



From Mrs Eley .....

We are all really excited about going to church for our Harvest service today and for many of our children this will be the first time that they have been. Rev Joanne is also really looking forward to it. I know many of you will be disappointed in not being able to come but please see below for our plans for Christmas. Thank you all so much for your very generous donations for the food bank. We will send a photograph of these on Seesaw before we take them to the food bank.

Nativity and other productions

As you can see from the list of dates, we will be having two performances per school for our nativity play. This will be led by Reception and KS1 who will be ably and enthusiastically supported by KS2 as their choir. All parents will be welcome and we will send out more details about tickets after half term. We have a plan B of filming this and sending out a link but please be assured that this will be an absolute last resort. Newton Regis nursery will perform their own nativity at 9.30am on 15th December.

So that all children get a chance during the year to perform, Y3/4 will take the lead in an Easter production and Y5/6 will perform a leavers' play in the summer. The whole school will also be involved in both of these too as the choir.

Carol service

This will take place in church on the 9th December. Again, parents will be invited to this and will be welcome to join in with all of the traditional Christmas carols.

Non-uniform day

On 22nd October, the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. The theme is really easy - BE YOURSELF. FACES and the FPTA are asking for a £1 donation towards their fundraising.

FACES AGM

You have had information about this at 6pm on 21st October in the school hall. Please attend and show your support if you can. There is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes to raise money for the school. You will remember that the children were all bought ice creams in the summer, there has also been new playground equipment bought which was chosen by the children. Many of your children have brought or soon will be bringing prizes home that they have chosen as their 100 merit award and they have also agreed to pay for the visiting theatre on 10th December which will be a real treat for all of the children.

FPTA AGM

The Newton Regis AGM will be on 4/11/21 at 3.30pm in the school hall. Again, your support will be very much appreciated. The FPTA have recently bought a new toy shed for KS1 which has meant their toys are easily accessible and they can enjoy happier Lunchtimes. They have also agreed to pay for the visiting theatre and bought the prizes for the merit awards.

Safety notice—Squid Games

Please see the link that I sent out on Monday <https://ineqe.com/2021/10/08/squid-game/>

And finally ..... please continue to be vigilant about the main symptoms of COVID. If your child has a temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell please keep them at home and book a PCR test. This is to keep everybody in the community safe.

Dates for your diary

**15/10/21** Harvest service in Church (children only)

**20/10/21** Parents' Evening

**21/10/21** FACES AGM

**4/11/21** FPTA AGM

**7/11/21** Soul Café at Newton Regis

**12/11/21** Children in Need (school council to decide on the theme)

**15/11/21** Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week

3/12/21 Austrey Christmas lights switch on

**9/12/21** Carol Service in Church  
Austrey 9.30am  
Newton 2.15pm

**10/12/21** Christmas Jumper Day

**10/12/21** Theatre for Schools will be visiting both schools to perform "A Clock-maker's Christmas"

**14/12/21**  
Nativity at Austrey  
Two performances  
9.30am and 2pm

**15/12/21** Newton Nursery  
Nativity at 9.30am

**16/12/21**  
Nativity at Newton Regis  
Two performances  
9.30am and 2pm

**Becoming the person God made me to be: living, learning, loving.**

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14*

