

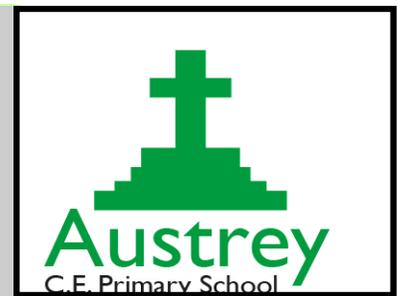
Newsletter

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Autumn term 2

John 10:10

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



“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east, and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:2

We can easily forget in these commercial times in which we live, the true meaning of Christmas. Unfortunately it seems to be being squeezed out more and more over the last few years. We are very proud that our school, in fact all church schools are able to celebrate the birth of Jesus and ensure that all pupils recognise the importance of this celebration in the Christian calendar.

Our advent celebrations started last week with the lighting of the first advent candle in school, the putting up of the tree, getting out the Christmas post box and supporting the Christmas tree light switch on in Austrey village. A big thank you to all the pupils and staff who came back after school to sing so beautifully, and a particular well done to Mrs Mander who ensures every year that the choir sound great and that everything is ready such as the PA system and songs in order for a seamless switch one. We hope you will be able to join us for one of the productions taking place and please ensure that you have your tickets available please for whichever production you will be attending. If we don't see you then, we hope to see you in church for our Christmas service. All the important dates are on page 2 of the newsletter.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny, Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths, Deputy Headteacher

Our current topics

Wagtail Class

Festivals and Celebrations

Robin Class

Super Heroes

Owl Class

Raiders and traders

Kingfisher Class

Ancient Greek

Holiday Dates 2019/20

Term ends: Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December-Friday 3rd January 2020

INSET Day: Monday 6th January 2020

Return to school: Tuesday 7th January

Term ends: Friday 14th February

Spring term holiday: Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February

Return to school: Monday 24th February

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

Thursday 12th December: 2pm start Christmas play

Friday 13th December: 10am start Christmas play **6pm start evening** production of Christmas play

Friday 13th December: Last day of swimming

Tuesday 17th December: Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December: Church Service, 2pm start and end of term

Children In Need

A massive thank you to everyone who supported CIN this year, once again it was an extremely successful fund raiser for those who aren't as lucky as we are. Thanks to your support we managed to raise £270.06 which we have already sent off to be used by the Children In Need team to support charities locally and further afield.

Sports update

Well done to our Y4/5 dodgeball team who competed well at the recent event at Kingsbury leisure centre. We also had an indoor girls football competition recently also held at the same venue. The girls worked really hard against very good quality opposition. Finally a big well done to all those pupils who competed at a very wet and soggy Warton cross country run. In freezing conditions all the pupils did us proud. Thanks also to all the parents that helped to transport pupils to and from the event.



Parking

With the new Pre school now open, parking is becoming even more problematic. Can you please be extremely careful where you park. Could we also ask you **not to park on school grounds** for breakfast club or afterschool clubs. We aren't moaning, we just want to keep your children safe. We have unfortunately had to keep this in the newsletter because some parents are just choosing to ignore our pleas.

School Productions

Can we just remind all parents and carers that if you are coming to any of the productions, you must show your tickets on the door. We are limited to the amount of people we can safely have in the hall at anyone time, so we need to ensure you have a valid ticket for entry. Also can we just remind you **that we do allow** the taking of photos or moving images within our productions. However please limit this to your own children and do not put anything on social media if it has other pupils in it, unless you have express permission from that parent/carers. This is for safeguarding issues and we hope you understand.

ICT updates

We are hoping that before the New Year we will have some much needed upgrades to ICT within the school. We will be installing new hardware such as whiteboards and new computers in classrooms so we can be ready for learning in the 21st century.

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