



TERM 5 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.



FOS Easter Egg Hunt

A huge thank you to Friends of School, and their helpers, for organising, funding and supporting our traditional Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of Term 4. It was a pleasure to see the children enjoy this much-loved school event. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and dedicated team, who enjoy contributing to school life and providing such memorable experiences for the children.

Term 5 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. There is also detailed, curriculum information for each class on the website too.



School Swimming Lessons

Geraldton Class will benefit from swimming this term. A separate letter, with further information, will be sent out via eSchools. There will be a payment item set up on Parent Pay for contributions towards the cost of the swimming lessons. Again, we are currently reviewing whether we can afford to continue to offer school swimming to the level that we do. We would like to hear your views around our school swimming provision. We have put together a survey, using Microsoft Forms, to gather some feedback to help us with our decision making around our swimming provision. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to answer the questions for us. Thank you.



A very warm welcome to our new families who are joining the school this term. We know that you will all help to make them feel welcome and we hope that they will be very happy at Sutton Veny School.



eSchools

A reminder that all of our newsletters are sent out electronically, via eSchools, and they are also uploaded to the school website. Weekly updates will continue to be sent out via eSchools and uploaded to the school website to keep you updated with everything that is happening in school.



Staff are busy planning an exciting programme of events for the children to enjoy during our annual ARTs Week! This will take place the week beginning **Monday 20th May**. This year, the theme for ARTs Week is **peace**; the children will be learning about different artists and using their work to inspire their own creations. The children will take part in a range of different experiences to celebrate 'The Arts' and have the opportunity to immerse themselves in these areas of the curriculum. A separate ARTs Week newsletter will be sent out nearer the time, confirming the plans for this special week in school.



After School Clubs

A reminder that our school clubs start the first week back, the week beginning **Monday 15th April**. Afterschool clubs are managed through Parent Pay. You are able to sign your child(ren) for a place via this platform. This allows you to see how many places there are in each club, grant permission for your child to take part and see when the club starts.



ANZAC Day and Service

This year ANZAC Day falls on **Thursday 25th April** and we will be marking the occasion with a service in the church at 9.15am. ANZAC Day marks a proud and longstanding tradition at the school. For 108 years, the children at Sutton Veny School have paid their respects for the fallen, who are laid to rest in the churchyard, by laying specially made posies on the graves as part of our ANZAC Service.

Each year, we kindly ask our families for donations of flowers to make the posies and we are always overwhelmed by your generosity. Please could we ask that any donations are bought into school on **Wednesday 24th April**, as the children will be making posies on this day, ahead of the service. Thank you in advance for supporting this special tradition.

The children are very welcome to make ANZAC biscuits to bring in for the service if they wish. Last year, we shared the left overs out and the children took some home with them. The recipe is on the school website and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).



School Uniform Reminder

Our School Uniform Policy is available on the school website. A polite reminder that oversized hair accessories, jewellery and nail polish are not permitted in school. If you choose to allow your child(ren) to wear these outside school, they must be removed before coming into school. Furthermore, trainers are only allowed to be worn on PE days when the children wear their PE kits to school. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our high standards of school uniform.



School Attendance Reminder

Regular and sustained school attendance has a significant impact on a child's social, emotional and academic development. As a school we aim to have a minimum school attendance figure of 96%. A child's attendance becomes a concern when it falls below 95% and becomes a serious concern if it drops below 90%, which is when a child becomes classed, by the Government, as persistently absent from school. Children only get one chance at each lesson in school and poor attendance means that gaps will appear in their knowledge and understanding, which impacts negatively on their progress. Missing time in school also has an impact on their social and emotional development. The table below shows the relationship between attendance percentages, days off and learning hours lost.

Attendance %	Whole days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
100%	0	0
99%	2	10
98%	4	20
97%	6	30
96%	7.5	38
95%	9.5	48
90%	19	95
85%	29	143
80%	38	190

Term Time Holidays

As part of our commitment to promoting positive school attendance, we are unable to authorise family holidays, trips or visits. This is not a school decision, but is a statutory requirement for all schools. If you choose to book a family holiday during term time and this results in your child(ren) missing more than 5 whole school days, then the Local Authority will issue you with a Penalty Notice. Our School Attendance Policy provides further details about this process.

Hot Lunch Orders

Please can you make sure that all hot lunch orders are placed on Parent Pay by Wednesday mornings, ahead of the following week. We have to notify our hot lunch provider so that they know how much food to order. Even if your child is entitled to a free school meal, it is still important to place your order on Parent Pay, especially if your child is in Auckland, Brisbane or Canberra Class, otherwise we will not receive enough food to provide them with a lunch. Thank you.

NATIONAL STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS (SATs)

National assessment tests always take place in Terms 5 & 6. The children in Nelson Class will be taking part in these assessments this term. The Key Stage 1 assessments for Canberra Class are now optional and no longer a statutory requirement for schools. In Key Stage 2, the assessments for Nelson Class will take place during the week beginning **Tuesday 13th May** and we wish Year 6 the best of luck.

Parent Governor Nominations

We will be re-running our parent governor election this term. Further details will be sent out, alongside the forms to nominate yourself, if this is a role that you are interested in. Being a school governor is a rewarding and interesting opportunity. Please contact Mr Lewis, or speak to one of our current governors, if you would like to find out more about what being a governor is all about.

Community Event in the Church

The Trustees of the Friends of Sutton Veny Church are pleased to announce:

A TALK BY COLONEL JOHN BLASHFORD-SNELL CBE on Saturday 18th May 2024, at 11am in the Church of St John.

Holder of almost all the top awards for exploration and three honours bestowed upon him by the late HM Queen Elizabeth II, Colonel John Bashford-Snell CBE is one of the most eminent and seasoned explorers. He has organised and led over 100 expeditions to far corners of the world.

Programme

- 10.30am - Church doors open
- 11.00am - Talk begins with a ten-minute description of some of Colonel Blashford-Snell's expeditions.
- 11.15am - A 20 minute film of the latest expedition to MONGOLIA.
- 11.40am - (approximately). A question and answer session.
- Midday - Complimentary refreshments (Soft drinks and eats) in the Church and an opportunity to meet the Colonel and his wife.

Ticket for adults £10 a head. Children free. Application by BACS transfer [here](#).

Proceeds and Donations will go towards the upkeep of the Church and to The Scientific Exploration Society. Books by the author will be on sale. We do hope you can come.

Any queries to Alick Moore alickc.moore@gmail.com



Bank Holidays

Please note that **Monday 6th May** is the May Day Bank Holiday and school will be closed on this date. We hope that you all enjoy the long weekend.

Term Ends

At **3.15pm on Friday 24th May**; we will be wishing all of our children and their families a Happy Half Term. Looking ahead: Term 6 starts on **Monday 3rd June 2024**.



A MESSAGE FROM FOS

Thank you so much to everyone who supported Friends of School last term at the cake sale and with the colouring competition. These two events allowed us to put on our annual Easter Egg hunt, which was a lot of fun.

In Term 5, we have the Canberra cake sale, as well as the pre-loved uniform sale taking place on **Friday 10th May**. The FOS film night is taking place on **Friday 17th May**. The children will all have the chance to vote for a film that they would like to watch.

Looking ahead to Term 6, the annual Sutton Veny Flower show is taking place on **Saturday 13th July**. FOS will be running a stall with some fun games. If you think you'll be able to spare an hour to help on the stall, between 10.00am and 4.00pm, then please do let us know. Thank you in advance for your support.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 24th April at 9.00am** in the village hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you again for your continued support and for helping us with our fundraising efforts. We really appreciate it!

