



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 20/9/24

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Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe how quickly the last two and half weeks have flown and, as always, it feels like the summer holidays are a distant memory. It is always lovely to see all of the children coming back into school in September and settling in well.

Just as a reminder, If you wish to get in touch with school, you can use the following contact details:

NEWTON REGIS

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Staffing changes

At the end of the summer term Mrs Young handed in her notice as a midday supervisor. We were able to fill this vacance immediately as Miss Blewitt agreed to work these additional hours on a permanent basis. During the summer holidays, Mrs Guild handed in her notice. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both well in their new positions. We have been covering these shifts in house, but I am now pleased to let you know that Mrs Ross Bramble and Miss Molly Tufft will be joining us permanently on a job share basis. Miss Molly Tufft will also be working at Newton Regis for 3 days a week to give us extra lunchtime capacity there.

SAD NEWS...

Mrs Samways will be leaving us on 18th October to set up her new child-minding business. Those of you that know her, know that she will be amazing at this job so, although it will be sad for us, I am sure you will join me at wishing her all the best in her new adventure.

We are obviously advertising the job and hope to employ someone who can start before Mrs Samways leaves so there can be a handover period. Please see the link below if you or anyone you know wishes to apply.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140125/EDV-2024-ACPS-27946>

Our Christian Vision and Values

During the summer term, we reviewed these by thinking about the context of our schools and the current climate in the world as a whole. As a result, we decided to change our value of GENEROSITY with the value of JUSTICE so these are now our values.

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With God's love:

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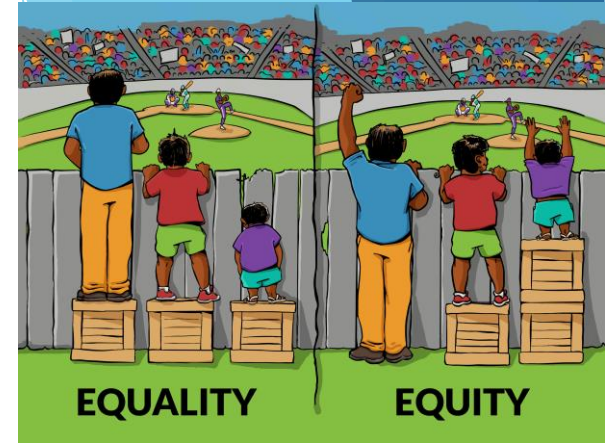
"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"

Micah 6:8



Our updated Christian Vision

As school families, we treat everyone with **dignity**, seeing each person as a vital stroke in the creation of the masterpiece which is our school **community**. We **love** and welcome everyone, supporting them in the ups and downs of life and giving them **hope** for a bright future in their **lives** and **learning**. We seek **justice** for all, embracing those who face challenges in their **lives** and **learning**. We act responsibly, treating everyone fairly but not necessarily the same. We work to ensure that everyone has what they need, and we act and speak up for those who don't. **Equity** underpins our commitment to enabling everyone to flourish as the person God made them to be. Therefore, living like Jesus, we think and act with generous and **forgiving** hearts in the strategic and day to day life of the school. **Trusting** in God and the teaching of the bible, we are building a culture of **trust** in which everyone can feel safe; confident that their spiritual, emotional, and academic needs will be met and that their **uniqueness** will contribute to the unity and wholeness of Austrey and Newton Regis Church of England Primary Schools.



Courageous Advocacy in action

Courageous advocacy is defined by the Church of England as “the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard.”

Towards the end of the summer term Kimberly and Tess organised a bake sale and hair accessories sale to raise money to buy a ‘buddy bench’. They raised nearly £200. The bench was delivered over the summer and has been installed in the KS2 playground near the play area. Well done, girls!



Newton Regis Community Garden

Many of the Newton parents will have seen that the overgrown fenced off garden that was there well before my time has now been completely transformed! If you haven't noticed, then please have a look next week. There is still more to add but will soon be being used by the children and community. I would like to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Wagstaff for procuring grants from the Warwickshire County Fund, Severn Trent Water, North Warwickshire Borough Council and Develop Warwickshire.



Kingfisher's Bake sale

At the beginning of term some Y6 pupils asked if they could have a bake sale to raise money for the wildlife garden. One of the things they want to buy is a gazebo so that children who prefer to sit quietly and chat at lunchtime rather than running around or playing sport have a calm place to go. This took place today and was a big success. Well done to all involved.



Unauthorised absence

Many of you will have seen that on 19th August 2024 the government brought in new rules about unauthorised absence including holidays. We now have to refer all of these to the local authority. They then decide whether a fixed penalty notice will be issued. Please note - any money received does not go to the school but to the local authority. We are just fulfilling our statutory duty. I have included the letter from the LA as previously sent on Seesaw.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.



You can view your child's attendance certificate 'live' through Arbor. If you need help logging into this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pick or Mrs Harvey for help with this.

OUR CURRENT ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES FOR THE YEAR SO FAR ARE

Austrey

97.9 %

Newton Regis

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

95.1%



You will see from the dates section and from previous newsletters that both of our schools' PTAs work really hard to raise money for the schools and enable us to provide resources and activities that could not come out of our school budgets. We have a very small number of dedicated parents who would really appreciate your support. If you can join the committee that would be amazing but if you cannot commit to this and would just be able to support at events or attend the odd meeting, PLEASE get in touch with the office. It is very rewarding and helps all of the children in the schools.

A huge thankyou for all of the work the current members have and are currently doing. All the staff and children really appreciate your tireless efforts.

Values Lanyards

Date: 13.9.24	
Ducklings: Arabella	Community
Harlequin: Alfie	Trust
Robins: Daisy	Justice
King Eider: Georgia	Trust
Owls: Jacey-Leigh	Trust
Mandarini: Evie	Forgiveness
Kingfishers: Lincoln	Hope

Date: 20.9.24	
Ducklings: Jevon	Forgiveness
Wagtails: Phoenix	Forgiveness
Harlequin: All YI	Community
Robins: Georgia	Forgiveness
King Eider: Samih	Forgiveness
Owls: Rohan	Wisdom
Mandarini: Darcie	Trust
Kingfishers: Pippa	Community

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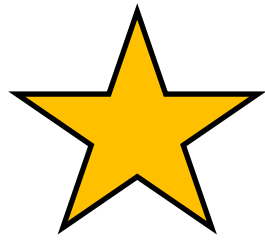
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Pupils of the week



Date:	13.9.24
Ducklings	The whole class
Wagtails	Willow
Harlequin	Lilly
Robins	Ivie
King Eider	Theo
Owls	Robyn
Mandarin	Elsie
Kingfishers	Kyle



Date:	20.9.24
Ducklings	Gabe
Harlequin	Alfie
Robins	Cody
King Eider	Bella C
Owls	Jacey-Leigh
Mandarin	Rub
Kingfishers	Albert





Life is a journey, and the road we travel has twists and turns that sometimes lead us to unexpected places and unexpected people. But, in turn, it always leads us to our destination.

Igwe Daniel Kelechi – author

Collective Worship

During the last few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been learning about The Workers in the Vineyard and Revd Joanne has been teaching about the Christian value of Justice. In Picture News we have been discussing the questions

- How can communities help each other in times of difficulty?
- How can we respond to unexpected events?
- How can photos shape the world?

Our music appreciation has been Motown music specifically “Aint No Mountain, High Enough” by Marvin Gaye and “Dancing in the Street ” by Martha and The Vandellas

*What does the Lord require of you? To act justly
and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your
God”*

Micah 6:8



**British
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Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Our behaviour, actions and words can affect others. It is up to us to decide what kind of impact we want to have within our communities and beyond.

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AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP



FAMILY SESSION

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN DIAGNOSED
WITH ASD OR AWAITING ASSESSMENT.
ALL ARE WELCOME.
NO AGE RESTRICTIONS.
SIBLINGS WELCOME.



The second Wednesday of every month
5pm – 7pm
Exhall Old School Community Centre,
Exhall CV7 9GB

- safe & sympathetic environment • fun activities & games •
- refreshments available • must be accompanied by a parent/carer •

Contact us to book

Admission Charges Apply



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SENSORY RESOURCE LIBRARY



Borrow specialist books & toys from our free resource library

- Whether your child is sensory seeking or avoiding we have equipment to suit you.
- Items can be borrowed for up to 28 days
- Contact our team for more information
- T's & C's apply

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Dates for your diaries

- Monday 23rd September Individual, families and siblings photos
- Friday 4th October McMillan coffee afternoon Austrey 2.30pm
- Wednesday 16th October AUSTREY parents' evening
- Thursday 17th October NEWTON REGIS parents' evening
- Friday 18th October McMillan coffee afternoon Newton Regis 2.30pm
- Wednesday 23rd October Austrey FACES Autumn Disco 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- Thursday 24th October Newton Regis FPTA Autumn Disco
- Wednesday 23rd October Y3,4,5 visit to Derby Faith Trail
- Thursday 24th October Harvest service in church - all parents and carers welcome, NEWTON REGIS 9.00am AUSTREY 2.15pm

Dates for your diaries cont...

- Friday 8th November Austrey FACES non uniform day and Colour Run- wear something bright and sparkly for a £1 donation
- Friday 15th November - BBC CHILDREN IN NEED
- w/b Monday 18th November Austrey FACES 'Great Austrey Bake Off'
- Friday 6th December Travelling theatre in school
- Tuesday 10th December Nativity plays at NEWTON REGIS 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Wednesday 11th December Nativity plays at AUSTREY 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December AUSTREY FACES Christmas film nights
- Carol Services in Church - Thursday 19th December all parents and carers welcome NEWTON REGIS 9am AUSTREY 2.15pm
- Friday 20th December Break Up Christmas

TERM DATES 2024 - 2025

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2024</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd September
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 rd September
Term starts	Wednesday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November
Inset Day	Monday 4 th November
Term ends	Friday 20 th December
<u>SPRING TERM 2025</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 6 th January
Term starts	Tuesday 7 th January
Half Term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February
Term ends	Thursday 10 th April
Inset Day	Friday 11 th April
<u>SUMMER TERM 2025</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 28 th April
Term starts	Tuesday 29 th April
Half Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May
Term ends	Friday 18 th July
Inset Day	Monday 21 st July