



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 / 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 are proud to offer school swimming lessons for the children from Year 2 up to Year 6. This is above and beyond what the National Curriculum sets out. 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. At present, we have not received sufficient parental contributions to ensure we can continue to provide the level of provision that we currently offer, meaning that we will have to reduce the number of swimming sessions we offer in the future, if we do not receive the contributions we need to fund this experience for the children.

Darwin Class will benefit from swimming this term. A separate letter, with further information, was sent out at the end of last term 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 29th February** and **Tuesday 5th March**. You can book an appointment via eSchools; the booking window opened on **Monday 19th 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 7th 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 and staff will dress-up as a book character of their choice 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 **Wednesday 28th February and Monday 4th March**. We look forward to seeing you there.



Comic Relief 2024

This year, Comic Relief takes place on **Friday 15th March**. We are no longer able to order red noses to be sold in school. You can purchase one from the Comic Relief online shop, or from Amazon - the new home of the red nose. This year the noses are made from 100% plant based materials and cost £2.00.

Alternatively, you might like to make your own red nose and make a donation to the charity. On Friday 15th 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](#).

Improved Punctuality – Thank You!

At the beginning of Term 3, we sent out a reminder about 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. We are monitoring this carefully and we have noticed improved punctuality, especially in the mornings.

It is important that the children arrive at school by 8.45am, so that they can enter the classroom with the rest of their friends. Children who are regularly late, have fed back that they find it embarrassing to walk into a settled classroom, when all the other children are already working and know what to do. They also miss out on valuable learning time, which adds up quickly over a week, term and year. Thank you for your efforts in making sure the children are at school on time and please continue to think about the impact being late has on them.



Parent Governor Vacancy

As a school, we are currently looking to recruit a new Parent Governor to join the school’s Governing Body. Mr Luke Cox’s role as a governor ended in January 2024 and, on behalf of the school community, we would like to thank Mr Cox for his hard work and support throughout his time on the governing body. Our governors play an important role in the strategic leadership of the school and we are looking for a member of the school community to join our existing team. All the relevant paperwork will be sent out shortly and those interested will be able to nominate themselves in due course. Once all the nominations have been submitted an election will take place. If this is a role that interests you and you feel that you would be able to support the work of the school through this role, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further information.



This term we welcome Miss Eva Lewis and Mr Fionnlagh Britton to Sutton Veny. Both are Year 10 students at St Augustine’s Secondary School in Trowbridge. They are completing a work experience placement for one week, starting on Monday 18th March. We look forward to them helping out and learning about working in school.

Pre-loved Uniform and Wellies

We are always very grateful to receive donations of pre-loved school uniform as this provides a cost effective and sustainable way for our families to stock up on our branded items. In the same way, if your child grows out of their school wellies, we would be very grateful if you would be happy to donate these to the school, so that we have some spare pairs in school should we need them. Thank you.

Warminster Bus Service

We are pleased to be able to run a bus service for our families as we know how much you value having this as a transport option. We have been asked to provide some reminders for our families who use the Garrison bus stop in the mornings and the afternoon. Concerns have been raised about the safety of the children who wait for the bus in the morning, due to them playing unsupervised whilst waiting. Furthermore, please make sure you observe the one-way system when turning around, as the grass has been damaged where vehicles have not done so. We are lucky to be able to use this area as a bus stop in the morning and the afternoon, but please do so respectfully. Thank you in advance for your understanding with this.



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place **in the church at 9:15am, on Wednesday 27th March** 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.

Term Ends

At **2pm on Thursday 28th March**; we will be wishing all of our children and their families a Happy Easter. Looking ahead: Term 5 starts on **Monday 15th April, 2024.**



A MESSAGE FROM FOS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Friends of School last term at the film night and the cake sale, including preloved uniform sale. We made over £550 last term which is amazing and allows us to help the school to purchase the items on the wish list.

This term, we have our next meeting on **Wednesday 21st February**, at 9am in the village hall. Our meetings are open to everyone and it's always great to have new faces attend. The Darwin Cake Sale is taking place on Friday 15th March.



Our much loved annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Thursday 28th March. If you'd like to help out at the Easter Egg Hunt, then please do get in touch with us. We need a small team to help out for about an hour and a half, to hide the eggs for each class. It is always such a pleasure to see the children enjoy this special event.

Local Community Project



PeaBee's "FreeMarket"

for babies & pre-schoolers

ALL FREE AND WITH NO REFERRAL NEEDED

**Good quality clothes of all sorts;
books, small equipment & small toys**

Save your purse AND stop the landfill !!!!!

Held upstairs on alternate Tuesdays at

W. A. G. 5 Wilson & Kennards Yard, Market Place, Warminster, BA12 9AN

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