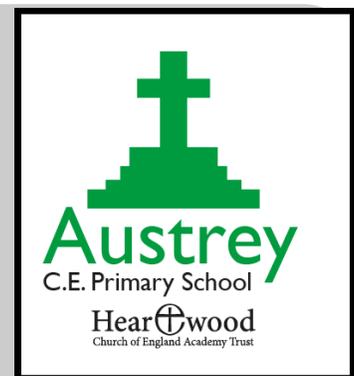


Newsletter  
Friday 6th September  
2019  
Autumn term 1



*“A child is like a butterfly in the wind, some fly higher than others but each one flies the best it can. Why compare one against the other? Each one is different. Each one is special. Each one is beautiful.”*

Welcome back everyone to Austrey Primary School, it was lovely to see you all coming through the school gates the other day with big smiles on your faces, and that was just the parents. A special welcome to our new pupils and parents in Wagtail class as you join us here at Austrey. We hope that you will enjoy your time with us and embrace all that the school and local community has to offer. Our numbers are increasing nicely at the moment and for the first time in a long time we are now full in Reception, which is a really positive affirmation of us as a school. The new year brings with it a new academy partner, we are now officially part of the Birmingham Diocesan Multi Academy Trust. The CEO of the trust Mr Mansell will be visiting us soon and we are sure he will want to meet as many of you as possible. As parents and carers you won't even notice a difference on a day to day basis and we look forward to working with a partner we have known for a long time and trust well. As we always stress at this time of the year please if you have any concerns chat in the first instance to the class teacher, if you are still not happy then I am usually always around so please seek me out.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny, Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths, Deputy Headteacher

*Our current topics*

*Wagtail Class*

*Ourselves*

*Robin Class*

*Splendid Skies*

*Owl Class*

*Predator*

*Kingfisher Class*

*Ancient Greek*

## Holiday Dates 2019/20

***INSET Day: Monday 2nd September 2019***

Return to school: Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Term ends: Thursday 24th October 2019

***INSET Day: Friday 25th October 2019***

October Half term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 1st November

Return to school: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Term ends: Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December-Friday 3rd January 2020

***INSET Day: Monday 6th January 2020***

Return to school: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Term ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Spring term holiday: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21st February

Return to school: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Term ends: Friday 3rd April

Easter holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 17th April

Return to school: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

***Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May*** to celebrate VE Day

Term ends: Friday 22nd May

Whitsun holiday: Monday 25th May- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

***INSET Day: Monday 1st June***

Return to school: Tuesday 2nd June

Term ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

***INSET Day: Monday 20th July***

***A copy of the dates are also available on the Warwickshire Council website and school website.***

## Other Key Dates

Friday 13th September: Swimming for Y3/4 pupils starts

Thursday 19th September: Y5/6 football tournament

Thursday 3rd October: Tag rugby Y5/6

Friday 4th October: Harvest festival 2pm start (collections for Tamworth foodbank)

Monday 7th October: Owl class educational visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Thursday 10th October: Y3/4 football tournament

Wednesday 16th October: Culmington Manor meeting Y6 pupils and parents only, 6pm start

Tuesday 22nd October: Parent/Carer consultation meeting

Thursday 24th October: Break up for half term

### 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.

### School Dinners

There has been a slight increase in the cost of school dinners this year and they are now £2.40 a day. Remember if your child is in Wagtail or Robin class they automatically qualify for a free school meal.

### Parking

Nice and early in the term, can I remind all parents and carers to not park cars past the traffic island at the top of St Nicholas close. This is for the health and safety of our pupils. Also unless you have a disability that school is aware of there is no parking on school grounds before or after school.

### For Your Information

Miss Clarke, who works as a TA in Robin class got married over the summer and now is known as Mrs Howes. Mrs Harvey who is our office manager will now be known as Miss Coleman.

### 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.

### Staffing

Thought it would be a good idea to quickly let everyone know who is where this year

Miss Watkins: Wagtail teacher

Mrs Gugleta: Robin teacher

Mrs Meredith/Mrs Mander: Owl teachers

Mrs Cotton/Mrs Mander: Kingfisher teachers

Mrs Stephenson: SENCO/Forest School teacher

Miss Coleman: Office manager

We also have a fantastic team of TAs who support all children across school these are

Miss Ryan, Mrs Moger, Mrs Howes and Mrs Ward

### Pre school Building

We are hoping that Hummingbirds nursery, will soon be in the preschool building. Obviously land issues, and legal formalities take time but we look forward to welcoming them shortly.

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