



TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Sutton Veny CofE Primary School

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 eSchools 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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HARVEST THANKS

Thank you to all of our families for the generous donations for our Harvest Festival. Many local families will benefit from the food donated to the Warminster Food Bank. The school donated an amazing amount of food and toiletries and we have received a letter of thanks and a certificate from the food bank; they have asked us to pass on their thanks to the children and our families for their generosity. The Food Bank team were so grateful for your contributions and it took them numerous trips to transport the donations to the foodbank. As a school, we donated approximately 167kg of food! Thank you.



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Sutton Veny Community Café, "Where Village & School Communities Meet", is open on the first Wednesday of every month, in the church, from 2.00pm-4.00pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet and socialise before, and after, school pick-up.



BREAKFAST CLUB SUCCESS

We were delighted with the success of our new breakfast club last term and it has been such a positive step forward to be able to provide this provision for our families. The number of children attending the breakfast club has been steadily increasing, although we still need a greater take-up of places to ensure the breakfast club is sustainable. Please visit our breakfast club page on the school website for all the information that you need; this can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB PLACES FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Did you know that military families are entitled to 20-hours of free wrap-around care for each of their children? This includes attending breakfast club. This is available to all service families and we'd urge you to take up this opportunity. Your children could be enjoying activities before school and a free breakfast every day of the week! For all the details and for how to apply, please click [here](#).



POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

On November 11th 1918, at 11am, the First World War ended with an Armistice between the Allies and Germany. To commemorate this time in history, the school will hold a silence at the war graves on Friday 10th November, at 11.00am. The children will walk over to the war graves to observe a silence at 11am. The children will lay a silk poppy on each of the war graves. These poppies are flown to us each year, all the way from the Returned Services League (RSL) in Geraldton, Australia.

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

Each time the children get an eight stamp certificate they are awarded a point for their house. Here are the house point totals at the end of Term 1:

- **Deverill** 38 points
- **Were** 49 points
- **Nadder** 37 points
- **Wylye** 41 points



SLOW DOWN & 'BE SAFE BE SEEN'

As the mornings and evenings are now darker, please take extreme care when you are driving to and from school, or walking with the children. We urge all walkers to 'be safe and be seen' by wearing high visibility clothing. Please may all drivers take care when driving through the village and avoid the use of Best's Lane as a short cut, due to the number of pedestrians on this single track road.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

As parents and carers, when your child starts school you sign a home school agreement, which states that you will support the school by ensuring that your child follows school policies, adheres to our school rules and follows our code of conduct. This includes following our school uniform policy. We are very proud of our school uniform as it ensures the children have a sense of belonging and look smart, or uniform, in their appearance. Rules are there so that the school's environment is fair for everyone. It is not fair on the other children if some choose not to adhere to our policy around uniform, which can be found on our school website. Thank you in advance for helping us to maintain our high standards in school.



CLASS TRIPS & VISITS

You will also be notified when your child(ren) are going on a school trip. All the details for any class trip, or visit, will be on Parent Pay. Please make sure you have logged on to this platform to provide your consent and to make any payments. Thank you.

This term we have the following trips taking place:

- Elliston Class are visiting the Roman Baths on Thursday 2nd November.
- Darwin Class are visiting Stonehenge on Tuesday 14th November.
- Canberra Class are visiting Salisbury Cathedral on Tuesday 28th November.

ORDERING HOT LUNCHES

An important reminder to make sure you order hot lunches for your children, ahead of the weekly cut-off day for the following week. You can order hot meals for the whole term via Parent Pay, but if you place your orders weekly, you *must* order by Wednesday for your child to receive a meal for the following week, as this is our cut-off day to place orders with our hot meal provider. Even if your child(ren) receives a free hot meal, you still need to place your order, so that we have the right amount of food in school for all the children. We will contact you and ask you to bring in a packed lunch for your child if you have not ordered a hot lunch. Please note that our Christmas lunch date has changed to **Tuesday 12th December**. This is different to what has been advertised on the school calendar.

CURRICULUM EVENING MEETINGS FOR PARENTS & CARERS:

We value our strong relationship with parents, and following last term's well-attended Back to School Nights, we have two curriculum evenings taking place this term. Firstly, there is an English Curriculum Evening for parents and carers at 5.30pm, on **Tuesday 14th November**. At this meeting, will we share our approaches to teaching English across the school, including the things that you can do to support your children at home. On **Tuesday 21st November**, also at 5.30pm, there is an assessment meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 6. This will focus on expectations and preparation for Key Stage Two SATs. At the meeting, you will get a chance to look at past test papers and find out how you can help support your child. We look forward to you joining us for these evenings.



EXCITING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS

One of our school development priorities for this year is to continue to develop our school curriculum, which we always look to evolve and improve for the children. As part of these developments, staff have received Philosophy for Children training, which is an approach we are going to embed in our curriculum. This involves the children engaging in purposeful discussion, developing their critical thinking skills and improving their confidence to voice their views and opinions. We are looking forward to these developments and we will keep you updated on the progress that we make.

COMING SOON...



We will send out a separate newsletter towards the end of November, detailing all the information for our Christmas events in December. Please see the 'December' term dates on the website if you wish to plan ahead and don't forget to check the weekly noticeboard outside school.



WEBSITE & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Our school website is a valuable source of information for all of our families. Your child's class page will contain a timetable and curriculum information for the term ahead. The school newsletter is always uploaded onto the relevant section of the website too. The homepage of the website also contains up-and-coming events and a link to the school calendar.

A reminder that all of our school communication will continue to be emailed out via our eSchools platform. You can access this by clicking on the login icon on the homepage of the school website, although we recommend downloading the eSchools APP. Please ensure you check your emails regularly for up-to-date school information and news as updates will be sent out throughout the term. If you have any issues or problems accessing either eSchools or Parent Pay, please contact the school office.



A message from FOS

Friends of Sutton Veny School (FOS)
Charity number 290388

Friends of School (our Parent Teacher Association) would like to welcome you back for Term 2. We are a friendly team who meet throughout the year to plan fundraising and events to enrich our children's experience at school.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Friends of School in Term 1, whether buying calendars, contributing to the cake and pre-loved uniform sales or placing orders for Christmas cards. Every little thing that you do truly does help and we are always grateful for your help and contributions.

This term we have the following events taking place:
Coming up in Term 2 we have:

- 1st November - FOS meeting in the village hall at 9.00am
- 20th November - Bags2School collection.
- 24th November - Geraldton cake sale
- 8th December - Christmas Disco.
- 9th December - Christmas Fair

We are very excited about our upcoming events and we hope you are too. Further details, with exact timings and further information, will be sent out nearer the time.

On Friday 3rd November, after school, FOS will be running a stall with Nativity costumes donated from previous years, which you can hire for £2 per costume. If you have anything that you wish to donate to our outfit hire scheme, please could you bring this to the school office by Friday. Thank you.

If you would like to help at the Christmas Fair or the Christmas Disco, then please do get in touch; we could really do with some extra hands, particularly to help at the Christmas Fair, as it is such a big event.

As always if you have any ideas for fundraising, or ways that FOS could benefit the school, please find us in the playground or send us an email at fos@suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk. There are lots of ways to get involved with Friends of School, from coming to the meetings, being on the committee or just being on our volunteer email list for whenever we need help at our events. If you'd like to get involved with Friends of School or find out a bit more then please do get in touch.

Please look out for FOS communication throughout the year via eSchools. Don't forget we also have the Friends of School Facebook page where we share information about events etc. If you'd like to follow the page, then you can find it at <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1154539228562579/?ref=share>

Thank you and welcome to Mr Charlie Pywell, who has joined the committee as secretary to Friends of School. We are very grateful for his time and support.

Best wishes,
FOS

Contacts:

- Mrs Eleanor Everitt (Chair)
- Mrs Sam Allison (Treasurer)
- Mr Charlie Pywell (Secretary)