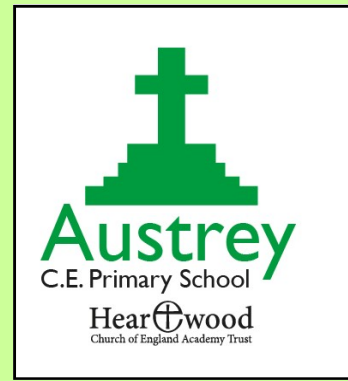


Newsletter

Friday 3rd November

2017

Autumn term 2



Living Life In All Its Fullness

Welcome to our latest newsletter, and you might notice a few differences from our usual format and layout. We hope that this new format will allow us to put much more information in the newsletter and also be a little easier to read. As always please let us know what you think of it and what else you think we might be able to add to make the newsletter simple but informative. We hope you all had a restful half term holiday and that many of you were able to enjoy the brilliant fireworks display up at the playing field. It was lovely to see so many of our community supporting this event.

It will be a very busy 8 week term and we have much planned before the run up to Christmas, but we know that all the pupils and staff will work incredibly hard until then to ensure that our curriculum, the school ethos and standards are all promoted well.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths Deputy Headteacher

Here are our new topics for the half term...

Wagtail Class

Festivals and Celebrations

Robin Class

Superheroes

Owl Class

Traders and raiders

Kingfisher Class

Continuing with World War 1 then Road Trip USA

Remembrance Service

The whole school will be holding a service of Remembrance at school on **Friday 10th November**, and we would love to invite you along. Teas and coffees will be on sale from 10 o'clock, with the proceeds going to the Royal British Legion. We would then love you to stay for a two minute silence in the playground.

Link School

In a newsletter a while ago we mentioned about linking with a school to promote diversity. We are very proud to have been linked with Acocks Green school in Birmingham. Miss Oliver from Newton has already visited them and has attended training on developing links. Pupils from both schools will be meeting each other shortly at Selly Manor in Birmingham and then we will be hosting the next visit around Easter time.

Smoking and Vaping

Could I just remind all parents that we are a no smoking school, and that also includes vaping please anywhere near school grounds.

Culmington Manor Meeting

There will be a short meeting regarding the visit to Culmington Manor in 2018. This will be held at Austrey School and start at 6pm. It will just cover the basics of the residential, what to expect and some ideas of cost. We hope to see you there.

Children In Need

We always support this worthwhile charity and this year is no different. We are asking children to donate £1 on **Friday 17th November** and come in non school uniform. The theme this year is spots and going spotty!! As part of our fundraising we are accepting old pound coins. Look down your sofa's and in your pockets, we will take them and then donate.

Please if you could also **donate cakes** for a bake sale at the end of the day that would also be massively appreciated. All proceeds will go to Children In Need.

Dates for the diary the term...

Tuesday 7th November - Cross country at Birchwood

Wednesday 8th November - Culmington Manor Meeting Y6 pupils and parents at Austrey

Friday 10th November- Biathlon event at Pingles

Friday 10th November- Remembrance Service at school 10 o'clock start

Friday 17th November- Children In Need (non school uniform)

Wednesday 15th November- Hockey tournament at QE school Atherstone

Wednesday 22nd November- Infant agility at Polesworth High School

Tuesday 28th November- Dodgeball tournament

Friday 1st December- Whole school art morning

Wednesday 13th December- Year 6 and YR height and weight check

Thursday 14th December- Christmas Production 2pm start.

Friday 15th December- 2 x Christmas Production 10 am start and 6pm start

Friday 22nd December - Church Service at St Nicholas 2pm start

Friday 22nd December- Break up. **No swimming that day**

Pupils return to school on Monday 8th January 2018

Parent/Carers Consultation Meetings

It was lovely to see so many of you recently attending the Parents evening. We know that our pupils are extremely well supported by you at home, and that was certainly reinforced by the vast numbers of you who arranged to see your child's teacher.

Parent Governors

We currently have a couple of vacancies for parent governors here at Austrey. You would serve on one Governing Body that represent both Austrey and Newton. If you feel you have skills that would complement the Governing Body and our willingness to give up some of your time to support all pupils at Austrey and Newton, then please write a short pen portrait of who you are and your strengths. If you then hand that in to the office we will compile these and send them out with voting forms to all our parents. If you want further information please speak to Mr Kilkenny.

STARS, MERITS AND WELL DONES

We want to try and promote everything that your children do both in and out of school, so that they can really *Live life in all its fullness* with that in mind, well done to the following pupils for achieving things in school and at home.

Imogen, Nicole, Oscar, Tommy, Francesca, Erica, Merryn, Evie Maie, Connor, Martha B, Meg B, Beatrix, Freddie O and Freddy B

Head Lice

Please keep checking your child's hair as we have Head lice doing the rounds again. Please check and treat both hair regularly.

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