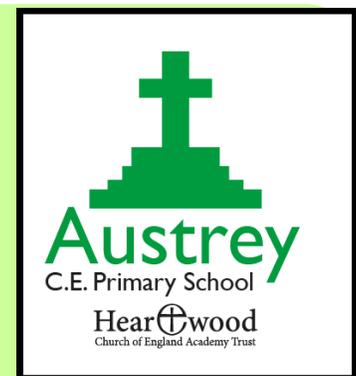


Newsletter

Monday 8th January

2018

Spring term 1



'There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind'

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends, and you were able to relax a little over this very busy time of year. As a school we are very much looking forward to 2018 and already the diary is full with lots of exciting activities in and out of school to keep us busy. Attached to this newsletter are a range of dates that take us up to half term. However, one to share now is that we have an teacher training day on **Friday 16th February**. This is a joint training day with all of our Heartwood MAT partner schools. We hope that you have stuck to some of your New Year resolutions and we look forward to working with you and all stakeholders in 2018.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths Deputy Headteacher

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

Wagtail Class

Traditional Tales

Robin Class

Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Owl Class

Darwin's Delight

Kingfisher Class

Ancient Egypt

Christmas Productions

The Christmas productions this year were once again really well attended and the children looked great in all their costumes. Thanks to everyone who helped put it all together and made it such a success. A special well done to all members of staff for making it such a memorable production.

Christmas Service

It was great to see so many people at the Christmas Service and it was a beautiful way to end the year. The children really enjoyed the service and you could clearly see that in the way they participated in all the singing, prayers and speaking parts.

Holiday Dates 2017/18

School starts—Monday 8th January 2018

School ends—Thursday 15th February 2018

Inset Day for staff— Friday 16th February 2018

Half Term—Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February

School starts—Monday 26th February

School ends—Friday Thursday 29th March

Easter Holidays—Friday 30th March—Friday 13th April

School starts—Monday 16th April

Bank Holiday—Monday 7th May

School ends—Friday 25th May

Half Term—Monday 28th—Friday 1st June

School starts—Monday 4th June

School ends - Friday 20th July.

Some other key dates for the diary

Tuesday 9th January- *Robin Class to come dressed as animals for new topic*

Wednesday 10th January- Upper School meeting Link School at Selly Manor

Wednesday 10th January- Cricket tournament

Tuesday 16th January- Whole school Pantomime trip

Monday 22nd January—Y5/6 out at High School to watch Polesworth production

Friday 26th January—Swimming begins again

Thursday 1st February— Multi Faith Workshops at Austrey

Thursday 15th February—Break up for Half Term, normal time

Whole School Pantomime

As you know we have our annual Pantomime visit due shortly. This year we have arranged to go and watch Cinderella at the Hippodrome in Birmingham. We would just like to say a massive thank you to FACES, who have paid for the coaches and ice creams in order to keep the cost down. We hope as many children as possible can attend this performance.

Reception places for September 2018

If you are thinking about or know friends who are registering for a Reception place for September 2018 don't forget to apply to Austrey, the following information might be useful.

Registrations for Reception in September 2018 need to be in by 15th January 2018. Please apply on line at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool or call 01926 742037.

If you live outside of Warwickshire you will need to apply via your local authority.

Staffordshire <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/primary/home.aspx>

Leicestershire <http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions>

Derbyshire http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school_places/primary_admissions/default.asp

Rotary Sleigh Walk

A huge well done to all those people who supported the two Rotary Walks that took place in December. The weather was very kind on both walks and we should find out shortly how much was raised for school. Once again it just highlighted for me the great community spirit we have in the village.

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.

Bobby B, Violet, Martha B, Ruby, Alice A, Alice W, George, Archie, Parents who supported the Sleigh Walk, All staff for working so hard with all Christmas activities, Rob Houghton for clearing paths in the icy weather

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