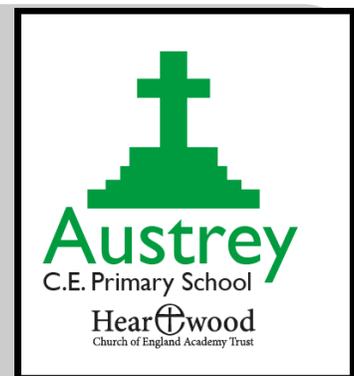


Newsletter 2 2019 Spring term 2



BOOK FAIR AFTERNOON: Thursday 14th and Friday 15th 2pm until 3.30pm come and see what takes your fancy

'If you want to fly, give up everything that weighs you down'

Buddha

We hope that our latest newsletter finds you and the family well, in this very busy period up to Easter. In this time of Lent it is always easy to try and give something up and then like me fail spectacularly within a few days. As Reverend Banks explained to the pupils the other day in collective worship, Lent is now much more about thinking of others, rather than thinking about what we can give up. Helping those most in need is always something we promote as a school and you as parents and carers help to support that too. There will be plenty of opportunities to think about those who are not as fortunate as us in the next few weeks and to support them in some way to make their lives a little better.

Year 3 pupils from Austrey and Newton Regis had a fantastic time meeting pupils from the Olive school recently at West Bromwich Albion's ground and learnt lots about each other on the first link day. We very much look forward to hosting them at Austrey in the summer term.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths Deputy Headteacher

Our topics for the term

Wagtail Class

Change and growth

Robin Class

Towers And Turrets /Enchanted Forest

Owl Class

Tribal Tails

Kingfisher Class

Victorians in the local environment

Comic Relief

As many schools will all over the country, we will be supporting Comic Relief on ***Friday 15th March***. The pupils have decided that they want to come dressed in their pyjamas/onesies or dress in red for the day and as usual pay a £1 donation. As always if you would like ***to donate cakes and biscuits*** for the day it would be much appreciated and these will be sold on the coffee afternoon to also raise funds.



Holiday Dates 2018/19

Term ends: Friday 15th February

Spring term holiday: Monday 18th February-Friday 22nd February

INSET Day: Monday 25th February (this has been changed original date was March 18th)

Return to school: Tuesday 26th February

Term ends: Friday 12th April

Easter holiday: Monday 15th April- Friday 26th April

Return to school: Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Term ends: Friday 24th May

Whitsun holiday: Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May

INSET Day: Monday 3rd June

Return to school: Tuesday 4th June

Term ends: Friday 19th July 2019

Other Key Dates

Book Fair visits school: Thursday 14th March and Friday 15th March

Cricket Sessions: Thursday 14th March

Comic Relief: Friday 15th March

Comic Relief and Book Fair coffee afternoon: Friday 15th March

Reception Vision Checks: Monday 18th March

Kirkpatrick Cup Competition Y3/4: Tuesday 19th March

All Souls Assembly: Thursday 21st March

Mother's Day Lunch: Thursday 28th March

Mother's Day service: Friday 29th March, 2pm start

Swimming Gala: Wednesday 3rd April at Kingsbury

Good behaviour afternoon for KS2: Thursday 11th April

Easter Service: Friday 12th April 2pm start

Term ends for Easter: Friday 12th April

Return to school Monday 29th April

Head Lice

Unfortunately head lice are almost endemic now in schools. We always like to let you know when there is a particular rise in cases, and that seems to be happening at the moment. As a parent myself, I know they are a pain to get rid of and you really need to be on top of it constantly. Many of the new remedies out there aren't fantastic despite what their adverts might say. In my experience you need to be constantly checking for at least 2 weeks after the first treatment to ensure all lice and eggs have been killed. You also need to wash all bedding that you child might have been in contact with, as they do live off the scalp for a number of hours.

Improving Communication

Mrs Gugleta is going to trial a communication app called seesaw with her class over the next few weeks. It is an app that we have been using at Newton for some time with great success. It is really useful for a whole host of things, from reminders about events, letters for trips and general updates. We thank FACES for supplying the equipment for the trial and we hope it proves popular with our parents.

Funtrition Day

All pupils were meant to take part in a whole host of activities in school as part of Funtrition day. Unfortunately the company who were running the day ***did not turn up, despite the fact that we have an email confirming the date.*** We were clearly very upset about this and have lodged a complaint with the company.

Mother's Day Lunch

Thanks to all of you who have applied for this special lunch on ***Thursday 28th March***. Unfortunately due to the amount of people we can have in the hall this event is now full. If people who have booked can't make the day, could they please let school know as there is a waiting list.

Book Fair

Just a reminder to everyone, that the Book Fair is in school this week. For the newer parents amongst us, this is something we have done for a number of years and has always been popular in school. We open up the book fair to everyone on ***Thursday 14th and Friday 15th from 2pm until 3.30pm.*** You can buy a selection of books and a percentage of the sales goes to the school. We hope to see you there!

School Stars

Big shout out to the following people for making our school great: ***Elsie*** and ***Keira*** for writing a fantastic Fairy Tale, ***Katie*** and ***Josh*** for being great role models for school at the Excellence awards, ***Ashton*** for his great reading, ***Laura*** for her writing, ***Mr Lamb*** for giving up his Saturday to help fix the role play area in Wagtail class, ***Mrs Mander*** for giving up her time to become a certified Apple Teacher. ***Pippa*** for great writing in class. ***All Key Stage 2 pupils*** for going Times Table Rock Stars crazy, using and embracing this new app with gusto!!!!

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