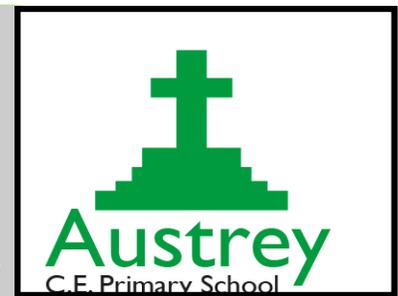


Newsletter
Tuesday 25th February 2020
Spring term 2



John 10:10
Live life in all its fullness
through the gifts of wisdom, hope, dignity and
community



"Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles"

Martin Luther King Jnr

Firstly, let me start the newsletter by officially letting you know that the new Headteacher for Austrey and our sister school Newton Regis is Mrs Eley. She is currently the Deputy Head of Barlestone CofE school in Leicestershire and she is looking forward to starting here after the Easter holiday. It is never easy starting a job mid way through the year, so please show her every kindness in her first few weeks and months. Although I know you will make her feel extremely welcome.

Although the weather has not been great in our area we are extremely thankful that we haven't seen the type of flooding that some local counties have. We pray for all schools and communities effected and hope that things will be back to normal as soon as possible.

As we are about to enter the period of Lent can we remind all our community that rather than trying to give something up, you might want to give something back, either to the local community or via a charitable donation. There are many ways in which we can make a difference and by doing so make someone's life a little easier.

Just a quick reminder for parents/carers in Wagtail class and Owl class that parent's evening is Wednesday 26th February, we very much look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes
Mr Lee Kilkenny, Headteacher
Miss Meg Griffiths, Deputy Headteacher

Our current topics

<i>Wagtail Class</i>	<i>Traditional Tales followed by Growth and Change</i>
<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Great Explorers</i>
<i>Owl Class</i>	<i>Urban Pioneers</i>
<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Blue Abyss followed by Misty Mountains</i>

Holiday Dates 2019/20

Term ends: Friday 3rd April

Easter holiday: Monday 6th April- Friday 17th April

Return to school: Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May to celebrate VE Day

Term ends: Friday 22nd May

Whitsun holiday: Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May

INSET Day: Monday 1st June

Return to school: Tuesday 2nd June

Term ends: Friday 17th July 2020

INSET Day: Monday 20th July

A copy of the dates are also available on the Warwickshire Council website and school website.

Other Key Dates: Check seesaw for updates

Wednesday 4th March: Swimming Gala

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day and dress up as a book character

Friday 13th March: Sports Relief details closer the time.

Wednesday 18th March: **Mother's day lunch** details closer to the time

Wednesday 18th March-Wednesday 25th March: Book Fair in school

Friday 20th March: Mother's day service 2pm start

Friday 27th March: Spring Fayre details coming soon

Tuesday 31st March: Y5/6 netball tournament

Wednesday 1st April: Easter bonnet

Thursday 2nd April: Y5/6 Tag rugby competition

Friday 3rd April: Easter church service 2pm start

Friday 3rd April: Term ends

Uniform update

Please can you ensure that your child/ren come to school in the correct uniform at all times, particularly footwear as we are seeing a number of children wearing trainers at the moment. We do appreciate that shoes get broken or muddy but trainers don't look great as part of school uniform. You don't have to wear Austrey logo clothing although a jumper does look smart. If you need a copy of correct uniform please ask Miss Coleman in the office.

Absence in Term Time

Although we have seen a slight reduction in holidays in term time it is still an issue for us as a school and for our wider MAT partner. You must fill in a holiday request form which are available from Miss Coleman at the office as an absolute minimum. In only an exceptional circumstance will we as a school grant holidays in term time. Whilst on the subject can we remind all parents that KS2 and KS1 assessments take place in May and pupils need to be in school for this important assessment period.

Sports News

Well done to our girls football team who made the North Warwickshire indoor football final. They came up against some very good sides but acquitted themselves very well. Apologies for the cancellation of the recent cross country event at Warton, but as you can imagine the course was a quagmire.

Church News

Unfortunately we did not have anyone apply for the vacant clergy position recently. Let us pray that next time it is advertised the right person applies for the job.

Sports Relief/Prostate Cancer Run

It is sports relief on **Friday 13th March** the children can dress up in red sports kit for sports relief or blue sports kit for prostate cancer. Please ensure that they wear sports kit that day with tracksuit to keep warm if the weather isn't great. There will be a donation of £2 to wear sports kit for the day. Sponsor forms will also be coming out shortly with more details of the day.

World Book Day

Just giving people notice that World Book Day is looming. This year it is **the 5th March**. Pupils can dress as a book character for the day. There are plenty of costumes available at stores like Asda and Sainsbury's. Try not to be like me and leave it until the last minute and have no costume to wear.

Safeguarding Update

Just a reminder if you have any concerns around safeguarding in school or feel that a child's safeguarding is at risk then contact any member of staff who will then direct you to our Designated Safeguarding Leads Mr Kilkenny, Miss Griffiths or our Safeguarding Governor Lesa Owen.

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