



## TERM 4 NEWS

### Sutton Veny CofE Primary

**Together, through friendship, in peace and with courage, we reach for the stars.**

Colossians 3:12: 'clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'

This is our termly newsletter and we hope that you will enjoy reading about what will be happening in school. Regular updates will be sent out via our ParentPay platform throughout the term. Please keep an eye out for these. All of the dates for the term are available from the calendar section of our school website; you can access this page by clicking [here](#). Upcoming events are also listed on the homepage of our website. Please see the school notice board for weekly updates too.

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#### Key Stage Two Dance Festival

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in this year's Dance Festival in Bath. The school's performance received excellent feedback. A huge thank you to Miss Gee and Miss Griffin for running Dance Club, and to Mrs Chatwin for all her work behind the scenes. Thank you to our parents and carers for their support and providing costumes.

#### Term 4 Timetables and Website

Every term, each class has a new timetable. This details when all of the subjects will be taught. Each class teacher uploads this timetable on to their class page of the school website. Please check this carefully, as it will tell you the days that they have PE and need to wear their PE kits into school. There is also detailed, year group specific curriculum information on the website too.

#### Fond Farewell

At the end of last term we said a fond farewell to Mrs Smith, one of our midday supervisory assistants. We wish Mrs Smith the best of luck for the future and we hope she enjoys having more time to spend with her grandchildren.



#### Warm Welcome

This term, we welcome Mrs Sonia Williams to the staff team. Mrs Williams has been employed as a midday supervisory assistant and will work alongside Mrs Dix, setting up the lunch hall and serving lunches to the children. We are looking forward to Mrs Williams joining our staff team.



#### Punctuality and Lateness

After a recent review of our school attendance with Wiltshire Council's Educational Welfare Officers, we have identified lateness as an area for us to improve as a school. Punctuality is an important habit and life skill for the children to develop. Being on time for school ensures they start the school day in the same way as their peers and gets them into positive habits for later in life, as employers do not accept staff turning up late for work. If your child is late for school it is embarrassing for them to enter a settled classroom, when all their peers are already working on tasks. Not only do they miss out on important practice, but it is very disruptive for the class teacher and the other children. Staff will have already taken the register and given the class instructions. When a child arrives late, the teacher has to stop working with the children they are supporting and re-explain instructions, wasting valuable time.

#### New Late Sign in System

If your child arrives late, after the morning bell has rung and the playground has cleared, parents and carers will be responsible for taking the children to the school office and signing them in. There is a new signing in book, so that we can keep a closer track of punctuality patterns and concerns. You will not be able to drop them off on their own at the bottom of the car park and expect them to make their own way into school. Please make sure the children are on the playground by 8.45am to prevent them from being recorded as late to school.



### Book Week

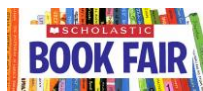
This year, we are devoting a whole week to celebrating books and reading from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**.

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March**, we will be celebrating **World Book Day**. The World Book Day is a charity that celebrates and inspires a love of reading and books. On this day the children and staff are dressing up as book characters. We only dress-up in this way every other year, so that you are not expected to find a costume every year for your child(ren). The children will take part in a range of different book related activities throughout the day. They will be in mixed-aged groups and visit every classroom in school. Please can you also send the children in with their favourite book on World Book Day, as they will need this for one of the activities. Thank you.

Every school child in the UK receives a free World Book Day Token. The token can then be exchanged for any of the special £1 titles, at participating outlets, or used to get £1 off your next book, or audio book, purchase. It can also be used towards the cost of any books at our up-and-coming Book Fair.

### Shoe Box Request

One of the activities on World Book Day requires a small box. Shoe boxes would be a perfect size, although any similar sized boxes would be appropriate. We need approximately 50 boxes of this size in total. Please could you send any you may have in before **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Thank you.



### Book Fair

To tie in with our World Book Day celebrations, Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting school this term. This is an opportunity for the children to buy new books and help raise money for the school. The school receives commission for every book sold, which can then be used to purchase new books across the school. The Book Fair will run after school between **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Key Stage Two Pencil Cases

We have made the decision to provide all the children with a standard school pencil case from the beginning of this term. This will contain all the basic stationery that they need for the school day. It has always been a rite of passage at Sutton Veny for the children to bring their own pencil cases into school once they are in Darwin Class. However, we have found that the style of pencil cases have evolved over the years and many are more like toys, with moving parts and interactive features. Furthermore, children are bringing other small items from home into school in their pencil cases. As you can imagine, these are becoming increasingly distracting for the children during lessons. The children can still bring their own pencil case into school, but these will only be allowed in the classroom during certain lessons, like art and design.

### School Parking Reminder

A polite reminder that the school car park is for staff, disabled badge holders, taxis and emergency vehicles only. Despite providing regular reminders about this, there are still members of our school community not adhering to this rule. Please remember that rules are there so that it is fair for everyone. Furthermore, please try not to park your car on the left hand side of the road before the school car park, where the traffic cones are placed. If cars are parked here, it causes congestion and increases the risk to pedestrians as they have to walk around the parked vehicles. Thank in advance for your understanding this this.

### Collectables Coming into School

At the end of last term, the children were reminded not to bring collectables into school to trade or swap. This includes things like football cards, Pokémon cards, miniature animals and charm bracelets. These type of items usually end up causing more distress than anything else in school, especially if the children lose, or misplace, something that means a lot to them. It can also exclude other children who may not have the same things as the others. Again, thank you for your understanding with this matter.



### Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place **in the church at 9:15am, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** and you are all very welcome to attend. Easter is always a time to celebrate new life and new beginnings and we will also celebrate birthdays and certificates as part of the service.



### Compass Collaboration: Share the Miracle

Share the Miracle is very much like our Harvest Festival, but we ask for donations of Easter eggs. We are asking our families to donate an Easter egg and we then we will deliver them to those less fortunate in our local area, or to those who just need a little gift to help cheer them up. Last year, we delivered eggs to Sutton Veny Nursing Home, the Chat Café in Warminster and to the staff at the recycling centre.

Every school in the Compass Collaboration is taking part, so we hope to spread some love and joy to the wider community this Easter time. Please could you send in any donations by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Thank you in advance for support our Compass community project.

### Pavement Repairs and Disabled Parking Bay

During the half term, the Local Authority have repaired the damaged paving slabs on the pavement that runs along the car park to the village hall. These have been in desperate need of repair for some time. As part of this work, the entrance to the school playground has been ramped to make it more accessible and a new disabled parking bay has been marked out.



### End of Term 4

At **3.15pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**; we will be wishing all of our children and their families a Happy Easter. Looking ahead: Term 5 starts on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.



### Annual Reports and Parent Appointments

At the end of Term 3, you would have received your child's annual school report. This provided you with key information about their academic and personal development.

Optional, five-minute Parent Appointments will take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** should you feel the need to discuss your child's report in more detail with your child's class teacher. You will also have the chance to look through their books and see the work that they have been producing in school.

You can book an appointment via our online booking system; the booking window opens on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 9.00am**.



### Contratulations to Mr Berryman

During the half term break Mr Berryman and his partner, had their first child. The welcomed a healthy baby boy into the world last Thursday. Mr Berryman is one of our sports coaches in school. He is currently on paternity leave and his after school clubs will not be running this week. His clubs will start up again on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.



### Parent and Carer Forums

Last year, we introduced Parent and Carer Forms once a term, to provide opportunities for you to come and hear about school priorities and to provide you with opportunities to raise topics you'd like to discuss. Our next forum is planned for **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am and 2.30pm**. If you would like to attend one of the forum sessions, please follow this link to complete the Microsoft Forms booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HPUPY8mSj0>

On the form there is a space for you to raise any topics that you'd like to discuss. Knowing these in advance helps us to plan for the session. We look forward to you joining us.



## Friends of School News and Updates

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Film Night and Darwin Cake Sale in Term 3. The film night was a lot of fun and the children were all brilliant. The events last term raised over £500 for the school, which is fantastic.

In Term 4, we have the following events coming up:

- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** - FoS meeting at 9am in the village hall. Everyone is very welcome.
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 20 March** - Auction of Promises biddings window take place.
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Canberra Cake Sale and preloved uniform sale.
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - FoS Easter Egg Hunt.

### Auction of Promises

We have been blown away by the incredible amount, and the variety, of pledges that have come in for our Auction of Promises. From family days out, to baked goods, sports experiences, dog walking, tickets to local events, a glider experience, handmade items and even front row seats to the school nativity...

We have over 65 pledges! There is something to suit everyone, and we have a team busy putting together the brochure. The brochures will be coming out to everyone by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** and the bidding window will be open for two weeks. Further details will follow...

Thank you again for your continued support for Friends of School and helping us to support the school. We are very grateful for all you do.

Best wishes,  
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