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**.'

Welcome back for Term 2

Welcome back to everyone for the start of a new term. 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 on 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 are always so grateful for your contributions, and are in awe of how much we manage to donate as a school.

Compass Schools' Collaboration

As a school, we work closely alongside five local schools, in a collaboration called Compass Schools. This is the fifth year that we have been working to support one another and we have shared two training days already this year. The collaboration supports our school improvement and allows us to share practice, network with colleagues and provide shared opportunities for our children. We are proud of the developments that we have made together and the impact that our work has had across our schools. We are currently working to build on our successes and continue to improve outcomes for the children we serve.

School Flu Immunisation Programme

The free annual NHS school flu vaccination programme is offered to primary and secondary school-aged children (from Reception class up to Year 11 in England) during the autumn term.
Primary school children are offered a quick, painless nasal spray given in each nostril.
The school nursing team are in school on **Tuesday 3rd November** to administer the vaccinations. You must complete the online consent form if you want your child(ren) to receive the vaccine in school. If you do not provide your consent, or your child(ren) miss their session at school due to absence, you can contact the School-Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) to arrange for the vaccine to be administered locally. Please use the QR code below to provide your consent if you have yet to do so.



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 Wednesday 11th 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. You are very welcome to join us for our Remembrance Service.

Poppies will be on sale in school from **Thursday 4th November**. Please send your child(ren) in with a small donation should they want to purchase a poppy to wear over the Remembrance period.



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.



Wellies in School

As part of the children's school uniform, we ask that the children have a pair of wellies in school. This is so we can use the field for break and lunch time for as long as possible. We are at the point in the year where the children will not be able to use the field unless they have wellies to wear.

Mill on the Brue

Mill on the Brue Residential Meeting

Believe it or not, we are already planning our annual residential trip for Year 5 & 6 for September 2026. To provide you with all the information that you need to prepare for the trip, we are holding a meeting for current Elliston and Geraldton Parents on **Monday 16th November at 5.30pm**. Here, you will find out all about the experience, including the cost and payment plans available. We try to hold this meeting as early as possible to provide you with the best part of a year to pay for the trip.



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.



National Anti-Bullying Week

Each year, we use National Anti-Bullying Week to help the children understand what they can do if they are worried or concerned about anything in school. Our hope is that no child would ever experience being bullied. However, if an allegation is made, we have clear procedures in place to respond to them. When working with the children, we always focus on the positive behaviours and interactions that uphold our school vision and values, like kindenss, respect and being up-standing for what is right. Each year, Anti-Bullying Week has a specific theme and this year it is 'Break the Silence'. The children will be engaging in a range of activities relating to this topic, between **Monday 16th and Friday 20th November.** As part of the week, we always review, update and share our Anti-Bullying Policies with the school community.



Science Week

We have planned a 'Science Week' this year and it will take place between Monday 30th November and Friday 4th December. The theme for the week is 'Curiosity' and the children will engage in a range of exciting and enriching experiences throughout the week. On Monday 30th November, we have asked if any members of our school community, who use some form of science in their profession, would be willing to come into school and give a brief talk to the children about what they do. This will help the children to see the role that science plays in everyday life.

If you are available and would like to come and share what you do with the children, please let Mrs Chatwin know, by contacting the school office.



Christmas Lunch Orders

Our school meal provider will be providing a Chistmas lunch for the children on **Thursday 17th December.** Please note that this will not appear on the ParentPay menu as a Christmas lunch. However, if you place an order for a lunch on this day, your child(ren) will be booked for the Christmas meal.



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.

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 …

Firstly, thank you so much to everyone for your support last term. With the cake sale, preloved uniform and Christmas card orders, the school raised over £500. We also want to say a big thank you to Sutton Veny Village who raised over £250 at their quiz for us, which makes a total of over £750 raised last term!

We are a friendly team who meet throughout the year to plan fundraising and events to enrich our children's experience at school. We have some exciting plans for the term ahead and would love you get involved and help support our events.

We are hosting our first meeting of the school year on **Wednesday 4th November at 9.00am** in the village hall and anyone is welcome to join us, to see what we do and understand how you can get involved. We have the following events taking place this term …

- It is the Elliston Cake Sale on **Friday 20th November.**
- On **Friday 4th December**, it is the FOS Christmas Disco. Further details will follow nearer the time.
- Our very popular Christmas Fair is on **Saturday 5th December**, from 10am -12noon. It's a lot of fun for the whole family and Santa's Grotto will be running again this year.

Help Needed!

If you are able to help at the fair, or the grotto, then please let us know; it takes a team of people to make it happen and your help would be very much appreciated. Furthermore, if you'd like to have a table at the Christmas Fair, then please get in touch.

Raffle Prize Donations

On Friday 27th November it is a FOS non-uniform day. In return for the children wearing their own clothes to school, we are asking everyone to donate items to make up Christmas hampers for raffle prizes at the Christmas Fair. The raffle is one of our big earners so any prizes would be very much appreciated. We would be very grateful for the following items:

- Christmas confectionary (sweets, chocolate, biscuits, etc.)
- Christmas food items (crackers, chutney, pickles, mince pies, cheese etc.)
- Scented Candles
- Alcoholic drinks
- Soft drinks
- Hot drinks (teas, coffees, hot chocolate etc.)
- Christmas decorations
- Fragrances (hand wash / creams, smellies)
- Christmas toys, games, books or craft sets

Thank you all in advance for your support with this.

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://www.facebook.com/share/m1WX4yqDSGSTsCi2/?mibextid=K35XfP

Best wishes,
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