



# 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. For weekly updates please see the school notice board, in the playground, or visit the homepage of our website: [www.suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk)



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February	
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Term 4 starts KS2 clubs start this week
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Shrove Tuesday Darwin Class Swimming
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Ash Wednesday Enrichment
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.15am – Online Safety Presentation for parents and carers
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Voice Tuition
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup></b>	FOS Meeting 9.15am Darwin Class Swimming Book Fair after school Parent Appointments 3.30 – 6.00pm
March	
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Enrichment Mr Lewis out today Book Fair after school
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	World Book Day – dress-up in pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns <b>No Board Game Club today</b> Parent Appointments 3.30 – 6.00pm
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Voice Tuition Book Fair after school
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last</b> Book Fair after school

<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Darwin Class Swimming
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Enrichment
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Voice Tuition
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Darwin Class Swimming
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Enrichment Full Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Comic Relief non-uniform day Voice Tuition
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Mothering Sunday
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Darwin Class Swimming
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Enrichment
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Voice Tuition Elliston Cake Sale 3.00pm
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Clocks go Forward
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Darwin Class Swimming
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Enrichment
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Easter Service 9.15am in the Church Easter Egg Hunt Term 4 Ends at 2.00pm

### SCHOOL NEWS



#### 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 Mrs Poolman for choreographing the dance with the children, and to Miss Last and 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. There is also detailed, year group specific curriculum information on the website too.



#### School Swimming Lessons

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. Please complete and send your feedback into school ahead of your parent appointment.

Parent appointments are taking place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. You can book an appointment via eSchools; the booking window opened on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>th</sup> 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 will wear their pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns to school as 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.



## 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 **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** We look forward to seeing you there.

## Online Safety Presentation

As advertised as part of our e-safety week last term, we are delighted to welcome Mr Karl Hopwood to Sutton Veny School on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Mr Hopwood will be leading a presentation for parents and carers at **9.15am in the village hall**. He will explore the things children enjoy doing online and talk about how we can all work together to help them manage the risks, as they navigate the online world, which is having an ever increasing influence on their young lives. Such is the importance of this topic, we have invited other parents from other local schools to ensure the important messages are shared as widely as possible.

Since the pandemic, the statistics indicate that many more children than ever before are being exposed to harmful material through their online interactions, with the largest increase within 7 – 10 year olds. Please do take up this opportunity to ensure that you are fully informed, and so that you know what you can do as parents and carers to help the children navigate their online experiences safely.

## Compass Schools Collaboration

This year Sutton Veny has been working closely with four other local schools. We are currently working alongside Crockerton, Horningsham, Wylde Valley and Chilmark. We are all rural schools and we are exploring how we can work together to help us all drive school improvement through effective collaboration. We have chosen to name the group, Compass Schools: 'Learning and Navigating Together'. We are hopeful that the schools can develop a strong partnership for the benefit of the children.

## Comic Relief 2023



This year, Comic Relief takes place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 in 2023. This year the noses are made from 100% plant based materials and cost £2.50.

Alternatively, you might like to make your own red nose and make a donation to the charity. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, the children are going to wear something red to school and we are asking for a £1 donation to go towards Comic Relief. 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](#).



### School Traffic and Car Park

Towards the end of last term, members of the school community expressed their concerns about inconsiderate driving and parking outside school. Please see our school Travel Safe Highway Guide for a reminder of the expectations we have for parking and driving outside the school. This can be found on the newsletter page of our school website.

If you witness impatient driving, or inconsiderate parking, that puts the children, pedestrians, or other road users at risk, then we advise you to phone 101 and report this to the police. Furthermore, a reminder that the school car park is strictly for staff, taxis and emergency vehicles. Parents and carers are not permitted to enter the car park at the end of the school day, unless they have been given authorisation to do so. This is so it is fair for everyone at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



### Parent Governor Opportunities

As a school, we are currently looking to recruit two new parents to join the school's Governing Body. Our governors play an important role in the strategic leadership of the school and we are looking for two members of the school community to join our existing team. All the relevant paperwork will be sent out during the first week of Term 4 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, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further information.



### Our 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

On **15<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, Sutton Veny Primary School celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary! This occasion marks a huge milestone in the history of the school. The school was built 3 years after the church and it first opened its doors on **15<sup>th</sup> April 1873**. To mark this special occasion, we will be holding some special events during the first week back after the Easter break. We will share further details with you as our plans develop this term. If you attended Sutton Veny school yourself in the past, or if you of know people, or family members, who did, we would love to hear some memories from these times gone by.

### eSchools



A reminder that all of our newsletters will now be sent out electronically, via eSchools, and they are also uploaded to the school website too.

The school website contains the school calendar, which is updated ahead of each term. Please remember to use this function to keep up-to-date with up-and-coming school events.



This term we welcome Miss Chloe Arnott to Sutton Veny. Miss Arnott is starting a work experience placement and she will be supporting Auckland and Canberra Class on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are looking forward to her working with the school over the next few months.

### Easter Service



Our Easter Service will take place **in the church** at 9:30am, on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Easter Egg Hunt



The service will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the playground, for the children, organised by The Friends of Sutton Veny School.

### Term Ends

At **2pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**; we will be wishing all of our children and their families a Happy Easter. Looking ahead: Term 5 starts on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**.



### A MESSAGE FROM FOS

Many thanks to everyone who supported the film night. We managed to raise £279 which is fantastic.

This term we have the Elliston cake sale on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and the very popular Easter Egg hunt on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you'd like to help with the Easter Egg Hunt, then please do get in touch with Friends of School.

Next FOS Meeting: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.15am – please note this date is different from the one publicised on the school calendar.