us and it tells you 'who we are' and 'how we live'. Every decision we make should focus on our school visions and it needs to be lived out and not 'laminated'. Our school signs (Sutton's pictured above) help the children to remember what we are striving to achieve; we treat all children as unique individuals made in God's image, and passionately want our children to 'follow their



pathway' in life and to 'grow with confidence', whilst in our loving school families. Proverbs (Sutton) teaches us that if you guide a child down the right path, they will continue to follow it when they are older, and will contribute positively to society. Matthew (Bugthorpe) shows us that the seeds will only grow and flourish in the correct environment, with God's help. This too links to the right 'pathway' in life – the best place to grow and develop.

At Bugthorpe and Sutton upon Derwent C of E Federation, we want all our children to thrive and flourish and have a love of life. The Church of England's Vision for Education is based on John 10:10 – living life in all its fullness. We certainly believe our own school visions compliment this. Confidence, certainly helps play its part along the journey.

Our Collective Worship theme for this half term is 'Thankfulness'. In our thoughts will be our link school in Uganda, and how we can further develop our links and support Nyabyeya Primary to flourish. We are proud that in 2022-23 we raised funds to put in place a school librarian, provided resources for exam papers to be copied (to give the pupils the best chance to succeed and

potentially reach secondary education) and, some of our families, sponsored children to board at secondary school.



**Curriculum Update for 2023-24 @Bugthorpe @Sutton**

When I first started in September 2019, the schools didn't have a planned curriculum past Christmas! Sutton's Class 3 taught 'rivers' for 15 weeks solid. We launched our enquiry curriculum in January 2020 but some classes weren't aligned. This year, both schools are going to be working on Year A, enabling staff to plan together, share resources and potentially go on school trips together. The new school minibus will enable classes to visit each other to work together on

their learning too. However, Class 2 and 3 at Sutton have a slightly different topic plan for this year.

## Class Topic PowerPoints @Bugthorpe @Sutton

In the past, at the start of each half term, the Class Teachers have shared a 'class curriculum newsletter' with you, which highlighted what subjects the children will be learning this half term.

This year, we are moving towards creating 'class topic PowerPoints', which will showcase and reflect on all the learning and activities we have completed. Obviously, these will be shared at the end of a half term, with pictures and examples of work to share what your children have been doing. We will be able to utilise these PowerPoints in our parent sharing assemblies on Fridays.

Therefore, this week, your Class Teacher will send home a 'slide', which highlights what we are learning in Autumn 1 2023.

### Coming up in Autumn 1

## Class 1

**Communication and language**

- Group and class discussion about family, houses and homes
- Role Play in the Home Corner
- Discussions about Autumn
- Introducing a story into our play
- Discussing, sharing opinions and answering questions on familiar stories

**Physical Development**

- Developing Fine motor skills through dough disco, threading, cutting skills and pencil control
- Gross motor skills – Ball skills, moving in a variety of ways and team games

**PSED**

- Talking about our feelings
- Making new friendships
- Getting to know each other
- Getting to know new rules and routines

**Literacy**

- Books of the term – You Choose, Squash and a Squeez, If I built a house and The Scarecrows wedding
- Mark making / drawing / writing about our home
- Designing and creating maps
- Nursery – Talking about picture books
- Reception – Beginning to blend and read c.v.c words

**Mathematics**

- Matching and sorting
- Looking at the composition of numbers 1,2 and 3
- Rote counting
- Comparing size, mass and capacity
- 2D shapes

**Understanding the World**

- Autumn Walks – Exploring our natural environment, Exploring the changes in Seasons
- Discussing our homes – sharing similarities and differences – Sharing photographs between Federation Schools, Visiting Sutton and Bugthorpe and discussing similarities and differences between both areas.
- RE – Stories from other world views

**Expressive Art and Design**

- Colour mixing
- Leaf rubbings
- Leaf hedgehogs
- Art using natural objects
- Paintings / collages of different houses and homes
- Music – Nursery rhymes and action songs

## Communication from Teachers @Bugthorpe @Sutton

In support of any new parents joining our loving school families, below is some information regarding class communication for you:

You should have received a **first 'PowerPoint slide'** this week, which gives you a flavour for what the class will be learning over the half term ahead. Along with this, (in Classes 2/3/4) and 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. Every few weeks, the Teachers will hold mini quizzes, in Classes 2, 3 and 4, linked to the children's knowledge mats. These will be marked by the children themselves (and scores will not be shared) – an opportunity to self-assess what they have learnt about their new topic. The quizzes will be used to promote the building of 'sticky knowledge' and vocabulary. Some example questions for Year 3/4 from this knowledge mat on rivers would be:

*What is the start of a river called? What is the longest river in the world? What does meander mean?*

## Rivers KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Exciting Books		
<b>estuary</b>	An estuary is an area where a freshwater river or stream meets the ocean.			
<b>mouth</b>	A river mouth is the part of a river where the river flows into another river, a lake, a reservoir, a sea, or an ocean.			
<b>source</b>	The source of a river is where it begins, usually on high ground.			
<b>meander</b>	A meander is a winding curve or bend in a river.			
<b>waterfall</b>	Waterfalls form where water rushes down steep hillsides in upland areas and erodes the rock.			
<b>erosion</b>	Erosion occurs when the fastest currents in the river carve into the banks.	<b>Sticky Knowledge</b>		
<b>deposition</b>	Rocks and sediments eroded from one part of the river are deposited in another part.			
<b>tributary</b>	When one stream or river meets another and joins it, the smaller stream or river is known as a tributary.	<b>British rivers</b>		
<b>ox bow lake</b>	Ox bow lakes are created when the meander is so deep that it cuts off a piece of the river and leaves a lake.			
<b>delta</b>	Deltas are wide areas of water often found at the mouth of large rivers.			
<b>stream</b>	A stream is a small body of flowing water.			
		The start of a river is called the source and the end is called the mouth.	Thames London river that is 184 miles long.	
		A fast flowing river will carry soil and dirt from its banks and bed downstream and drop them when it gets wider and slows down.	Severn Britain's longest river (220 miles) flowing from Wales to Bristol.	
		The longest river in the world is the Nile in Africa. It is 4,130 miles long.	Mersey Liverpool river that is 70 miles long.	
		Many rivers and streams will join together before they reach the mouth of the river. The smaller rivers and streams are called tributaries.		

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**Class Dojo** – For a number of years, we have used Tapestry in Class 1 (Nursery and Reception) for home school communication in the Early Years. This has been a vital tool for sharing what your child has been up to in school, and for parents to also upload observations from home to support your child's learning journey.

This school year, we are moving to the use of Class Dojo, in line with the rest of school. We can still share in the same way, adding to the 'Class Story' as well as to your child's individual folder. Parents are able to communicate with the Class Teacher via Class Dojo too, as well as see what team points your child has been earning 😊

In Classes 2-4, we will continue to use it in the classroom, where the children will be able to take photos of their work and share it with their parents to answer 'how was school today? What did you learn?' questions at the dinner table.



Please can all parents, in all classes, ensure that they 'connect' with Class Dojo so you don't miss out on updates/messages/information from the teaching team. Many thanks.

**NB:** New parents will be added to Class Dojo this week, so please look out for an email in your junk folder if it doesn't appear in your inbox.

The children should receive passwords for a range of **online learning tools** – most are stuck into our reading records or homework diaries. Key Stage 1 children should receive Teach Your Monster to Read passwords, along with Sumdog, Times Table Rockstars and SPAG.com in Key Stage 2.

Please contact your class teacher if you are missing any of these via Class Dojo, or in the playground, before or after school.

### Reading at Home @Bugthorpe @Sutton

Just a general message, at the start of the school year, about the importance of listening to your child read. It is vital for children to be listened to read at least 4-5 times per week. Not only listening to them read, but sharing books with them too. Studies suggested that even children up to the age of 11 should be listening to stories at home to develop their vocabulary and comprehension. Please make sure you record any reading in your child's reading record, which you should have received this week. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### Reading Records .....what do I write?

Let the teacher know how your child has got on ...

- What sounds can they recognise?
- What words could they blend?
- What tricky words can they read on sight?
- Did they find anything difficult?
- What did you talk about? Plot, characters etc.



### Eco-Schools Award @Bugthorpe @Sutton

We are pleased to announce that both schools achieved the Eco-Schools Award in August 2023, for a second year running! Both flags are now flying proud. Thanks to Mrs Garcia, Mrs Todd, Mrs Husband and the hard work of our Eco Warriors.



### School Development Priorities for 2023-24 @Bugthorpe @Sutton

- Big Writes have certainly helped the teaching team assess who is demonstrating writing skills independently. However, **writing at length** has been highlighted as an area for development in 2023-24; we need to dedicate at least one day a week to writing at length. Children need to increase the amount of application of Spelling, punctuation and grammar. Slow writing could be used to aid this i.e. sentence 1 – can you use an expanded noun phrase? Sentence 2 – can you use a

subordinating conjunction? Sentence 3 – can you use a rhetorical question? This will also add challenge for children and improve their editing and improving skills.

- Self and peer marking – we need to really make more of a focus on this in class. One it reduces teacher workload, regarding marking, but two, it enables the children to learn how to spot what is good about a piece of work and highlight what they need to work on.
- Continue with fortnightly staff meetings, with the second week allowing teachers to meet with their phase from the other school e.g. Class 1 teacher at Sutton meets with the Class 1 teacher at Bugthorpe to discuss resources, planning, ideas and 'check in' with one another.
- Marketing – continue to promote and raise the profile of the Federation in the local area. Work to create a Federation website with webpages for each school, merging our websites into one.
- Use of Federation Minibus – expand the curriculum for the children by utilising the minibus for local visits and trips. Market the Federation in local communities by expanding our litter picking empire.
- Continue parental engagement with planned curriculum days. Class 1 already do sessions like Teddy Picnic and Muddy Maths. Class 3 at Bugthorpe have done a Mediterranean Café. Ensure each class plan in and invite parents to join them for curriculum enrichment sessions.

- **SIAMS** – Children to be more involved in the planning of Collective Worship. Children to be given the theme and some ideas, and then to work together to plan worship, following our structure in our policy. This will further develop their responsibility and ownership.
- Aim for some fully child-led Collective Worship in 2023-24.
- Classes to complete a shared letter to their counterparts in Uganda so that we can create a written dialogue with them. Similar to a 'pen pal' system. Children to share information about what topics we are learning about and to compare and contrast to the curriculum in Nyabyeya.

## Flu Immunisation for Pupils 8.11.23 @Bugthorpe @Sutton

Both schools will be visited by the nursing team to offer pupils the flu vaccine; they will be visiting us on:

**@Sutton Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**@Bugthorpe Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

You should receive an email, two weeks before the date, from the School Office with a link to give your consent online. Please contact us if you have not received this. Many thanks.

## Celebration Assemblies with Parents @Bugthorpe @Sutton

On Fridays, when Mr Holtby is present in school, the children gather to find out the Team Point scores, learn who earned Headteacher Awards and see which child was selected for the 'Cup of Kindness' – a hot chocolate treat with three friends of their choice. Parents are warmly invited to attend our fortnightly event **on the following dates below; Sutton, due to limited space in the school hall, will invite the parents of the class presenting that week.** Throughout the year, we are visited by our Church leaders on a to lead us in Collective Worship. We also gather for Picture News each week, discussing and reflecting on news stories from around the world.

On certain dates, which have been shared with you via an email from the School Office, individual classes

Dates	Bugthorpe	Sutton upon Derwent
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	No parent assemblies	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 3pm	Class 4 focus/sharing of their topic work	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 3pm		Class 4 focus/sharing of their topic work
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 3pm	Class 3 focus/sharing of their topic work	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 3pm		Class 3 focus/sharing of their topic work
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 3pm	Class 2 focus/sharing of their topic work	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 3pm		Class 2 focus/sharing of their topic work
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm	Harvest Festival in Church	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm		Harvest Festival in Church
HALF TERM		
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	No parent assemblies	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	No parent assemblies	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 3pm		Class 1 focus/sharing of their topic work
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 3pm	Class 1 focus/sharing of their topic work	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	No parent assemblies – Sutton Winter Fair	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30am and 2pm		Nativity in Village Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30am and 2pm	Nativity in school hall	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Carols in Church	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2pm		Carols in Church

will take turns to showcase their work and share what they have been learning in their topic lessons.

## Individual and Family Photos @Bugthorpe @Sutton

The photographers will be visiting school this term to take individual and family photos.

**@Sutton – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**@Bugthorpe – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**



## Music Tuition – KS2 @Bugthorpe @Sutton

Pupils can access East Riding Music Service lessons – please contact the School Office if your child is interested in learning to play one of the following instruments:

**@Sutton – Flute on a Wednesday; Guitar on Fridays.**

**@Bugthorpe – Violin on Tuesdays; Guitar on Thursdays.**

## Universal FREE School Meals @Bugthorpe @Sutton

Just a reminder that if your child is in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**, you are entitled to universal free school meals. Do take up this offer and enjoy a daily hot meal. The menu for Autumn is available on our school website or you can contact the School Office.

## Class 1 Parent Information Evening @Bugthorpe @Sutton

A chance to ask your teacher any questions, learn about the routines in class and find out more about life in Class 1. **Bugthorpe's meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 3:30pm; Sutton's meeting is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 3:30pm (our local PCSO will be dropping in too, to discuss parking);** We do hope you can join us.

## Key Stage 1 Phonics Parent Information Evening @Sutton @Bugthorpe

We are holding a Phonics information evening via Teams to discuss Twinkl Phonics and how you can help your child at home with early reading. This evening is open to all parents in **Classes 1 and 2**. This will take place for both schools on



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 5:45pm;** a link for **Teams** will be sent nearer the time.

**Consent Google Form Reminder @Bugthorpe @Sutton**

A reminder to fill out our Google Form to provide your consent for the new minibus, photographs and media etc.

@Bugthorpe (46 responses so far)  
<https://forms.gle/oKYsfoGCR5DRacFR8>

@Sutton (34 responses so far)  
<https://forms.gle/EMEP8NnhLyp6Mie7>

Many thanks for spending the time doing this, to help us update our information.

**Parents' Evening w/c 9<sup>th</sup> October @Bugthorpe @Sutton**

Our first parents' evenings take place in the week commencing **9<sup>th</sup> October**. Details of how to book a timeslot will be sent out via the School Office nearer the time. This will be a chance to find out how your child has settled into the class, how they are getting on and a chance for you to ask your teacher any questions. Our **Spring term 2024**, parents' evening, will be a chance to see work in books in more detail and find out how your child is progressing against the National Standard for their year group; teachers will share how you can further support your child at home so they can continue to grow with confidence.

**Uniform Reminder @Bugthorpe @Sutton**

Colourful and un-school-shoe-like trainers are creeping in to our classrooms. Secondary schools would be handing out 'appearance codes' or sending children home. Let's raise our presentation standards and take pride in our school uniform please. Thanks.

**Medication Reminder @Bugthorpe @Sutton**

Some children have come to school with lozengers in their bags. Please can all medicines be handed in to the School Office. You can fill out a form for administration to keep everyone safe. Thanks.

**The following messages are for Bugthorpe:**

**Congratulations to Mrs Todd @Bugthorpe**

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Todd had Max in August, weighing in at 9lb 4oz! I am sure you will join us in sending our warmest wishes to the family as they make memories together.

Bugthorpe C of E Primary School

**OPEN MORNING**

**Come and see our loving school family**

**on WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>  
OCTOBER 2023**

**9:10 – 10:30am**

**Register your  
place via:**

**01759 368247**

**bugthorpe@eastriding.gov.uk**



**Bugthorpe's Stay and Play is on**

**Wednesdays; 9:15am - 10:15am. (term time)**

Come and join us for Stay and Play; **all aged children welcome**. Do spread the word in the community; we can provide buggy parking 🚗 Venue: Class 1 classroom, YO411QQ



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**01759 368247**

**www.bugthorpeprimary.org.uk**

**Garrowby Benefice Harvest Services @Bugthorpe**

Sunday 24th September 10.15 Bishop  
Wilton "Harvest for All Family Service"

16.00 Full Sutton Harvest – with the  
Garrowby Singers

Friday 29th September 19.00 Kirby  
Underdale Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, book a  
place with Eileen Fenton or the Rector (on 369974)

Sunday 1st October 10.00 Skirpenbeck  
"Harvest for All Family Service"

11.15 Kirby  
Underdale Harvest Festival

Sunday 8th October 09.15 Bugthorpe  
Harvest Festival

**All will be followed by refreshments.**

**The following messages are for Sutton:**

**Sutton Church Fete 1.10.23 @Sutton**

To support the tombola and bottle stall at the Church Fete, we are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. Dress as you like and bring a donation for the great cause. Thanks for your support.

St. Michael & All Angels Church  
Sutton upon Derwent

Michaelmas Fete

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

1pm – 4pm

Sutton Upon Derwent C of E Primary School



**OPEN MORNING**

Come and see our loving school  
family on **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**OCTOBER 9:10 – 10:30am**

Register your place via:

**01904 608440**

[suttonuponderwent.primary@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:suttonuponderwent.primary@eastriding.gov.uk)



Sutton's Stay and Play is on **Wednesdays**

**2:30pm – 3:30pm.** (term time only)

Come and join us for Stay and Play; **all aged children**

**welcome.** Do spread the word in the community; we can

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Thank you for your continued support,

Mr B Holtby, Executive Headteacher