



# Sutton Upon Derwent and Bugthorpe CE Primary Schools



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**SPRING TERM 2021**

**Newsletter 9 – 5/2/2021**

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

**Eco-Schools Award @Sutton @Bugthorpe**

Next year on our School Development Plan for the 'Our World' Subject Leadership Team, across both schools, we are going to work towards achieving Eco-Schools status. There are different awards to go for; I'm confident we will have enough in place already to go for a higher award. This will involve having a committee of children from both schools, who get together (via Zoom) to meet and discuss environmental issues. They will write an action plan and ensure we are as eco-friendly as possible. Will we work with current pupils, over the next few months, to prepare for this and get things in place. We have already been planting trees this year with Mrs Husband and strive to tackle many issues including attracting more bees. It would be great to give the 'Eco Warriors' a budget to work with, with the support of our PTFA's.



**Covid Testing – Staff @Sutton @Bugthorpe**

I'm pleased to report that all of our staff team, have 'opted in' for Lateral Flow Tests. We do these twice a week to ensure we are keeping as safe as possible.

**NPQH @Sutton @Bugthorpe**

I am delighted to share that I have achieved my National Professional Qualification in Headship. Both schools contributed financially towards me finishing

the course and I would like to thank both sets of governors for their support. I still have to complete a presentation to York Diocese to achieve the Church of England accreditation.

**School Dinner Menu @Sutton @Bugthorpe**

A new Spring/Summer menu awaits us, and will commence, when we are all back to school. The menu can be found on our school websites:

<https://www.bugthorpeprimary.org.uk/school-office/school-meals>

<https://www.suttonuponderwentprimary.org.uk/school-office/school-meals>

**A Reflection for the week ahead if it is useful to you – From Andrew Smith, Director of Education, York Diocese @Sutton @Bugthorpe**

Much has been said about the current situation being a marathon rather than a sprint. I have often marvelled at those who do ultra-marathons having been someone who has only ever got to half marathon territory. Any distance running involves endurance. Endurance can often be described as the ability to continue with an unpleasant or difficult situation, experience, or activity over a long period of time. We could say that endurance right now is important to us all.

We are all learning about what it means to endure in the current period. Christians often describe their spiritual life as a journey and endurance often plays a part in this journey too. There are many verses that encourage Christians to persevere and endure.

One I find helpful on the running theme is Hebrews 12 verse 1: 'let us run with endurance the race that is set before us (NKJV)'

As discussed in our Picture News Collective Worship on Thursday, Captain Sir Tom Moore said 'the sun will shine on you again....and the clouds will go away.'



[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/cb34fba0-23f7-417c-8d1c-cd922563f26b/leaflets/8123681c-4783-4f35-bd8e-7ba7fd3db3b7/support\\_our\\_school\\_2019%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637172106369870000](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/cb34fba0-23f7-417c-8d1c-cd922563f26b/leaflets/8123681c-4783-4f35-bd8e-7ba7fd3db3b7/support_our_school_2019%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637172106369870000)

#### Outstanding Bills @Bugthorpe

A gentle reminder that there are some outstanding ASC and dinner money bills from December that remain unpaid. Do contact the School Office if you need to discuss this further. Many thanks.

#### The following messages are for Sutton:

#### PTFA 100 Club Draw @Sutton



A year has passed since our PTFA 100 Club Draw started. We have had 12 winners of £50, (one was lucky me ☺) whilst raising £600 towards school funds. If you don't already have a number, and would like one, please contact Mrs Nicholson for more information.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr B Holtby

Executive Headteacher

#### The following messages are for Bugthorpe:

#### New PTFA Officials and Update @Bugthorpe

At our PTFA AGM last week, we passed on our thanks and gratitude to members of the committee who have stepped down. David Pearson, Chair, Verity Jarry, Secretary, and Fran Vicari, Treasurer, have left their posts after many years' dedication to the PTFA. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for all that they have done to enhance the experiences for our children. We welcome, Emma O'Connor and Melissa Atkinson as joint Chair; Sarah Best as Secretary and Sarah Allen as Treasurer; kindly assisted by Ruth Jackson who has stayed on board in the role.

Future ventures could involve raising money for new fruit trees for the school field; upgraded the 'play house'; funding new Forest Schools resources for Mrs Husband and our 'Eco-Schools' budget.

#### Bags to Schools @Bugthorpe

The next date for Bags to Schools is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Bags, and more information, will be available nearer the time, but if you are thinking of a spring clear-out over half term, please bear this date in mind. Many thanks.

#### School Lottery @Bugthorpe

Help raise funds for school (and you!) by signing up to the School Lottery. It costs as little as £1 per week and there is a local prize (the more who join, the bigger the prize) – as well as being entered into a £25000 National Draw. The link to the page can be found here: