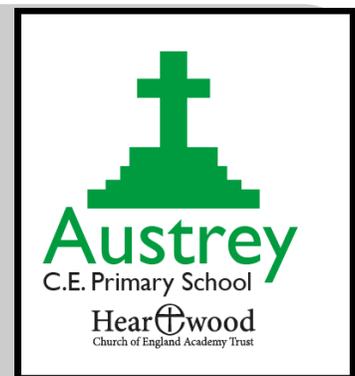


Newsletter 3

2018

Autumn term 1



If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain 'move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:20

What a really fantastic few weeks we have had in school recently, which has shown how much our pupils *Live life in all its fullness*. We have had pupils meeting Olympic medallists in Alistair and Jonny Brownlee, boys football and a mixed Tag rugby team competing brilliantly against much bigger schools than ourselves and an excellent Harvest Festival. We sometimes take it for granted a little bit just how lovely the pupils are and how supportive the parents are too. The staff work tirelessly to ensure that we do the absolute best for everyone in our care, and although we say it ourselves, we think we make a pretty good team!

With regards to the Harvest Service, can we firstly thank you for all the produce that was collected to go straight to Tamworth foodbank. This will be used to feed local families who aren't as fortunate as we are. The foodbank were overwhelmed by how much food was brought in and have asked us to thank you on their behalf. Also a huge well done and thanks to Mrs Mander and Mrs Gugleta who put together a fantastic service, ably supported by all the staff and pupils.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny, Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths, Deputy Headteacher

Our topics for next term

Wagtail Class

Celebrations and Festivals

Robin Class

Memory Box

Owl Class

Scrumdiddlyumptious

Kingfisher Class

The Tudors



Holiday Dates 2018/19

Term ends: Friday 26th October 2018

October Half term: Monday 29th October-Friday 2nd November

Return to school: Monday 5th November

INSET Day: Friday 30th November 2018

Term ends: Friday 21st December

Christmas holiday: Monday 24th December-Friday 4th January 2019

INSET Day: Monday 7th January 2019

Return to school: Tuesday 8th January 2019

Term ends: Friday 15th February

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

Return to school: Monday 25th February

INSET Day: Monday March 18th

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

A copy of the dates is also available on the school website.

Other Key Dates

Tuesday 23rd October: Parent consultation meetings 3.30 start until 7.30 *Year 1 to Year 6*

Wednesday 24th October: ***Kingfisher class assembly***

Friday 26th October: Break up for Half term

Saturday 3rd November: ***Austrey Bonfire*** at Austrey Fields

Monday 5th November: Return to school

Tuesday 6th November: Science for Year 6 at Polesworth High School

Monday 12th November: Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday 16th November: Children In Need

Remembrance

This year as Armistice day falls on a Sunday, we as a school will be doing our Remembrance assembly on **Monday 12th November**. If your child is in the guides, scouts, beavers or brownies we would really encourage them to wear the uniform of the organisation they represent that day as mark of respect for all those who have been injured or lost their lives in service to their country. We hope as usual that parents will also join us and more details will be sent out closer to the time.

Kingfisher Class Assembly

The pupils and teachers have decided to put class assemblies back on the timetable. The pupils in Kingfisher class are going to kick this off for us. Their assembly is **Wednesday 24th October** and it would be lovely to see Kingfisher parents there to support the pupils.

Safeguarding

If parents are picking up from pre-school around break or lunchtime, could they please not enter the playground area to find older siblings to say hello. It could cause a safeguarding incident and isn't really the appropriate action to take.

Attendance and Punctuality

As we do with safeguarding, everyone here at school takes attendance and punctuality seriously. Teachers, TAs and all staff will remind pupils about the importance of good attendance and punctuality. The pupils on the whole are great and want to come into school everyday to win our attendance bear **Attenborough**. We also know that the vast majority of parents support them in this endeavour.

Author Visit

We know it is some way off but we are very excited to announce the visit of children's author **George Rosling** in January 2019. In the same week we will also welcome back performance poet **Spoz**, who I know many of the children really enjoyed last time.

FACES

Thanks to all the parents that attended the AGM and have expressed an interest in being part of the FACES team in the future. They have a number of exciting events coming up, the first one being the bottle tombola at the Austrey Firework display. Many thanks to everyone for donating a bottle for this event.

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