



TERM 3 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.**'

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break and we wish all of our families a very Happy New Year!

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



Dates for your Diary

January	
Tues 3rd Jan	School Closed – Training Day
Wed 4th Jan	School Pantomime – Beauty and the beast Enrichment
Fri 6th Jan	No celebration assembly today
Mon 9th Jan	KS2 Clubs Start Today Welcome to Malia Seria-Walker: work experience placement
Wed 11th Jan	Friends of School Meeting 9.15am Enrichment
Fri 13th Jan	Celebration Assembly 9.15am
Sun 15th Jan	Deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2023.
Wed 18th Jan	Enrichment
Fri 20th Jan	Celebration Assembly 9.15am
Wed 25th Jan	Enrichment
Fri 27th Jan	Celebration Assembly 9.15am FOS Film Night

February	
Wed 1st Feb	Enrichment Full Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm
Thurs 2nd Feb	Brass Trio Music Performance am
Fri 3rd Feb	Celebration Assembly 9.15am
Mon 6th Feb	e-Safety Week in School
Tues 7th Feb	Global Safer Internet Day
Wed 8th Feb	Enrichment
Thurs 9th Feb	Annual Reports Out
Fri 10th Feb	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Darwin Cake Sale Term ends at 2.00pm

CLASS UPDATES

Please remember to check the class pages on the website for updated curriculum information and timetable changes for Term 3. Teachers work hard to update their class page ready for the start of a new term. This is particularly important so that you know which days of the week the children need to wear their PE kits to school.



PANTOMIME: BEAUTY & THE BEAST

We were delighted to welcome M and M Productions into school on Wednesday 4th January, to provide the children with a pantomime performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'. It is always such a lovely way to welcome the children back to school and provides them with an enriching and memorable experience right at the beginning of term. Thank you to Friends of School for agreeing to fund this much-loved school event.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

A reminder that all of our school communication will continue to be sent out via our eSchools platform. Please make sure that you check your eSchools App or your emails for important updates and information. If you are having problems accessing eSchools, please contact the school office and Mrs Wilbond or Mrs Elliott will be more than happy to help you.

FAREWELL & WELCOME

This term, we say a fond farewell to Miss Abbott. Miss Abbott worked for PH Sports Coaching and has been working in school for the last eighteen months, helping to deliver PE lessons and lunchtime/afterschool clubs. Miss Abbott is starting a new role as a teaching assistant and we wish her

every success with her new career path. In January, we welcome Miss Goodwin to Sutton Veny, who will be taking over from Miss Abbott and supporting our PE and school sport provision. We look forward to working alongside Miss Goodwin for the foreseeable future.

SCHOOL STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2023

Do you have a younger child starting school in September 2023?

If you have a younger child who will be four years old before September 2023, **please make sure you have applied for a primary school place for next year.** You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. The deadline for applying for a school place is the **15th January 2023.**

KEY STAGE TWO CLUBS

Afterschool clubs for KS2 will start the week beginning **Monday 9th January.** A separate clubs letter was sent home at the end of last term, with all the information that you need to sign-up for a place.

EXTRA FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOL

We are keen to ensure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Did you know that the school can receive £1,385 per pupil in additional funding to provide free hot meals, and to cover the cost of class trips, swimming and residential trips like Mill on the Brue, if families are in receipt of any of the following?

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (your household income must be less than £7,400 a year)

Please let Mrs Wilbond or Mrs Elliott know if you think your child is eligible; we will then help you complete a quick form before census day on the **19th January 2023.** Please rest assured that all discussions will be handled both confidentially and sensitively.



SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

We have recently reviewed our School Uniform Policy and this is now available on our school website. As a school, we are proud of our uniform and the sense of belonging that it helps to create. Encouraging high standards of dress has a positive impact on the behaviour of the children and helps them to develop a respectful attitude towards school life. Following parental feedback and to reduce the cost of our school uniform, we are phasing out our green hooded top that the children currently wear for PE. Instead, the children will be able to wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan on PE days.

Furthermore, as we are in the midst of winter, please make sure your child comes to school each day with a winter coat, hat and gloves. We will, weather permitting, ensure the children are outside for break and lunch times. If your child wears a vest, or an extra layer under their school uniform, please make sure that this is white, so that it matches the colour of their school t-shirt.

Please take the time to read our School Uniform Policy, so that you are clear on your role as a parent/carer in supporting your child(ren) to adhere to our school policy. Thank you in advance for your support with this important aspect of our school.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Our School Governing Body is made up of volunteers, staff and parents, who work together to support the work of the school. Governors play a pivotal role in the leadership of the school; they help to set the vision and strategic direction of the school, as well as ensuring that the educational and financial performance of the school is as effective as it can be. We currently have some positions available on our Governing Body and we are looking to recruit new volunteers to join our current team of governors to help support the work of the school.

Mr John Saunders, who has served as a parent governor on the school's Governing Body for the last eighteen months, is unable to continue in this role, due to his work and family commitments. On behalf of the school community, we would like to thank Mr Saunders for his time, commitment and support whilst serving as a governor of Sutton Veny School. We will shortly be holding an election for a new parent governor and further details will be sent out in due course.

If you, or somebody that you know, is interested in becoming a school governor, or if you just want to find out more about the role, please do not hesitate to contact the school for further details.



CHILDREN'S ANNUAL REPORTS

Staff will be busy writing the children's annual reports this term and each class teacher has release time to write them. You will receive your child's individual report at the end of the term.

Parent's evening will then take place on **Tuesday 28th February and Thursday the 2nd of March.** You will be able to book an appointment via our eSchools platform at the start of Term 4, from **Monday 20th February.**

POSSIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB!

We have been approached by Wylde Coyotes, who provide wrap-around care before and after school in Codford, about whether we would be interested in running a breakfast club at Sutton Veny. At present, discussions are in the very early stages and we are not yet able to confirm that this will be viable moving forward. However, we would like to gather some feedback as to how many of our families would use a breakfast club, should we be in a position to provide one. Please email the school office at admin@suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk if this would be of benefit to you and your child(ren), so that we can gauge what the possible uptake might be. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS



Over the Christmas break we are delighted to announce that the school has had five new display screens fitted in our classrooms. The up-to-date technology will enhance the teaching and learning experience for the children and will replace the old SMART Board screens in our classrooms. A huge thank you to Mr Davers, Louis and Florence's dad, who has kindly helped the school acquire the screens. We are extremely grateful for his generosity in supporting the school to update our IT equipment.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Smith, Lola's mum and dad, for providing staff with a Christmas treat during the last week of term. The Woolpack kindly provided hot food, in the form of bacon and egg rolls at break time on Thursday 15th December. This was

so generous and greatly received by the staff. Thank you for thinking of us!



A MESSAGE FROM FOS

Friends of Sutton Veny School (FOS)
Charity number 290388

Friends of School (our Parent Teacher Association) would like to thank everyone for their support with the school events that took place during Term 2. The Canberra Cake Sale was a huge success as were the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Disco. In total, all these events raised over £1,200, which will go towards providing the children with enriching opportunities and enabling the school to buy the items from their wish list.

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 really do value any support that you may be able to offer. This term, we have the following events taking place:

- We are hosting our next meeting on **Wednesday 11th January at 9.15am** in the Village Hall and would love you to join us to see how you could get involved.
- FOS Film Night on **Friday 27th January.** If you're able to help or support the event in any way, please do let us know.
- Darwin Cake Sale on **Friday 10th February** in the front playground after school.

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.

Best wishes
FOS

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