



Sutton Upon Derwent and Bugthorpe CE Primary Schools



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SPRING TERM 2021

Newsletter 7 – 8/1/2021

The following messages are for both schools:

Happy New Year! @Sutton @Bugthorpe

We haven't had the smoothest start to 2021, but on behalf of the staff team, I want to wish you the happiest of days ahead, full of sunshine and smiles. #staysafe



Lockdown 3 - Email sent this week if you missed it @Sutton @Bugthorpe

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to email you concerning our Home / Remote Learning Offer.

As you know we have developed our Home Learning offer for this Lockdown, with the daily Live Lessons via Zoom, and also running the same curriculum for the children at home as those in school. Our aim is to attempt to build on the sense of connection between school and home and to reduce the risk of the children losing what they have learnt in the last term.

However, here are a few things to bear in mind...

- 1) The first and most important outcome of this situation is that we all survive (physically and mentally) this pandemic!
- 2) Most of the children caught up most of their missed learning last term - so we can catch them up again.
- 3) There is more to child development than academic attainment and improving one's knowledge.

These statements are not an excuse for us all to not try to help children continue their learning over Lockdown, or allowing the children to do no learning

during the next six or more weeks. However, we need to strike a balance for us all.

The Home Learning is there to support you and your children to learn at home whilst we get this virus under control, so if you do not log on to every lesson, or they do not fit with your work / home learning schedule all the time, then please do not stress. If you need the children to engage in BBC lessons for a day or so, or work on Tapestry (EYFS) or Seesaw (Y1-6) or you all need to go for a walk during the day then that is okay. To be honest it is probably better than okay, if trying to keep to the timetable and log on each time is going to cause you and your children to be overly stressed.

Also, there might be a problems that arise with the technology so if you log on and you are not admitted or there is a sound or video problem etc then please just log off, have a look at the work on Tapestry and Seesaw and go for it. Do not stress, no need to ring the school or email, just breathe and do what you think is right for your child and have a go at the daily work or an alternative.

We won't get it right all of the time but we will always try our absolute best to serve our children and community. This is why we have acted on feedback and have provided a timetable for Remote Learning with Live Lessons. Timings were chosen based on the fact that some families have children in two/three classes so we didn't want any overlaps. If you can't attend a session, do not stress. There will also be remote learning including videos etc on Tapestry and Seesaw. I have also shared lots of National resources for you to look at on our Facebook pages e.g. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online>

If you need any support with Remote Learning, do not hesitate to contact your Class Teachers via Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw (Years 1-6).

On another note, in the words of Craig David, Schools were safe on Sunday, open on Monday, closed on Tuesday and it's only Thursday.

Yesterday, Gavin Williamson (Secretary of State for Education) suggested that if parents aren't happy with

online learning then they should report this to Ofsted.

My preference would be to contact me first so that I can attempt to address any concerns. My staff would prefer this too! They have worked incredibly hard; not just this week, but over the past 9 months trying to prepare for the eventuality of another Lockdown. Personally, I think they have done, and are doing a fantastic job ... but I'm obviously biased.

They have developed online learning, trained children, created new teaching plans and new communication systems...all in such a short space of time. If this is not good enough ... I'd like to hear it first so I can resolve any problems.

I reiterate, please contact our School Offices, preferably **via email** (as the phone may not be answered) if you have any concerns (preferably before calling Ofsted as that's not a very pleasant thing to do really).

If anyone needs support, you are not alone; we are here for you and will do our best to support you in whatever way we can.

Collective Worships on Wednesdays and Thursdays with Mr Holtby @Sutton @Bugthorpe

Unfortunately, Collective Worship will be pre-recorded and shared via a link to YouTube. This is because my Zoom account only allows 100 users at once. If this is to change, I will send out Zoom invites for live sessions. Watch this space.

ERCC Music Service @Sutton @Bugthorpe

The East Riding Music Service will resume remotely. We have been told they will be in touch with parents (who have subscribed to lessons) directly via email.

Lovely Messages @Sutton @Bugthorpe

Both schools have received lots of lovely emails and messages of support this week. These have really helped cheer us up when things have been tough. Thank you so much; they are greatly appreciated.



Mrs Scott, a parent at Bugthorpe, didn't mind us sharing this too:



You can access Parent View here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Remote Learning – Further Ideas on Facebook @Sutton @Bugthorpe

Do look out on our Facebook pages for useful websites and resources that we find. Here are a few of the links to support you at home, alongside our Remote Learning and live lessons:

Books for Topics - Lots of links to authors reading and sharing a range of books:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online>

All **Oxford Reading Tree** (Biff and Chip books etc) are free to read online with your child as e-books:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Phonics Play is free for parents to use. Nursery children can access Phase 1 games; Reception children can access Phase 2 and 3 games; Year 1 children can access Phase 3, 4 and 5 games; Year 2-6 children can

access Phase 6 games. Use the following username and password:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Username: jan21

Password: home

BBC Videos on IPlayer – CBBC and CBeebies have organised educational television shows from 9am until 12pm.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/cbeebies>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/cbbc>

Do check out our Facebook page for more resources and ideas 😊

Journey Through the Bible – Family Calendar 2021 **@Sutton @Bugthorpe**

Week Commencing 4th January 2021: Judges and Kings – Joshua

<https://youtu.be/BAkwWE2UGLo>

Week Commencing 11th January 2021: Judges and Kings – Gideon

<https://youtu.be/c3CDZjpkDKU>

Footprints in the Sand @Sutton @Bugthorpe

The Footprints Prayer is an inspirational poem about having faith in God. Also known as Footprints in The Sand, this prayer shows how God is always with us, especially in times of need. I thought I would share this with you all as it is very pertinent, as we enter Lockdown 3.

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,

especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,

there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you."



Follow your pathway, be carried by God, and grow with confidence. We can do this! We are here for you. Reach out if you need us.

Stay safe,

Your Loving School Family

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr B Holtby

Executive Headteacher

Handwritten signature of Mr B Holtby