



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 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 the Early Years 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 16, a rescue dog called Pip whose 12 and is now completely blind. I love to walk my dog and I like to read. It has been lovely to meet the children 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 or Mrs Wray will meet the children at the side gate into EYFS outdoor area from 8.45 – 8.55am. The children will then walk into school. Mrs Wray or Ms Lilley will support children inside with lockers. At 8.55 the side gate will be locked. Children arriving after this time will then have to walk through the schools reception area with their adult and will be marked late. A school adult will walk your child down to reception class.

- **Elm class finish their day at 3.20**

Ms Lilley will walk children through our outdoor area to the EYFS outdoor area 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 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 Wednesday afternoon. We will start PE week 2 of this half term. On Wednesday's from week 2 Elm class children will be asked to come to school wearing their PE kit, not their uniform. For the first 6 weeks we welcome a PE specialist from the trust that will teach the children fundamental movement skills after that we welcome lovely Mrs Wilkes back into school to deliver Early Years Yoga. With a series of gross motor skills based on characters from wobble farm. We can't wait 😊

- **Please provide a pair of wellies** for your child. Please ensure that both wellie boots have your child's name clearly labelled. Reception children work outdoors everyday and so it is very important they have wellies to wear to ensure clean and dry feet. Wellies will be kept in your child's locker during each half term. They will not come home everyday.

- **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 from school. However, if you would like your child to bring their own snack into school each day then we encourage healthy snacks of **fresh fruit and/ or vegetables only**. Chocolate, sugary processed packaged snacks and crisps of any kind will not be allowed and will be removed and given back to parents/ carers at the end of the day.
- **Sounds Write** schools whole school phonics programme will begin week 4 of this half term. Further details including an information evening to follow.
- **Class Dojo** is Easington Church of England Primary Schools online platform. It is an avenue to allow families to communicate with me and vice versa via a text messaging service. Mr Churchill- Deputy Head will be facilitating Dojo access for new families. More information will come in due course. Thankyou
- **On Thursday afternoons** Ms Lilley will not be in school. This is my Planning, Preparation and Assessment time known as PPA time. Mrs Wray, will deliver learning during this time.
- **Intimate Care** – We would be grateful if your child is able to go to the toilet independently from September. If children have toilet accidents it will take an adult, Mrs Wray or myself away from learning time to change and make a child more comfortable. Thankyou for your continuing support and understanding with this.
- **Birthdays** - If you wish to provide cake to celebrate your child's special day we allow single serve portions of cake, such as cupcakes or Mr Kipling slices. We do not accept cake that requires cutting up into portions. Thankyou for your support in advance with this.

You are most welcome to contact me during school hours via:

The school office - Tel 0191 5270259

Email - admin@easingtonprimary.org.uk

Class Dojo (more details to follow)

Warmest regards,

Ms Lilley