

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Sutton Veny CofE Primary School



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 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. For weekly diary updates please see the school notice board, in the playground, or visit the homepage of our website: www.suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk
email: admin.suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk



Dates for your Diary

September	
Mon 5 th	Term 1 Starts Auckland Class half days this week School calendars on sale from today
Wed 7 th	Darwin and Elliston Class at Braeside Geraldton and Nelson at Mill on the Brue
Thurs 8 th	Geraldton and Nelson at Mill on the Brue
Fri 9 th	Geraldton and Nelson at Mill on the Brue Auckland, Brisbane and Canberra Activity Day
Mon 12 th	Auckland Class staying until 1.30pm this week Back to School Night for Auckland and Elliston: 6.00pm
Tues 13 th	Elliston Class Swimming Back to School Night for Canberra and Nelson: 6.00pm
Wed 14 th	Back to School Night for Darwin and Geraldton: 6.00pm

Thurs 15 th	Back to School Night for Brisbane: 6.00pm
Fri 16 th	Celebration Assembly 9.15am
Mon 19 th	Auckland Class in full-time this week Key Stage 2 Clubs start this week
Tues 20 th	Elliston Swimming
Wed 21 st	Friends of School Meeting: 9.15am
Fri 23 rd	Celebration Assembly: 9.15am Friends of School Welcome Meeting: 3.00pm
Tues 27 th	Elliston Class Swimming Meeting for Volunteers: 9.15am
Wed 28 th	Sports Ambassador Conference at Trowbridge Civic Centre

October	
Tues 4 th	Elliston Class Swimming Learn-Along: 9.00 – 10.00am
Wed 5 th	Learn-Along: 9.00 – 10.00am
Fri 7 th	World Smile Day Celebration Assembly: 9.15am
Tues 11 th	Elliston Class Swimming Parent Appointments: 3.30 – 6.00pm
Thurs 13 th	Parent Appointments: 3.30 – 6.00pm
Fri 14 th	Celebration Assembly: 9.15am Friends of School Disco
Mon 17 th	Clubs end today
Tues 18 th	Elliston Class Swimming Individual and Family Photos
Wed 19 th	Harvest Festival: 9.30 in the church Term ends at 2.00pm



WELCOME BACK AND 'HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR'

Welcome back to everyone for the start of a new school year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children starting school this September, and to their families. We hope that you will all be very happy at Sutton Veny School. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time and we have all been looking forward to the children returning to school. As a school, we place great value on positive relationships, and this includes our system for communication. At the start of each term, a newsletter will always be sent out, containing the diary dates for the term, details about up and coming events and any other school news. These newsletters are written for every member of our school community and we hope you enjoy reading about school life and sharing it with the children.



NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Ms Philippa Gray, Mrs Mandy Edwards, Miss Kate Last and Mrs Rebecca Cary to the staff team this year. We wish them every success as they officially start their new roles at the school. We are all looking forward to welcoming them to Sutton Veny and working alongside them.

SCHOOL DAY: TIMINGS, ARRIVAL & COLLECTION

The school site will be open from 8.45am each morning and school staff will also be on duty from this time. There will be two members of staff on 'meet and greet' duty each morning and they will help those children who are dropped-off in our 'meet and greet' zone at the bottom of the school car park. Class teachers will always be on the front playground first thing in the morning and at the end of the day. Staff visibility at these times of the day is important to us, so that we can greet the children every morning and ensure they are collected safely at the end of the day. It also allows you to pass on any information to your child's class teacher at these times of the day.

At the end of the school day, the playground will be opened again at 2.50pm. The children in KS2 will be led around to the front playground by their class teacher and the children will wait with their teacher until they are linked-up with whoever is collecting them. Under no circumstance, will a child be able to leave the school playground without an adult. The only exception would be if we have received written permission that a child is allowed to walk home on their own, if they live in the village and are old enough to do so.

The children in Auckland class will need to be collected from the gated arch that leads in to their outdoor area. The children in Brisbane Class must be collected from their classroom fire exit, which faces out towards the church and the children in Canberra class will also need to be collected from their fire exit door too.



2022-2023 CALENDAR ON SALE NOW

Each year our Friends of Sutton Veny School (FOS) produce a school calendar in partnership with staff at the school. These cost £6 each and all of the funds raised go to the school. The new Calendar is now on sale and you'll be able to purchase one from our FOS team on the school playground. If you're unable to purchase one from the playground, please contact the school office and we can make alternative

arrangements for you. The school calendar contains important dates for the school year and a picture of each child on the month of their birthday. We always receive very positive feedback about our school calendar, so don't miss the opportunity to be organised for the year ahead!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

All the evidence and research shows that children who attend school regularly, do well at school. By law, schools are required to keep accurate records of attendance and act swiftly if they are concerned about the amount of time a child has had off school. If your child has been, or is due to be absent from school, it is your responsibility as parents and carers to inform the school, otherwise this is considered an unauthorised absence. If your child is ill, please phone the office (before 9am) to inform us on each day of their absence from school. To report your child's absence, phone the school office and choose option 1. This takes you through to our dedicated absence answer machine. If we have not heard from you by 10.00am, a member of our admin team will phone to ensure we know why your child is not at school.

We encourage you to book medical, or dental appointments outside of school hours. However, we do understand that this is not always possible. If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment or any other reason, again the school must be informed and evidence of the appointment will be required. Permission will only be given on the understanding that an adult known to the school will collect and return your child. It is also necessary to sign your child out (and then in again) if you remove them from school after registration.

'Five to nine – be on time!' Please ensure that your child is on time for school and collected promptly at the end of each day. When a child is late to school, it has a negative impact on their education and makes them self-conscious entering the classroom later than everyone else. If you are ever late to school, please make sure you physically report to the school office to make sure they get into school safely. Do not drop your child off and expect them to find their own way into school. This is part of our school safeguarding practice. Please telephone the school if you are going to be late collecting your child at home time. We understand that this is unavoidable at times and it is important that we are informed so we can keep the children safe and reassure them that we have heard from you, as this will stop them from worrying.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Each child will have their photograph taken on **Tuesday 18th October (am)**, by David Wiltshire Photography. Siblings will be photographed as a family group and not individually unless you request this in the office. Forms will be sent home on this date for parents to purchase the photograph, if they wish.



READING AND SCHOOL BOOKS

As a school, we place great emphasis on the importance of reading and learning to read. Cracking the 'reading code' unlocks the world for the children. It is vital for their language development, communication skills and it helps the children access the wider school curriculum. We are always happy to loan out school books during the holidays. Please could we request that any school reading books that you may have at home are returned to school this week so that we can replenish our school library ahead of the new school year. Thank you.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

'Back to School Nights' are important parts of our induction for parents and carers to their child's new class. They are an opportunity to meet the class teacher, visit the classroom, and hear all about the routines, timetables and key information for the year ahead. We would strongly encourage you all to attend, so that you get all the information that you need to support your child(ren). Attending school meetings also shows your child(ren) that you value their education and this is an important message. The Back to School meetings are held in your child's classroom from 6.00pm. Please see the Term 1 diary dates to see which day each class has their Back to School Night. Please note that these meetings are for parents and carers only, and we kindly ask that children do not attend.



TEAM BUILDING

The children will take part in different team building activities during the first week back in school. These activities are planned because we believe it is the most effective (and fun) way to settle the children back in to school, especially after spending a six weeks apart over the summer. The personal and team work skills that the children develop during

these experiences, will help them to connect back together, support their personal development and enable the children to draw on these experiences when back in the classroom. Thank you to all of the staff for planning such enriching opportunities for the children during the first week back at school.

FS2 and KS1 ACTIVITY DAY

The children in Auckland, Brisbane and Canberra Class are taking part in an outdoor activity day on Friday 9th September. This will take place within the school grounds and the children will work in mixed-aged groups and take part in a range of team building activities that will develop their communication, problem solving and collaboration skills.



YEAR 3 AND 4 BRAESIDE VISIT

The children in Year 3 and 4 (Darwin and Elliston Class) are visiting Braeside Educational Centre on **Wednesday 7th September**. The children will take part in a range of team building and adventurous activities. The information and details for this trip were sent out in Term 6, before the summer holiday. If you are new to the school and require any information, please speak to your child's class teacher, or contact the school office.



YEAR 5 AND 6 MILL ON THE BRUE RESIDENTIAL VISIT

We are thrilled that our annual residential visit to Mill on the Brue for the children in Year 5 and 6 can go ahead again this year. The trip will take place between **Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th September**. All of the information about the trip were sent out before the summer holidays. Please speak to Mrs Bell, or Miss Miles if you need any further information.



SCHOOL SWIMMING

The children from Year 2 – Year 6 will all receive school swimming lessons across the school year. Swimming starts for Elliston Class this term on **Tuesday 13th September** and a separate letter will be sent home to the class with further information. The children will need their swimming kit in school every Tuesday. Please see the calendar for swimming dates and times for the other classes.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is an important aspect of our Sutton Veny as it ensures that the children all look 'uniform' and smart in their appearance. We are currently reviewing our school uniform policy, so that the vast majority our school uniform can be purchased from a wide number of retailers, including supermarkets. Currently, our branded items are available from Scholars in Warminster, although we will be reviewing this during this academic year. Friends of School also run a very successful pre-loved uniform shop, where you can purchase second hand school uniform. The children will continue to wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE. We also ask for you to send in a pair of wellington boots to be keep in school. This is so the children can access the field all year round. One of our biggest frustrations as a school is unnamed uniform. Please ensure that you label every item, so we can make sure that any misplaced items are returned to their rightful owner. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

We greatly appreciate the support from our team of parent and grandparent volunteers, who help to support reading, school trips, lunchtimes and our parent/teacher association, Friends of Sutton Veny School. If you would like to find out more about volunteering in our school, or you are able to offer your help, you are invited to attend a meeting for parent volunteers, led by Mr Lewis, on **Tuesday 27th September, at 9.15am** in the Village Hall. You will receive our volunteer pack to read and sign. We will also need to ensure that we have carried out the necessary safeguarding checks for all adults who help in school. Please complete the reply slip at the end of this newsletter and return it school, if you wish to attend the meeting and join our valuable team of volunteers. Thank you in advance for your support – it is very much appreciated.



DRIVING & PARKING REMINDERS

Please remember to drive and park safely and considerately in the village. We have a number of families who walk to and from school and so please slow down and take great care passing them. To minimise the dangers of cars moving in and out of school, the school car park is only for staff, taxis, emergency vehicles, or those with a disabled parking permit. The entrance to school and the designated space for the bus are both 'no-waiting areas.' We respectfully remind you that it is unsafe and inconsiderate to park your vehicle in the areas that

will endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians and other road users. We ask parents to limit congestion for the passage of buses and emergency vehicles and park safely and considerately by:

- Not parking in the staff car park or space marked 'school bus'
- Avoiding narrow areas (please do not park where the cones are placed)
- Not parking, or turning in the driveways of residents
- Not parking beyond the end of the footpath by the church, or before the first house on the opposite side of the road.

Please see the school notice board, for our safe travel guide. This is also available on the school website.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

There are two bus services that help transport the children to school. There is one bus service that covers our catchment area and collects and returns children to and from the Deverills. This service is organised and funded by Wiltshire Council as it covers our school catchment area. We have been informed that there will be some disruption to this service for a number of weeks, due to the road being closed through the Deverills over the course of the next twelve weeks. The transport department have written to the families that this affects to explain the situation.

The second bus service covers the Warminster area and this is run by Beeline. There is a charge for this bus service as it as does not cover our general catchment area. Beeline have assured us over the summer that their staffing issues that impacted on bus timings have been resolved. This means the Warminster bus will leave Sutton Veny at 3.15pm each day.



WEBSITE & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Our school website continues to be a valuable source of information for all of our families. Your child's class page will contain a timetable and curriculum information for the term ahead. The school newsletter is always uploaded onto the relevant section of the website too. The homepage of the website also contains the week ahead and shows what is happening in school on that particular week. A copy is also available on the school noticeboard by the entrance to the office. We are currently having our school website redesigned by eSchools, which will mean our website and school communication platform will be run by the same company.

A reminder that all of our school communication will continue to be emailed out via our eSchools platform. You can access this by clicking on the icon on the homepage of the school website, although we would really recommend downloading the eSchools APP. Please ensure you check your emails regularly for up-to-date school information and news. New families will be issued with an eSchool login shortly after they start at the school. If you are yet to receive one, or you have lost your details, please contact the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR KS2

Throughout the year we offer a range of clubs for the children at KS2, to cater for different year groups and interests. The majority of these clubs are run by members of staff, who kindly give up their time to develop the children's interests in different areas and topics. The clubs letter for Terms 1 and 2 will be sent out shortly. Please read the conditions of the club and return the reply page if you wish to secure a place.

PARENT PAY

After the feedback we received last year, we are working alongside Parent Pay to set up an online payment system for parents and carers. This will include ordering school lunches online. Once staff have received all the relevant training and the system has been fully set-up, we will be able to share further details with you.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Each Friday, we hold a weekly celebration assembly. Each child takes it in turn to be a special person for the week and they share their learning with the school. Birthday stickers and certificates are presented too! Parents and family members are always invited to attend and share their child's achievements and see them receive their presentations. Your child's class teacher will let you know the date that your child will be special person. You are very welcome to join us every Friday morning should you wish to do so. Our first Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 12th September, at 9:15pm**, in the Village Hall.



LEARN ALONG

You are invited to come along and spend a lesson learning with your child. Please complete and return the reply slip at the end of this newsletter in order to secure a place. We **must** receive your reply slip in order for you to attend. Learn along takes place on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 4th October: 9am until 10am

Wednesday 5th October: 9am until 10am



VILLAGE HALL 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER 2022

From 11 to 3 pm:

- A mobile climbing wall for children big and small (small donation appreciated)
- A Ploughmans Lunch for £6 per person served between 12noon and 2pm (pre booked via svvhbookings808@gmail.com or call 07970 814651)
- Treasure Trail/Quiz
- Children's Art Competition: Theme 'My Wonderful Village Hall' - Age Groups: Under 5, 5-8, 9-12 & 13-16. Please send in any entries by 24th September to the school office.
- Teddy Bears Corner, Display of Village Hall History, Produce Stall and Teas & Coffees

From 7 pm:

- A Barn Dance with four of the original members of *Aunt Hessie's White Horse Band*
- *Tickets are £10 per person (U12 free) with a delicious pasty or £6 without pasty.*
- Bring your own drinks

Order your tickets as above

Payment for both the Ploughman's Lunch and the Barn Dance will be in advance only.

Please pay by BACS payment to Sutton Veny Village Hall, Sort Code: 309913, Account Number: 01804617 with Reference name and either Ploughman's or Barn Dance



A MESSAGE FROM FOS
 Friends of Sutton Veny School (FOS)
 Charity number 290388

Friends of School (our Parent Teacher Association) would like to welcome you back for the new school year. We are a friendly team who meet throughout the year to plan fundraising and events to enrich our children's experience at school.

We have some exciting plans lined up; however, we are always looking for fresh ideas and welcome new faces, whether in a formal role or as part of our team of ad-hoc helpers. We can't do it without your support.

We are hosting a Welcome meeting on **Friday 23rd September at 3pm in the Village Hall** and would love you to join us for a cuppa and to see what we do and how you can get involved. There will also be a meeting for volunteers in school on **Tuesday 27th September at 9.15am** if you wish to find out more.

As always if you have any ideas for fundraising, or ways that FOS could benefit the school, please find us in the playground or send us an email at fos@suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk. Please look out for FOS communication throughout the year via eSchools or on the school website FOS page.

The school calendar with all the key dates for this year has been printed and will be on sale in the school playground. Alternatively, you can contact the school office to arrange to purchase one.

Best wishes
 FOS

Contacts:
 Eleanor Everitt (Chair), Sam Allison (Secretary), Sam Throne and Esme Mortimer-Taylor (Co-Treasurers)

END OF TERM 1 ARRANGEMENTS

Term 1 ends on **Wednesday 19th of October at 2pm**. Term 2 starts on **Monday 31st October**.


REPLY SLIPS 

For you to cut out and return!

Please help us by returning these reply slips if you wish to attend any of the events advertised, and feel free to write on the back if you need to.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER MEETING

Please help us by returning this reply slip if you wish to attend the volunteer meeting, Thank you.

REPLY SLIP for you to complete, cut out and return to school 

Please tick:

- I wish to volunteer to help with reading this year (in class between 9.00 - 9.30am)
- I wish to volunteer to help with lunchtimes this year (12 noon until 1:15pm)
- I wish to make myself available to support the school with class trips and visits when required
- I am able to attend the induction meeting for volunteers on **Tuesday 27th September at 9:15am**, in the Village Hall.

Your Name:

Child's Name:

Child's Class(es)

LEARN ALONG 

I will be attending the Learn Along in my child's class.

Name:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

On the following date (please tick)

- Tues 4th October: 9am until 10am**
- Weds 5th October: 9am until 10am**