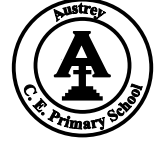




Austrey CofE Primary School

~ Community Newsletter ~



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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy few weeks we have had at school. We hope you have noticed the work that we have been carrying out in the Reception outdoor learning area to improve outdoor provision. A huge thanks to Mr Alan Passy for carrying out the work. On the theme of learning out of the classroom, we currently have one teacher undertaking Forest School training. She will shortly be taking groups of children outside, and thanks to your fund raising efforts we have been able to purchase wet weather gear and essential equipment to get this very popular activity back onto the curriculum.

With regards to curriculum and learning, the literacy lead in school has purchased a new handwriting scheme and a spelling scheme to enhance strategies already being taught and these will be shared with all staff over the coming weeks and then be developed with pupils.

Best wishes

Lee Kilkenny Headteacher

Meg Griffiths Deputy Headteacher

Diary Dates

Please find dates for a number of events up to and beyond the half term.

7/2/17: Netball tournament at Polesworth, details to follow

8/2/17: Wagtail and Robin, Tamworth castle visit

16/2/17: Reception eye tests

17/2/17: Y6 Cricket final at Polesworth

17/2/17: Half Term Holiday

27/2/17: Back to school

7/3/17: *Parent's evening at Austrey*

Improvements To Communication

We are hoping to shortly have a text to parent service within school, which FACES have kindly said they will look to fund. This will allow school to send out text reminders to parents, and we hope in turn will significantly cut down the amount of paper we use. We hope this meets with your approval. Also we are looking at installing another telephone line and purchasing an answer machine so that you can leave important messages any time of the day.

New SENDco

We would like to formally welcome Miss Sharon Jones as our new SENDco for Austrey and Newton Regis. She has already met with a number of parents and she is always available to chat if you have concerns regarding your child/ren.

Winter Ailments

At this time of the year our pupils pick up all sorts of bugs. As a school we are encouraging regular washing of hands and general hygiene, it would be fantastic if you could reinforce these good habits at home.