



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 the dates and information for the week ahead in our playground noticeboard and post it on the website. Please check these **weekly updates** so that you know what is happening. Our new website address is still the same: www.suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sutton Veny Village Hall

Saturday 3rd December. 10:00am to 12:00pm. Friends of School are busy planning a 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 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there and all the funds raised will ensure that the whole school can enjoy a pantomime in January.



PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?

To help FOS with their fundraising efforts, please send in any donations of red and gold items to be used as prizes for a special Christmas Hamper, which will be one of the star prizes at the Fayre. Please send in any donations to school by **Wednesday 30th November**. Thank you.



SCHOOL DIARY

December 2021

Fri 25th	Flu Immunisation (Reception – Year Six)
Mon 28th	Bag2School Fundraiser Christmas Post Box service starts
Thurs 1st	Christmas Posada: Mary and Joseph start their journey around each class in school.
Fri 2nd	FOS Christmas Disco 5.00 – 5.45pm for KS1 6.00 – 6.45pm for KS2
Sat 3rd	Sutton Veny Christmas Fayre
Mon 5th	Last Week of Clubs FS2/KS1 Costumes in today please
Thurs 8th	Choir singing at St Lawrence Chapel
Fri 9th	Canberra Class Cake Sale
Mon 12th	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals (am)
Tues 13th	Auckland, Brisbane and Canberra Nativity in the Village Hall at 9:30am and 1:45pm Darwin, Elliston, Geraldton and Nelson performance in the church, at 1:45pm and 6pm
Wed 14th	Last day to post Christmas cards – Christmas Post Box Closes
Thurs 15th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – children are welcome to wear a festive hat, headband, jumper or badge – if they wish!
Fri 16th	Carol Sing-Along 9.30am Term ends at 2.00pm



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The Christmas card post service will be available from **Monday 28th November** 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 recipients and the class name on the front. Thank you. The last date for posting will be on **Wednesday 14th December**.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Wallace, who have kindly donated a new shed to the school, as a leaving gift, to store pre-loved uniform in. FOS will be setting up a pre-loved uniform stall at each cake sale throughout the year. Please bring in any old, washed uniform donations on these dates and also come and buy new items! The next opportunity to buy and drop off uniform will be at the Canberra Class Cake Sale on **Friday 9th December**.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH and CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are all looking forward to the School Christmas Lunch on **Thursday 15th 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.



KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

This year, KS2 are performing the Christmas Musical of 'Witnesses' in the church. Darwin, Elliston, Geraldton and Nelson Class, have all been allocated parts for the performances, which will take place on **Tuesday 13th December at 1:45pm and 6pm**. A separate letter will be sent home with further information and arrangements. For the evening performance, the children will need to return **to the school at 5:45pm** (no earlier please) on this date. The classes will then walk to the church together.



NATIVITY

Auckland, Brisbane and Canberra are busy rehearsing for their Nativity performance of 'A Little Bird Told Me', and a separate letter has been sent home with information about costumes and lines. We would like to invite you to watch on **Tuesday 13th 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.



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 **Thursday 8th December**. We are also hopeful that groups of children may be able to visit local nursing homes to sing as well. Separate information will be sent out about these events.



CHRISTMAS POSADAS

Mrs Bell will be arranging for Christmas Posadas to journey around our school in December, visiting each class. There is an opportunity for the children to take our traditional Posada home. 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. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT

During the month of December, the church and the school community are having a Christmas Treasure Hunt, taking place in the churchyard of St John's church, in Sutton Veny.

Decorated pebbles will be hidden around the church yard, from Saturday 2nd December, for you to find and identify the different clues. There will be a treasure hunt sheet, sent out via eSchools, where all of the information will be given. There will be prizes for the winners. We do hope that you will join in.



Amazon

Smile Fundraising

If you are shopping on-line in the run up to Christmas, please remember us and use Amazon Smile as they will make a donation to our charity every time you spend.

For Amazon Smile: Please copy the below address into your browser or go to Amazon Smile and select Friends of Sutton Veny School as your charity of choice

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/290388-0>



CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Friends of School will be running a Christmas colouring competition at the start of December. You will be able to enter by purchasing the colouring sheet for £1 - these will be on sale on from **Thursday 1st December** in the playground after school. There will be a prize per class, and there is also a pre-school category. Entries will need to be in by **Friday 9th December**.



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



LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

Term 3 starts on Wednesday 4th January 2022; please note that School is closed on Tuesday 3rd of January 2023 for staff training.

January 2023	
Mon 2 nd	Bank Holiday
Tues 3 rd	School closed for Staff Training
Wed 4 th	Term 3 starts Whole School Pantomime Enrichment starts
Fri 6 th	Celebration Assembly at 9:15pm