



Sutton Upon Derwent and Bugthorpe C of E Federation



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SUMMER TERM 2023

Newsletter 16 – 26/5/2023

The following messages are for both schools:

Staffing Updates @Bugthorpe @Sutton

Miss Hill, who has taught @Bugthorpe for the past ten years, has decided to 'hang up her boots' and take a step back from teaching to seek alternative employment from September 2023. I sure you will join me in thanking Miss Hill for her amazing efforts over the years; part of the backbone of what we are building strong foundations on.

Obviously, with Mrs Todd going on Maternity Leave, this has left a full time position available in Class 1 at Bugthorpe. In the first instance, we offered this opportunity out to our Federation teaching team; Mrs Bedford (currently in Class 3 at Sutton) is excited to take on the challenge and career development of delving into EYFS.

Therefore, for Maternity Cover, we have been interviewing at Sutton upon Derwent to fill the void. We are delighted to confirm that Mr Harvey (an ex-student teacher who was with us last Summer in Class 4 at Sutton) has been offered the post. He brings a years' experience with him, of running his own Year 4 class, and is excited to join us once more.

Further updates, regarding which Class Teacher will be teaching your child in September 2023, will follow at the normal time (when you receive your child's end of year school report). Thank you for your continued support.

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Lucy Wilson has been appointed to our Nursery Nurse role @Bugthorpe, and will join us from Monday 19th June 2023. Mrs Wilson, has taught for ten years, before moving into a Teaching Assistant role and then on to us. Her



experience, passion and creativity will shine through, and I am more than confident that she will be a fantastic addition to Bugthorpe!

New Federation Minibus @Bugthorpe @Sutton

We are excited to share with you that our Governing Board have agreed to purchase a Federation 17-seater minibus! We are hoping to use this for local visits, opening up and broadening our curriculum offer. Learning about birds....let's go to Wheldrake Ings Nature Reserve...the possibilities are endless. With our smaller classes, we are hoping to transport the children across to work at our sister school, especially now our curriculums are coming into line with each other. Sporting events, swimming (depending on numbers), Litter Club excursions....more to follow.



We hope to get our bus 'on the road' for September 2023.

Class Dojo @Bugthorpe @Sutton

You should have received an invite this week (paper copy) to sign up as a parent to Class Dojo. We are trialling Class Dojo to replace Seesaw (home school communication tool for Years 1-6) and potentially Tapestry (EYFS learning journey), however this is not confirmed yet so please keep the Tapestry app. It is all new to us, but since the pandemic, we have adapted well to new technologies. Class Dojo allows school to share pictures of what your child has done that day, and allows you to contact your class teacher if needed. It also has the added benefit of collecting our Team Points! It will make totalling up the scores so much



easier for our Vice Captains 😊 **Please use Class Dojo from now on and remove the Seesaw app for the time being.** Thank you for your support as we navigate towards Class Dojo.

Aligning our Long Term Plans @Bugthorpe @Sutton

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When I started in September 2019, we only had a curriculum planned until Christmas 2019. Class 3 at Sutton were doing 'rivers' for 15 weeks; how could we engage the children for that length of time unless we were kayaking up a river or digging our own life-size model on the school field....

We launched our current curriculum, across the Federation in January 2020, which was slightly impacted by Covid-19. The problem we have encountered is that classes across the schools were not aligned, as some classes had previously taught certain topics and, therefore, were teaching on different years of our two-year cycle.

This September, 2023, we aim to ensure that all four classes start the process to align, so that teachers can plan together, share resources and ideas, arrange more joint educational visits, and utilise our minibus for learning together in one space. Class 4 have already been fortunate to be aligned, and we have seen the benefits of this, with Mr Price and Mrs Garcia working closely on the same topic each half term. For our alignment to work, Classes 2 and 3 at Sutton will follow a slightly different (1 year only) plan, which we are working to create next half term as a staff team. Hopefully, all classes will be working on Year A of our two-year cycle.

Wear It Blue Day @Bugthorpe @Sutton

Thank you for your contributions to Wear It Blue Day for the mental health charity



Mind UK. Across the Federation, we raised around £100 for the worthy cause. Thanks for your support.

The following messages are for Bugthorpe:

Early Years Area @Bugthorpe

Monday 5th June is a teacher training day, but we are hoping to dismantle the older sheds and move the newest shed from behind Class 1, to replace Mrs Husband's tired gardening shed. Fingers crossed, the new container, bought for us by the Halifax Estates, will be delivered the first week back so that we can get our storage back up and running. Thank you to those of you who have already offered to help in some way.

The following messages are for Sutton:

PTFA Summer Fair 4.7.23 3:30 – 5pm @Sutton

With us having some large inflatables on the school field, the PTFA have decided to move the date of the Summer Fair to coincide with our inflatable fun. Please add **Tuesday 4th July 2023, 3:30 – 5pm**, into your diaries. More information to follow, nearer the time.



Class 1 Police Visit @Sutton



Thank you for your continued support,
Mr B Holtby, Executive Headteacher

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