

Sutton Upon Derwent and Bugthorpe CE Primary Schools



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The following messages are for both schools:

Keeping Safe and Well at Home @Sutton @Bugthorpe

All of the staff team, at both schools really miss everyone and hope you are keeping safe and well at home. In these difficult times we pray for all our families who are social distancing and experiencing difficulties. We pray for all the key workers who are keeping the country on its feet. We clap on a Thursday night for our amazingly dedicated NHS staff as they work on the frontline. We will get through this – it may take a long time but we will get there.

If anyone urgently needs to contact school over the Easter holidays, please email the School Office.

School Reports @Sutton @Bugthorpe

Just a note to say that, if we don't return to school before September, and also in light of the Government's decision to cancel National Testing in May and June, obviously school reports may take a slightly different format this year. We will only be able to comment on their progress against the current year objectives and would be unable to give you an end of year judgement. More details will follow about school reports in the coming months.

Happy Easter @Sutton @Bugthorpe

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter. We won't be adding any additional work to the webpage (Continuing to Learn at Home) over the Easter break. However, you could have a go at:

Decorating an egg

Making an Easter bonnet

Creating a miniature Easter Garden

Create a storyboard of The Easter Story

I also want to make you aware of some excellent resources for families from the **Diocese of York**: The first one, Holy Week at Home, has been written by Carolyn Edwards, our Children and Youth Adviser, which is designed to give families an opportunity to explore the Easter story from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, and build an Easter Garden.

Holy Week @ Home

The second is a lovely resource to support children and their families in exploring worship at home; specifically written for the present time when schools are closed to most children. Both books are freely available and can be downloaded.

https://www.canterburydiocese.org/childrenandyoungpeople/our-schools/collective-worship/collective-worship-at-home.php

Book 1 – William and Lucy explore worship at home.

Book 2 – William and Lucy tell Bible stories.

I hope you find them useful.

Launching Seesaw @Sutton @Bugthorpe

In the coming months, we will be launching Seesaw. Seesaw is similar to Tapestry which is used in Class 1 at both schools. It is a way of Improving communication. Children will be able to log on to the app, join their classroom and upload any work they have done at home for the teachers to comment on. This ideally will replace Purple Mash communication during the Coronavirus crisis. Teachers will also be able to post challenges and set work for the children to complete.

In the future, children and teachers will be able to take pictures of work completed in school to share at home so that parents can see what the children have been up to throughout school (not just in Class 1).

Mr Price, who joins us at Bugthorpe after Easter, has used this programme previously and will help us implement it. Exciting times ahead, sharing work and celebrating our unique individuals made in the image of God.

Log on information will follow...

E-Safety @Sutton @Bugthorpe

With social distancing, comes a rise in the use of technology. Lots of children will be accessing the Internet at home and it is important to keep them safe and well when online. In school we have watch Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew, to teach E-Safety. However, at home, please click on the following links for useful resources to keep your children safe:

https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-safety-activities-you-can-do-from-home

https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-thepenguin - Story to use with Early Years and Key Stage 1 children.

The following messages are for @Sutton:

Farewell to Mrs Brewer and Welcome Back Mrs Garcia @Sutton

This weekend marks the end of Mrs Brewer's contract with us because Mrs Garcia returns from Maternity Leave. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Brewer for all her hard work and dedication over the school year. She has been a great teacher and will be sorely missed by adults and children alike. We wish her well in her next venture. It is also a chance to welcome back Mrs Garcia who will take over the teaching and learning of Class 2, alongside Mrs Stephenson.

The following messages are for @Bugthorpe:

Farewell to Mr Bealey and Welcome Mr Price @Bugthorpe

This Easter we see our beloved Mr Bealey move to pastures new. On behalf of everyone at school, I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Bealey every success as he moves on to progress his career. He has been a true character and a very talented and influential teacher. It was lovely to see that the parents bought he an amazing gift just before we left school, and that a pupil brought him a salmon head to wear in his next classroom! Best wishes Mr Bealey.

We will be welcoming Mr Price in to the school family after Easter. He moves to us from North Yorkshire and is looking forward to joining us.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr B Holtby

Executive Headteacher

