Newton Regis
C of E Primary School

Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 12/9/25

TRUST JUSTICE FORGIVENESS HOPE DIGNITY COMMUNITY



Becoming the person God made me to be: living, learning, loving.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made"

Psalm 139:14

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe how quickly the last two 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.

Our New Behaviour Policy

This has been sent on Seesaw and is also available on our website

https://newtonregis.bdmat.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Austrey-and-Newton-Regis-behaviour-policy-Sept-25.pdf

https://austrey.bdmat.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Austrey-and-Newton-Regis-behaviour-policy-Sept-25.pdf

This is the rationale behind our new policy

Intent: Our Behaviour Principles We are Trauma Informed. We believe in providing a nurturing environment that recognises Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and is built on the understanding that before self-regulation comes attachment. We continue to develop an understanding around the effect that trauma has on the brain and how this can have an impact on the pupil's development and how a pupil behaves or reacts to certain situations. We adopt an approach where the adult understands that all behaviour is communication of an emotional need, taking a non-judgemental, curious and empathetic attitude towards behaviour. It is the responsibility of the adult to seek to identify what is being communicated and then support the pupil to communicate this in more appropriate ways. We understand the important role of the adult in developing relationships built on empathy, acceptance and trust to be able to support a pupil through co-regulation.

We are also further ensuring consistency across the school using the following principles

We are MASTERS of Manners

Move around school quietly

Allow others through doors

Say please

Thank others

Everyone is kind

Remember our values

Say sorry if you need to

We are RESPONSIBLE
We take responsibility for our actions, our learning, and making sure we have everything we need each day.

We are READY to learn
We are always prepared and focused, giving our best effort to learn in our classroom community.

We are RESPECTFUL
We show respect by using kind words, being polite, and taking care of our school and each other's belongings.

We are SAFE

Stop and be silent

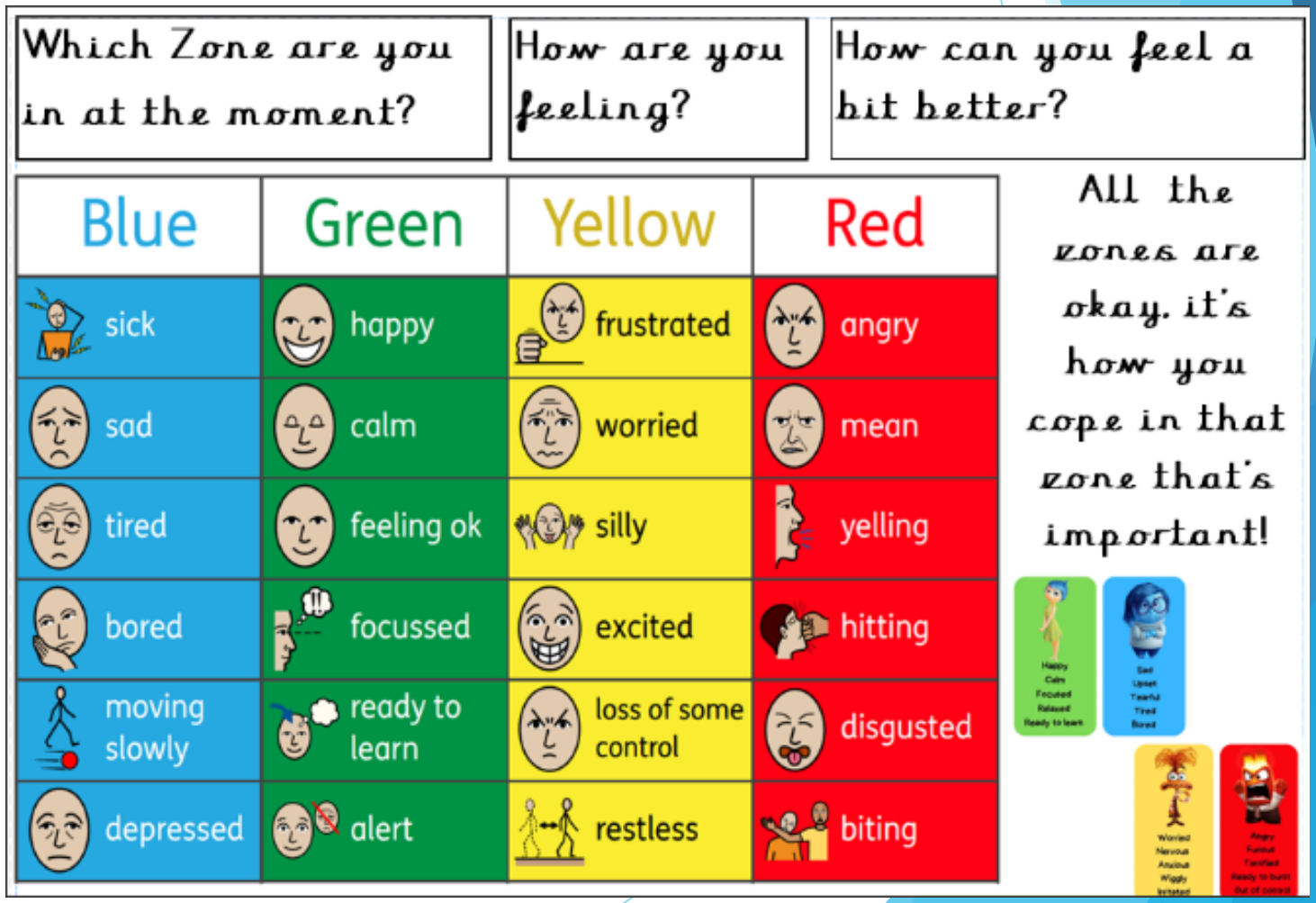
Attention to the teacher

Follow instructions

Exit by walking in line order

We are also teaching all of the children about their feelings and that all feelings are OK. We are doing this through the use of ‘Zones of Regulation’ which children should be able to use as it becomes more familiar to them

If you would like a copy of this, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will happily print one off for you.



Well done to all those KS2 early birds who came to Miss Griffiths' cross country club this morning.

We really want to retain the trophy this year!



We are very proud to announce that both schools have received the School Games Silver Award for the academic year 2024-25.

A huge thankyou to Miss Griffiths for organising all of the sporting event opportunities for our children and to the staff who volunteer after school to attend these events.

Thank you also to all of you who have transported your children to these events.

We really do amazingly well for such small schools and try to enter a team in every event!



Information from Warwickshire Attendance service

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 ie 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.

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.

Values Lanyards

Date: 12.9.25	
Ducklings:	Albie - Dignity
Wagtails:	Esmae - Community
Harlequin:	Ivy - Hope
Robins:	Harrison - Community
King Eider:	Bella - Community
Owls:	Cora - Community
Mandarin:	Toby - Trust
Kingfishers	Chloe - Hope



Pupils of the week

Date:	5.9.25
Ducklings	All of Ducklings
Wagtails	All of Wagtails
Harlequin	Jax
Robins	Ralfie
King Eider	Hazel
Owls	Willow
Mandarin	Toby
Kingfishers	Lincoln

Date:	12.9.25
Ducklings	Erica
Wagtails	Shea
Harlequin	Casey
Robins	Daisy W
King Eider	Sam
Owls	Cora
Mandarin	Daisy J
Kingfishers	Shea

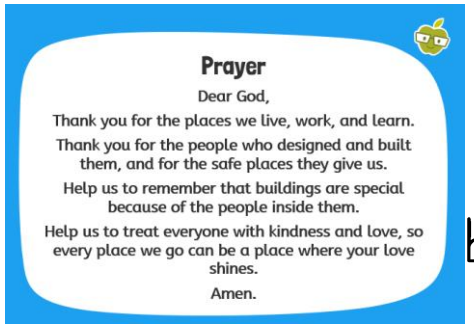
You can view your child's attendance certificate 'live' through Arbor. If you need help logging into this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pick or Mrs Harvey.

OUR CURRENT ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES FOR THE YEAR SO FAR ARE

Austrey
96%

Newton Regis
98.1%
(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 95.4%



Collective Worship

During the last few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been learning about our new behaviour policy and refreshing our Christian Vision and Values our Christian value of JUSTICE



JUSTICE



In Picture News we have been discussing the following questions

- **What do you think makes something a wonder of the world?**
- **What makes a building special?**



Our music appreciation has been listening to pop music – "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell 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

Justice is....

Judging what is right

Understanding what is fair

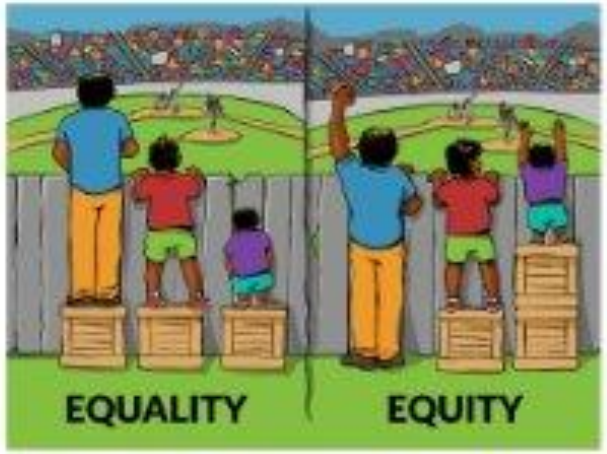
Standing up for those who need help

Trying to listen to both sides

Informed and wise decisions

Caring enough to take action

Equal opportunities for all



What is the difference between equity and equality?



Ask your children the answer to this question

Dates for your diaries

- Friday 19th September – Jeans for Genes day. Pay £1 to wear jeans (denim shorts, skirts or dresses) https://www.jeansforgenes.org/
- Monday 22nd September – Individual and Siblings photos
- Tuesday 7th October – Flu immunisations Reception to Y6
- Wednesday 15th October – Parents' Evening AUSTREY
- Thursday 16th October – Parents' Evening NEWTON REGIS
- Thursday 23rd October – Harvest Service in Church NEWTON 9am AUSTREY 2.15pm
- Friday 24th October – break up for half term
- Tuesday 4th November – school reopens for children

Newton Regis Nursery

I have been approached by a few parents about bringing their child to the nursery at Newton Regis. Just to clarify, we take children the term after they are 3. All children are entitled to 15 hours for which we offer 5 mornings. You can then apply for 30 hours if you are working which means you can add some or all afternoons.

We are currently full for this academic year and have a waiting list in case anyone leaves.

We are now full for 2025/26 academic year so if your child turns 3 in the summer of 2026 and you would like them to join our nursery in September 2026, please get in touch now to secure your place. We only have a few spaces left and are already allocating places for September 2028!

Please get in touch with Mrs Pick at Newton (01827 830220 or office@newtonregis.bdmat.org.uk)

Please also get in touch if you would like to come and look around.

Children who bring packed lunches

Following on from the previous information about our environmentally friendly initiatives at school, we do no longer have the capacity for children to be throwing away waste food and rubbish from packed lunches. We will therefore be asking all children who bring their own packed lunch to school to take any uneaten food and rubbish to be disposed of at home.

Thankyou for your support in this matter



AUTUMN TERM 2025	
Inset Day	**Monday 1st September**
Term starts	Tuesday 2nd September
Half Term	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October
Inset Day	**Monday 3rd November**
Term ends	Friday 19th December
SPRING TERM 2026	
Inset Day	**Monday 5th January**
Term starts	Tuesday 6th January
Half Term	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February
Term ends	Thursday 26th March
Inset Day	**Friday 27th March**
SUMMER TERM 2026	
Term starts	Monday 13th April
Bank Holiday	**Monday 4th May**
Half Term	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Term ends	Friday 17th July
Inset Day	**Monday 20th July**