



## 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 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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#### 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 Last for choreographing the dance with the children, and to Mrs Chatwin for supporting Dance Club and the event itself.

#### 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.



#### School Swimming Lessons and Contributions

As a school, we value offering school swimming lessons for the children from Year 3 up to Year 5 and this ensures that we meet the requirements of the PE curriculum. Swimming is a vital life skill and develops confidence for the children. We also place great value on the experience the children gain from going swimming with the school, from the coach journey, the independence it develops and the fact that we ensure that every child gets the opportunity to learn to swim, as not all children have this chance outside of school. To enable us to provide this level of provision in swimming, we do rely on parental contributions to fund the sessions, with the main cost being the transport to and from the Sports Centre.

Darwin Class will benefit from swimming this term. A separate letter, with further information, was sent out at the end of last term and contributions can be made via Parent Pay.



#### 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.

Parent appointments are taking place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** and **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. Please note that Miss Gee will be running an additional session for Canberra Class on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**; any appointments held on this day will be in Canberra Classroom, rather than the hall. You can book an appointment via eSchools; the booking window opened on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am**. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's report in greater detail with their class teacher. You will also have the chance to look through their books and see the work that they have been producing in school.



### Celebrating World Book Day

On **Thursday 6<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 will wear pyjamas, or onesies, with dressing gowns, and they will be taking part in a story sharing event, where they will be read stories by different class teachers. 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.



### 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 25<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Comic Relief 2025: Celebrating 40 Years

This year, Comic Relief takes place on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** and marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charity. The red noses on sale celebrate the favourite noses over the last four decades. You can purchase one from the Comic Relief online shop, or from Amazon. Alternatively, you might like to make your own red nose and make a donation to the charity. On **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, the children can wear their red noses into school. The School Council will also be planning an event on this day. You can find out more about Comic Relief and buying a red nose by clicking [here](#).



### School Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance remains a national and local priority due to the positive impact that good levels of school attendance and punctuality have on the children's social, emotional and academic development, and their general well-being. You will have received your child's current school attendance for this academic year with their Annual Report. If your child's current attendance is below 90%, you will be invited to a meeting to discuss how we can work together and support you to make improvements.

It is also important that the children arrive at school by 8.45am, so that they can enter the classroom with the rest of their friends. If they are regularly late, this means that they miss out on the introduction to the day that their peers receive and they miss out on starting the day the same way as everyone else. Furthermore, if they are marked as late after the register has closed, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence for the **whole morning session**.



### Well-being Walks

Mrs Kim Muller, our Parent Support Advisor, has planned and organised well-being walks for those of you interested in meeting with other parents and getting some fresh air at the same time. A flyer was sent out at the end of last term, with all the times and dates of walks. Parents and carers from our Compass School's collaboration have all been invited to attend.



### CAMHS Information and Advice Sessions

This term we have organised a set of workshops for Parents and Carers for the schools in our Compass Collaboration. These are taking place at different schools in our group and are based on different topics and issues, including: managing behaviour, resilience, emotional regulation and worries/anxieties. A booking form was sent home at the end of last term with all the details you need, should you wish to attend. You are welcome to attend as many of the workshops as you like.



### School Car Park 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. We have placed new yellow cones at the entrance to the car park to remind you all of this. Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation with this.

### Compass School's Exhibition

As part of our Compass School's Collaboration, our school's council meet termly to discuss how we can work together to contribute to the local community. This term, our six schools are putting on an exhibition of work at the Athenaeum in Warminster. The theme for the exhibition is 'Journeys' and each school will interpret this in the way they see fit. Miss Christie will be supporting our schools to put on the exhibition, which will run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We do hope that you will be able to pop in and see the children's work at some point during this week.



### Philosophy for Children

For the last two years, we have been developing a philosophical approach to our school curriculum, so that our children can engage in Philosophy 4 Children, or P4C for short. All of our staff have received training in this approach and we have booked further training for this term, including class workshops for all the children in school. We want to engage you as parents and carers in this approach, so look out for 'Sticky Questions' that will be coming home, to inspire you to have philosophical discussions with your children.



### 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.

### End of Term 4

At **3.15pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**; we will be wishing all of our children and their families a Happy Easter. Looking ahead: Term 5 starts on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024**.



A big thank you to everyone who supported Friends of School at the cake sale, pre-loved uniform sale and Film Night last term. In Term 3, we made over £500, which is amazing.

Recently, we have helped the school purchase over £7,000 of teaching and learning resources, experiences for the children and furniture for the school. Thank you for all of your support as, without you all, we wouldn't be able to help the school buy things from their wish list.

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

- FOS Meeting - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am in the village hall
- Canberra Cake Sale - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3.15pm
- Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please contact FOS if you're able to help with this event
- Easter colouring competition will also be taking place



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,  
FOS

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