



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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 a busy time of year and so this term, we are sending home an additional newsletter to help you stay organised in the lead up to Christmas.

Every Friday, we put information for the week ahead in our playground noticeboard and dates for the term are on the school calendar section of our website. Please check these to keep up-to-date with what is happening in school.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sutton Veny Village Hall

Saturday 7th December, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Friends of School are busy planning our Christmas Fayre, which will take place in the village hall. There will be lots of Christmas games, stalls and refreshments. Elliston Class will be running their own Christmas games and there will also be a group of children singing at 11.30am. We are pleased to announce that Santa's Grotto will be open again this year. FOS are currently selling tickets for this experience and there are two slots to choose from. We look forward to seeing you there and all the funds raised will ensure that the whole school can enjoy a pantomime in January.

ELLISTON CLASS REQUEST ... PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US WITH CHOCOLATE, SWEETS & PRIZES?

At the Christmas Fayre, Elliston Class will be running a range of festive games and stalls in Darwin Classroom. The class are kindly asking for donations of chocolate for their Christmas tombola and sweets for prizes for their games. Please may you send in any donations by **Friday 6th December**. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



DIARY DATES

December 2024	
Mon 2nd	Christmas Post Box opens in school Christmas Posada: Mary and Joseph start their journey around school and our families' homes.
Mon 9th	School clubs end this week
Fri 6th	FOS Christmas Disco 5.00 – 5.45pm for KS1 6.00 – 6.45pm for KS2
Sat 7th	Sutton Veny Christmas Fayre 10.00am – 12.00 noon
Wed 11th	St Lawrence Choir singing at 6pm
Fri 13th	Reindeer Run – Dorothy House fundraiser After school clubs end today
Mon 16th	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals (am)
Tues 17th	Auckland, Brisbane and Canberra Nativity in the village hall at 9:30am and 1:45pm Darwin, Elliston, Geraldton and Nelson Christmas performance in the church, at 1:45pm and 6pm
Wed 18th	Last day to post Christmas cards – Christmas post box closes
Thurs 19th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day - children are welcome to wear a festive hat, headband, jumper or badge – if they wish.
Wed 20th	Carol Sing-Along 9.15am Term ends at 2.00pm



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The Christmas card post service will be available from **Monday 2nd December** for the children to send Christmas cards to each other. It will be outside Mr Lewis's office. Please may you help the children to carefully address each envelope; they need to write the recipient's name and the class name on the front, so they can be delivered throughout the school. Thank you. The last date for posting will be on **Wednesday 18th December**.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are all looking forward to the school Christmas Lunch on **Thursday 19th December**. If you have yet to order a lunch, and you'd like one, please do so via our Parent Pay platform. All of the children are welcome to wear a festive hat, headband, jumper or badge to school on this day. If you are able to volunteer at lunch time to help serve meals and decorate the hall, please let the school office know. Thank you.



KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

This year, Key Stage Two are performing 'The Magic Christmas Jigsaw'. A separate letter has already gone home, with the information that you need. We hope that you will be able to join Darwin, Elliston, Geraldton and Nelson Class, in the church, for their performance on **Tuesday 17th December at 1:45pm or 6pm**. The children need to return **to school at 5:45pm** for the evening performance (no earlier please) on this date. The children will meet in their classroom and then walk over to the church together.



NATIVITY

Auckland, Brisbane and Canberra are busy rehearsing for their Nativity performance of 'Christmas around the World', and a separate letter has been sent home with information about costumes and lines. We would like to invite you to watch on **Tuesday 17th December at 9:30am or 1:45pm**, in the village hall. As space in the hall is extremely limited, we have allowed for two guests, per child, per performance and ask that you please observe this limit. Please can all nativity costumes be in school by **Friday 13th December** at the latest - thank you.



CAROL SINGING

Good luck to our choirs of children who have been busy rehearsing for performances this year. We look forward to hearing them singing at St. Lawrence Chapel on **Wednesday 11th December**. We are also hopeful that a group of children may be able to visit a local nursing home to sing as well. Separate information will be sent out about this once arrangements are confirmed.



CHRISTMAS POSADAS

Mrs Bell has arranged for a Christmas Posada to journey around our families' homes during the month of December. We have a traditional Christmas Posada, made up of a knitted Mary, Joseph and a donkey. Please contact the school office if you are able to provide a home for Mary and Joseph for one night. Please note that there are limited number of slots to sign-up to take the Posada home for an evening. These will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The Posada will need to be returned to school the following day, so that it can go home with the next family. Thank you.

CAROL SING-A-LONG

We are holding our traditional Christmas Carol Sing-along on the last day of term. We look forward to you joining us in the church at 9.15am on **Friday 20th December**. We will also be celebrating holiday birthdays and presenting the final 8-stamp certificates of the year.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

The last week of after-school clubs will be the week beginning **Monday 9th December**. There will be no after school clubs taking place after this week due to the busy Christmas programme.

ST LAWRENCE CHAPEL DECORATIONS

Some of the classes in school have made decorations to go on the Christmas Tree outside St. Lawrence Chapel, which is situated in Warminster town centre. The children may want to try and spot their decorations next time they pass the chapel!



ASDA CASHPOT TO SCHOOLS

We've signed up to 'ASDA Cashpot for Schools', which is a scheme where anyone who shops with ASDA online can add us in and we get money back from them. Please see the following information for how to sign-up and help us raise more money for the school.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop



LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

Term 3 starts on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**; please note that School is closed on **Monday 6th January 2025** for staff training.

January 2025	
Mon 6 th	School closed for Staff Training
Tues 7 th	Term 3 Starts Whole School Pantomime



On behalf of everyone at Sutton Veny School, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.