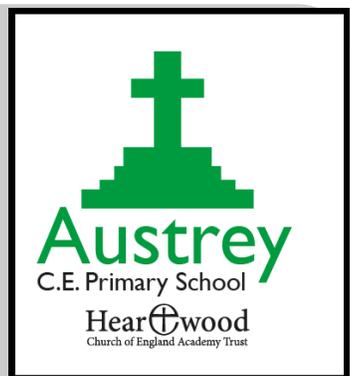


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'There is more happiness in giving than receiving'

Acts 20:35

We really do hope that you were able to spend some time with the family over the half term holiday and recharge the batteries, in readiness for the run up to the Christmas period. We understand that many of you attended the Austrey fireworks display and that a good night was had by all, it is great to see the community get together for such events and it makes you realise what a lovely part of the world we live in. As always this is by far the busiest half term of the academic year and there will be lots of activities taking place in and outside of school in the coming weeks, so please keep checking the week at a glance sheet in the parent's notice board for any updates. There are also some updates to the diary in this edition of the newsletter.

It was not an ideal start back to school with the heating system failing to kick in. Hopefully this has now been rectified and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their patience and understanding in this matter. Don't forget that we have an ***INSET training day on Friday 30th November***, for safeguarding training so school is closed to pupils.

Best wishes

Mr Lee Kilkenny, Headteacher

Miss Meg Griffiths, Deputy Headteacher

Our topics for the term

Wagtail Class

Celebrations and Festivals

Robin Class

Memory Box

Owl Class

Scrumdiddlyumptious

Kingfisher Class

The Tudors

Parent and Carers Consultation Meetings

Great to see so many of you attend the meetings held just before we broke up. We hope you got a good idea of how your child has settled in at Austrey.

Girls Football

The rescheduled date for the girls football is now ***Thursday 15th November*** at Baddesley, games start at 1.30 if you wish to come along and support the girls.

Holiday Dates 2018/19

Return to school: Monday 5th November

INSET Day: Friday 30th November 2018

Term ends: Friday 21st December

Christmas holiday: Monday 24th December-Friday 4th January 2019

INSET Day: Monday 7th January 2019

Return to school: Tuesday 8th January 2019

Term ends: Friday 15th February

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

Return to school: Monday 25th February

INSET Day: Monday March 18th

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

Monday 12th November: Remembrance Day Assembly *see details opposite*

Tuesday 13th November: Year 1 and Year 5 fire safety talk

Wednesday 14th November: Year 5/6 indoor athletics

Thursday 15th November: Year 5/6 girls football 1.30pm start

Friday 16th November: Children In Need *see details opposite*

Wednesday 21st November: Hockey Tournament After school QE Atherstone

Thursday 22nd November: Grandparent's Afternoon Robin Class 2.30 pm start

Friday 30th November: ***INSET day school closed to pupils***

Monday 3rd December: Advent assembly for pupils only

Friday 7th December: Whole school art morning

Thursday 13th December: Christmas afternoon production

Friday 14th December: Christmas morning production

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Tuesday 18th December: Pupils Christmas parties

Friday 21st December: Christmas Church Service 2pm start/ Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 8th January 2019: Pupils return to school

Remembrance

As a school we will be doing our Remembrance service on **Monday 12th November**. If your child is in the guides, scouts, beavers or brownies we would really encourage them to wear the uniform of the organisation they represent that day as mark of respect for all those who have been injured or lost their lives in service to their country. All family and friends are invited to have tea, coffee and biscuits in the hall at 10 am. If you wish to make a small donation for refreshments then all proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion. Then at around 10.40 you are invited to join us for a Remembrance service outside culminating in 2 minutes silence. This event was brilliantly supported last year and with it being the centenary of the end of WW1 it would be great to see as many people as possible.

Big Birmingham Sleep Out

We are always thinking of ways in which we can help people who are less fortunate than ourselves and with our theme of generosity this term, I will be taking part in the Big Sleep Out an event run by St Basil's Charity. This will take place at St Phillip's Cathedral in Birmingham on Friday 30th November in aid of supporting the homeless by sleeping rough myself. If you are interested in finding out more about this worthwhile project or how you can donate to the St Basil's appeal then please see their webpage <https://stbasils.org.uk/sleepout> wish me luck it could be a bit chilly by then!

Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a new cleaner to work after school at Newton Regis for 12.5 hours per week (3:30pm—6:00pm). If you are interested then please ring Mrs Pick in the office on 830 220 who will be able to give more details about the position or send you an application form.

Children In Need

The date for this years event is Friday 16th November. We will once again be doing lots of things to try and raise money for this great charity. We are asking all pupils to come into school that day out of uniform and instead wear **something spotty**. We would like to ask for a £1 donation for this. We are also hoping to have a cake sale during the day and at the end of school so children can bring in money for this too. If you would like to bake cakes or biscuits and bring them in for the sale that would be brilliant. Lets get together on that date and **Do Your Thing** to help Pudsey raise much needed funds.

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