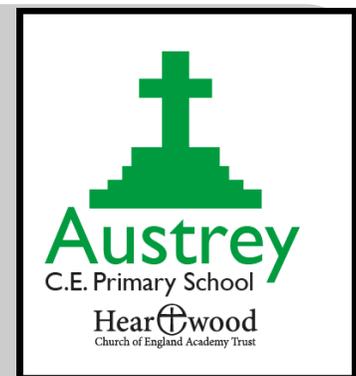


Newsletter 1

2019

Spring term 1



'Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers' Kahlil Gibran

Welcome back to you all and a very happy and prosperous New Year to you. We hope you were able to spend some quality time with family and friends over the festive period and that 2019 has started well for you.

It was lovely to see church packed again on the last Friday of term for our Christmas service, which as ever was very well delivered by pupils of all ages and an array of musical talents and speaking talents were on display. As I said it really amazes me where Mrs Mander and the team come up with the ideas for a fresh and relevant telling of the Christmas story year on year. Well done to everyone involved.

There are a number of different events taking place this term to ensure our pupils *'Live life in all its fullness'*. These include educational visits to support topics, watching Peter Pan at the Hippodrome and being involved in Young Voices with our sister school Newton Regis. All these and other events are in our dates section of the newsletter. It promises to be another busy but exciting term here at Austrey and we look forward to all that it has to offer.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths Deputy Headteacher

Our topics for the term

<i>Wagtail Class</i>	<i>Traditional Tales</i>
<i>Robin Class</i>	<i>Towers And Turrets</i>
<i>Owl Class</i>	<i>I am warrior</i>
<i>Kingfisher Class</i>	<i>Victorians</i>

Race For Life

We are once again going to take part in this really worthwhile charity event, as part of our commitment to the value of kindness. Nearly everyone knows someone who has been effected in some way by cancer. We will be holding our event on **Wednesday 30th January**. Mrs Mander will be giving out sponsor forms and a link to a just giving page if you wish to contribute.

Christian Values

Our Christian value for the first half of the spring term is **Kindness**, a particularly relevant value in the current climate. Collective worship and other things we do in school will be linked to this core value. Thanks to everyone who gave generously last term and we raised £100 in one pence coins for the Zoe's place charity.

Holiday Dates 2018/19

Term ends: Friday 15th February

Spring term holiday: Monday 18th February-Friday 22nd February

INSET Day: Monday 25th February (this has been changed original date was March 18th)

Return to school: Tuesday 26th February

Term ends: Friday 12th April

Easter holiday: Monday 15th April- Friday 26th April

Return to school: Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Term ends: Friday 24th May

Whitsun holiday: Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May

INSET Day: Monday 3rd June

Return to school: Tuesday 4th June

Term ends: Friday 19th July 2019

Other Key Dates

EYFS, Y1, Y2: Tamworth castle trip: Thursday 24th January

Rowing competition at Etone College: Thursday 24th January

Race for life: Wednesday 30th January

NSPCC workshop Y5/Y6: Wednesday 30th January

5 year olds Dental Checks : Friday 1st February

KS1 SATs Workshop: Monday 4th February

Phonics workshop: Tuesday 5th February

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 5th February

Faith workshops: Wednesday 6th February

Science workshop: Monday 11th February

Y1 to Y6 parent consultation evening: Tuesday 12th February, 3.30 start

Term ends: Friday 15th February

INSET Day: Monday 25th February

Pupils return to school: Tuesday 26th February

Reception parent consultation evening: Tuesday 26th February

Church News Update

Reverend Banks, our local vicar will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. He has a promotion and will be moving to the Lake District. A full letter with further details will be coming out shortly. However it goes without saying that we wish him well and that he will be very much missed.

EYFS/KS1 Uniform

Could we just ask that you check at home that all the correct uniform and footwear came home with your child at the end of the Christmas term. It was an extremely busy time and there is a possibility that pupils may have inadvertently picked up others shoes and jumpers. If you do find anything lurking around the house could you hand it to Mrs Gugleta or Miss Watkins who will then deal with it. Many thanks!

IT Opportunities

We are hoping that we will be able to send some Year Groups out shortly to the Apple Store in Birmingham to help support the pupil's IT curriculum. It sounds like a fantastic day out and we will keep you informed as to which year groups will be going and when nearer the time. We also have some pupils going to Birchwood school soon to engage in a brilliant new IT program as part of our consortia group of schools.

Funtrition Day

All pupils will be involved in a fantastic day of sport and health on *Thursday 7th March* which is being led by Premier Sport. On that day it would be a good idea if all pupils turned up in suitable sports wear to take part in the activities being planned.

Diocese Visit

We recently had a 1 day visit from the CEO of BDMAT with regards to the education we provide for our pupils. Teachers were observed, literacy and maths book were looked at and the Head and Deputy were asked to provide a range of evidence to support school judgements. We are pleased to announce that we had a very successful visit.

Sports Update

Well done to the Y5/6 kwik cricket team who recently played at Polesworth. There was some good all round performances and we narrowly missed out on 2nd place on a slower run rate. Also the Y3/4 dodgeball team played very well recently at Kingsbury and came 3rd overall against a number of schools.

Well Done

Austrey school recently received a letter from our local MP congratulating us on our recent success in the latest KS2 SATs results. The letter is attached for you to read and is an endorsement of everyone's hard work.

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