



Happy, Healthy and Fulfilled



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome

I just wanted to take a minute to introduce myself as your child's class teacher and welcome you all to Elm class – reception /year1 here at Easington C of E Primary School.

My name is Ms Lilley and I've been a Primary School Teacher with an Early Years Specialism since 1997. Over the years I have managed home based care and education programmes within the private sector and I have taught in schools nationally and internationally. I have had the pleasure and good fortune to have worked in places such as Auckland, New Zealand, 3 states in Australia including Tasmania, Victoria and The Northern Territory, the surfing coast of North Devon and the North-East Coast of England. I have a son called James whose 13, a rescue dog called Pip whose 9, 1 goldfish called Polly and 2 water snails called Gin and Tonic. I love to walk my dog and I like to read. It has been lovely to meet you all individually and I look forward to working in partnership with you during the following academic year.

We welcome Mrs Wray and Mrs Kirkwood to Elm Class as TA support this year.

Just to share a few housekeeping notes with you...

- **Elm class start their day at 8.45 – 8.55**

Ms Lilley will meet the children at the side gate into EYFS/YR1 garden with hand sanitiser. The children will then walk into school with staff. Mrs Wray will support children inside with lockers.

- **Elm class finish their day at 3.20** on Mon, Tue, Wed and Thur.

On Fridays, the whole school finish at **2.30**.

Ms Lilley will walk children through our outdoor area to the garden gate. *Safe guarding* is our first priority and we respectfully ask parents to be *patient* at this time and stand back. The children will be in reception/year1 garden, staff will locate families on the playground (when it's your child please give staff a little wave, this would be really helpful), then staff will send your child over to you in a calm and safe manner.

- **P.E.** will be on a Monday afternoon. We will start PE week 4 of this half term. PE kits are to stay at home. On Monday's from week 4 Elm class children will be asked to come to school wearing their PE kit, not their uniform. Thank-you so much.
- **Please provide a daily water bottle** for your child. We encourage water, not juice. Clear, flavoured water is acceptable, but please ensure it is sugar free. Please write your child's name on the bottle.
- **Daily milk** is provided by an outside company called 'Cool Milk'. Details were included in your new starters pack. It is up to families to organise milk for their child. Cool milk provide school with a weekly list of children who have requested milk. If your child is not on our list

it is the responsibility of parents to contact Cool Milk directly – NOT SCHOOL. When your child turns 5 free milk that you have requested will stop automatically. It is parents' responsibility to contact Cool Milk to organise payment for their child to receive milk again after their 5th birthday.

- **Snack** A selection of fresh fruit and vegetables are available for your child's snack each day. If you would like your child to bring their own snack then we encourage healthy snacks including fresh fruits, vegetables, cheese, breadsticks and crackers. Chocolate and sugary snacks will not be allowed and will be removed and given back to parents/ carers at the end of the day.
- **On Monday morning we ask for a small donation** of any small change that you may wish to donate towards Elm classes seasonal treats fund. All donations go back to all the children in the class in the form of seasonal treats through-out the year. This initiative has always been well supported by families in the past and we hope to continue it this academic year. Many thanks, in advance.
- **Sounds Write** schools new phonics programme will begin week 4 of this half term. Further details including an information evening to follow.
- **Observations** of your child 'learning through play' will be shared with you periodically through-out the year via Parent share. This is a platform that we use to share observations via email. Please ensure that myself or Mrs Boden Stoker in the office has your most up to date and most frequently used e mail address. Thankyou.
- **Class Dojo** is Easington Church of England Primary Schools Remote learning platform used during past lockdowns and when children have had to periodically self-isolate. It is also another avenue to allow families to communicate with me and vice versa via a messaging service. Mr Churchill- Deputy Head will be facilitating Dojo access for new families. More information will come in due course. Thankyou
- **On Monday mornings** Ms Lilley will not be in school this is my Planning, Preparation and Assessment time known as PPA time. I join the children after lunch. Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning will be taught by Mrs Wray and Understanding of the world will be taught by Miss Swan during this time 😊

You are most welcome to contact me via the school office - **Tel 0191 5270259** or email **easingtonce@durhamlearning.net**.

Warmest regards,

Ms Lilley

