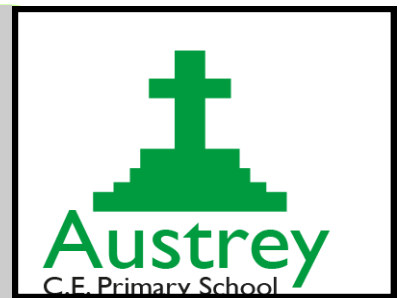




**Newsletter**  
**Tuesday 27th January 2020**  
**Spring term 1**

*John 10:10*  
*Live life in all its fullness*  
*through the gifts of wisdom, hope, dignity and*  
*community*



***"Be a light for all to see"***

***Matthew 5:16***

Hello everyone and welcome to our first newsletter of the Spring term. A massive thank you to all who came to watch the Christmas productions and those who attended the Church service before we broke up. As always your support for all these events was excellent. As is usually the case we are busy with a range of activities in the run up to Easter so keep your eye on the diary dates section and seesaw over the next few weeks.

We have had a number of people asking what is happening with the Headteacher vacancy, and we are pleased to announce that 3 candidates are being interviewed on Wednesday 29th January. This will be a very rigorous day for the candidates with a range of tasks and formal interviews. As soon as we are able to announce something we will.

On Thursday we have somebody from the Church of England recruitment team visiting school so that we can hopefully get a replacement for Reverend Banks sorted as quickly as possible.

The pupils were once again brilliant for their visit to the Hippodrome to watch Snow White and we thank you for your continued support in allowing them to watch the production and do something a little bit out of the ordinary, which really enhances their life experience.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny, Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths, Deputy Headteacher

***Our current topics***

*Wagtail Class*

*Traditional tales*

*Robin Class*

*Paws, claws and whiskers*

*Owl Class*

*Darwin's Delight*

*Kingfisher Class*

*Blue Abyss*

## Holiday Dates 2019/20

Term ends: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

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

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

Term ends: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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

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

**Bank Holiday: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** to celebrate VE Day

Term ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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

**INSET Day: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Return to school: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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

**INSET Day: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

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

## Other Key Dates: Check seesaw for updates

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February: Indoor rowing at Etone Nuneaton

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Y4 science session

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: **Parent/Carer consultation evening Y1 -Y6**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Dean of Birmingham visiting Austrey

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February: **Term Ends**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February: **INSET DAY for staff**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February: Pupils back in school

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February: **Wagtail parent/carers consultation evening**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Swimming Gala

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day and dress up as a book character

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Sports Relief details closer the time.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: **Mother's day lunch** details closer to the time

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March-Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Book Fair in school

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's day service 2pm start

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Spring Fayre details coming soon

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Y5/6 netball tournament

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Easter bonnet

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Y5/6 Tag rugby competition

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Easter church service 2pm start

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Term ends

### General Updates

Each class in school now have brand new touch screen whiteboards, which are a huge improvement on the ones we had previously. We have also been able to order some new desk top computers and a number are being upgraded to support Windows 10. We are also looking to improve the outdoor environment by putting in some playground markings and once we have all 3 quotes these will done too, hopefully before we break for Easter at the latest.

### Sports update

We have already had a couple of sporting events in school since returning from the Christmas holidays. We recently had the Y5 and Year 6 pupils take part in a Kwik cricket competition. All the games they were involved in were incredibly tight so well done team.

Year 3 took part in a dodgeball competition at Kingsbury and again our small school competed well against settings much bigger than our own.

Finally massive thank you to all the pupils and parents who managed to make the recent cross country event at Pingles. It is never an easy place to get to so well done everyone who attended. Due to your heroic efforts we were able to field a girls and boys team.

### Safeguarding

#### Safer recruitment audit

All schools within the BDMAT have been asked to take part in a compliance audit with the focus on safeguarding and recruitment. We are pleased to announce that our audit went really well. Well done Miss Coleman, governors and staff for ensuring good protocols are in place.

### Curriculum Updates

Since September Ofsted have changed the way they inspect schools and there is now a much greater emphasis on foundation subjects such as art, history PE and so on. Many schools including our own welcome these changes but it will take time to implement. Our current Cornerstones curriculum does give us a broad and balanced curriculum. However, like all schools we have been looking at our curriculum and developing subject areas so that we best meet the needs of our pupils here at Austrey.

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