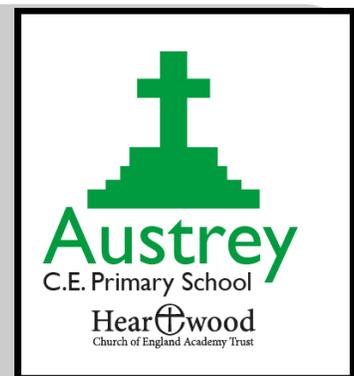


# Newsletter

## Friday 14th September

### 2018

### Autumn term 1



*“That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing.”*  
*Simone de Beauvoir*

We warmly welcome everyone to Austrey Primary School as we embark on another school year. A special welcome to our new pupils and parents in Wagtail class as you join us on the journey through school, one which we hope will be filled with excitement, fun and enjoyment. It has been lovely to see all the pupils settle very quickly to life in their new classes and the teachers and TAs are really looking forward to the new academic year.

As we always say, we pride ourselves on being an open door school. If you do have any problems then please in the first instance speak to the class teacher (it's much easier and more effective than reverting to Facebook). Clearly if you feel that the issue hasn't been resolved to your satisfaction then please make an appointment to see either myself or the Deputy Headteacher.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny, Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths, Deputy Headteacher

#### *Our current topics*

*Wagtail Class*

*Ourselves*

*Robin Class*

*Where our food comes from*

*Owl Class*

*Stargazers*

*Kingfisher Class*

*The Tudors*

#### School uniform

As it is the start of the year could I just remind all parents that we do expect pupils to wear the correct school uniform at all time. We believe that if you look the part, you will act the part. Having said that pupils have come in looking smart, but we will be keeping an eye open especially when it comes to *footwear* this year.

#### Christian Values

Our theme for this term is *Generosity* and we will be encouraging the pupils to think about how we can be generous in mind, spirit and actions. As part of this each class has a giving jar to collect 1p coins once these are full all the proceeds will go to *Zoe's Place* a charity that the children chose.

## Holiday Dates 2018/19

Return to school: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Term ends: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

October Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Return to school: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

***INSET Day: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018***

Term ends: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Christmas holiday: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

***INSET Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019***

Return to school: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Term ends: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Spring term holiday: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Return to school: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

***INSET Day: Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>***

Term ends: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Easter holiday: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Return to school: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

***Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May***

Term ends: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Whitsun holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

***INSET Day: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June***

Return to school: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Term ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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

## Other Key Dates

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Swimming for Y3/4 pupils starts

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September: Y5/6 football tournament

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Y3/4 football tournament

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Academy Photos Individuals

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Y5/6 girls football tournament

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Y5/6 Tag rugby tournament

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest festival 2pm start (collections for Tamworth foodbank)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Culmington Manor meeting Y6 only

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Parent consultation meetings 3.30 start until 7.30

### BDAT

We hope you have all had chance to read the letter that was sent out to parents regarding the proposed merger between Heartwood and the Birmingham Diocesan Academies Trust. We have worked with the diocese for many years and they are already a very valuable partner to all 4 Heartwood schools and we look forward to becoming part of BDAT in the future.

### Swimming

It is the turn of all Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to go swimming this term. As a school we have a clear responsibility to teach swimming as part of the curriculum.

### Music

There are a number of places left for any pupils who are interested in learning a woodwind instrument. If they are please speak to Mrs Harvey who will give you further details.

### Academy Individual Photos

Academy photos are in on Monday 1st October for individual photos.

### Start Of Day

Just a reminder that school is open to pupils from 8:50 onwards and they should be settled and ready to start the school day by 9:00.

### Pantomime

Last year as a whole school we visited the Birmingham Hippodrome to watch Cinderella. It was a fantastic success and we have booked again for the 2018/19 production of Peter Pan. Details will be coming out shortly via Mrs Harvey about the date and how to pay.

### Volunteers

We are so lucky that we have lots of volunteer helpers here at Austrey, who are extremely generous of their time to support the school. Currently we are looking for some volunteers to work on turning the overgrown area by our green house into a beautiful quiet area for the pupils to use at break and lunch time. If anyone would like to join me in restoring the area back to its former glory please let us know and then we can think

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