



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that the first half term of the academic year is already drawing to a close. Please remember that you are all welcome to join us for our harvest services in church next Thursday. If any other family members or friends wish to join us, they will be welcome too.

I sent out our new Parent Code of Conduct in the summer and there is a section on there about the use of social media. Please take the time to read the article below as research is showing that across all schools there has been a massive increase in the use of this for negative rather than the positive and sometimes powerful reasons that it was designed for

The Importance of Kindness and Role Modeling for Parents on Social Media

In today's digital age, social media is a powerful tool that connects us with friends, family, and the wider community. However, it also comes with responsibilities, especially for parents. One crucial aspect is how we talk about school staff online. Being respectful and kind on social media is not just about maintaining good manners; it sets a vital example for our children.

Respecting School Staff

Teachers and school staff work tirelessly to educate and support our children. They play a significant role in shaping the future of our young ones. When parents post unkind or personal comments about school staff on social media, it can harm the morale of these dedicated professionals. Negative comments can spread quickly and create an environment of distrust and disrespect.

Imagine how a teacher might feel reading hurtful comments about their efforts. It can be disheartening and may affect their enthusiasm and dedication. By showing respect and appreciation for their hard work, we can help create a positive and supportive atmosphere that benefits everyone.

Being Good Role Models

Children are always watching and learning from the adults around them. When parents use social media responsibly and respectfully, they teach their children important lessons about kindness, empathy, and respect. These are values that children will carry with them throughout their lives. If children see their parents making negative comments online, they might think it's acceptable to do the same. This can lead to bullying and other harmful behaviors. On the other hand, when parents model positive behavior, children learn to communicate respectfully and thoughtfully.

The Power of Positive Communication

Instead of focusing on the negatives, parents can use social media to highlight the positives. Sharing stories of success, expressing gratitude for teachers' hard work, and offering constructive feedback can help build a strong, supportive community. Positive communication fosters a sense of belonging and encourages everyone to work together for the benefit of the children.

Practical Tips for Parents

- 1.Think Before You Post:** Consider the impact of your words before sharing them online. Ask yourself if your comment is helpful and respectful.
- 2.Focus on Solutions:** If you have concerns, try to address them directly with the school in a constructive manner rather than airing grievances publicly.
- 3.Celebrate Successes:** Share positive experiences and achievements. A little appreciation can go a long way.
- 4.Teach by Example:** Show your children how to use social media responsibly. Discuss the importance of kindness and respect in all forms of communication.

Conclusion

By being mindful of our words and actions on social media, we can create a positive environment for our children and school staff. Respecting teachers and being good role models are essential steps in fostering a supportive and nurturing community. Let's work together to ensure that our children learn the values of kindness, respect, and empathy, both online and offline

Thank you for reading!

Y5 Values Dodgeball and Bench ball

From Miss Griffiths ...

On Monday 7th October, a combined Austrey and Newton Regis Y5 team took part in a dodgeball tournament at TQEA Atherstone. The team played five games and after each match had to score their opponents on the core values that the team displayed. The chosen values were Honesty, Teamwork and Respect. The team played really well together and made thoughtful decisions about how to rank each team. It was great to see how everyone responded to this sort of competition and fun was had by all.



From Miss Zimmerman...

On Monday 14th October, the team returned as winners as they came first place in a Bench ball tournament. The combined Austrey/Newton Regis team played 3 games and after each match had to score their opponents on Honesty, Teamwork and Respect. Whilst playing, the team shone, consistently showing all the values. It was amazing to see how well they all worked together as a team, their cooperation and support for each other truly made a difference. Well done year 5s!



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all of you who came to school for a face-to-face appointment or booked a telephone call. If you were unable to find a suitable time, please contact us so we can find a mutually convenient time for you to speak to the teacher. If you feel you needed a longer or follow up appointment, please do not hesitate to contact school to book one in. Please do not wait until the next parents' evening if there is something you need to discuss.



GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Get ready for a festive and fun-filled Christmas Bingo Night! Gather your friends and family for an evening of laughter, joy, and exciting bingo games with a holiday twist.

£3.50 per person

(Adult & Child price)
Bingo Tickets Included

At Newton Regis Village Hall

Food Truck will be onsite to purchase food & the bar will be open!

Please send your money in an envelope with Bingo Night & family name on the front by to reception by Friday 1st November

Newton Regis FPTA

Thank you to the parents who have been in touch following the announcement from the FPTA about the cancellation of the Autumn disco due to lack of helpers.

There is still a need for more helpers even if it is just to help at the odd event go shopping for sweets or prizes if you can't commit to meetings.

Please do get in touch (if you haven't already done so) if you are able to support them

There is a Bingo Night at Newton Regis Village Hall on the Friday 22nd November.

ALL WELCOME



Autumn Term 1

NEWSLETTER

Our hope is to raise enough money to buy the school a new stage in time for the nativity. We really hope this term's activities can help us meet our £2000 target!



Awesome Autumn Disco

23RD OCTOBER

5:30-6:30PM

£3 ENTRY

OPEN TO ROBINS, OWLS AND KINGFISHERS

Friday 8th November

Sparkle and Glow

Non-uniform Day

£1 donation

Sponsored Colour Run

on the school field

More info soon!



NEW

FOLLOW OUR ALL NEW FACEBOOK GROUP FOR THE LATEST UPDATES



Looking ahead...



Santa's Grotto - 11th December 5-6pm

Wagtails and Robins are invited to visit Santa and do a range of xmas crafts.

THE GREAT AUSTREY **BAKE OFF** Family baking competition keep an eye out for finals week!



16th and 17th December - Xmas Film Nights
3:15-5pm



Austrey FACES
If you are able to join or would be able to support at any of these or future events, please get in touch with them via the Facebook page on the poster



FACES Colour Run to raise money for a new stage

On Friday 8th November pupils will be taking part in a sponsored colour run outside to help raise money for a new stage in time for the school activities.



Pupils will complete the course travelling through colour stations to end the run covered in a beautiful rainbow of coloured powder. The sponsors we collect from this event will all go towards the £2000 target for a new stage system for all future plays and performances... and a great fun event for the children too.

It's recommended that children wear an old T-shirt, preferably a white/light one to show off all those colours. And even though all powders are safe for all use, it is important to avoid any contact with eyes, so all children will need to wear eye covering...this can be goggles, sunglasses or prescription glasses.

All parents will need to sign a disclaimer, agreeing for their child to take part. These will be available on [Achoo](#) or a paper copy can be requested from Wendy at reception.

On the back you'll find your sponsorship form to start collecting all those donations. The form and any monies collected can be returned to school by Friday 22nd November. And don't forget to fill in the information for Gift Aid! It earns us 25p for every £1 we raise.

Below are some FAQs but please ask if you have any queries about this event.

What is the colour powder made of? The colour powder is made the traditional way just corn starch and natural vegetable or food-grade dyes. The colour powder is non-flammable and non-toxic.

Does the colour powder stain clothing? Like any other colour powder, it can stain clothing. Please be aware of this when choosing what to wear.

Can I wash colour powder out of my hair? Yes you can! Rinse hair with cold water first to remove as much as possible, then wash using a good quality shampoo. Alternatively, wear a hat or fun wig!



Macmillan coffee afternoon at Newton Regis

Thank you for all of you who brought in cakes and/or attended this today. I am sure you agree it is a very worthy cause and close to many of our hearts.

Thank you to Mrs Barclay for organising this.

The Austrey one raised £163!

In support of

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

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.

If you would like your child to start in September 2025, please get in touch with Mrs Pick at Newton (01827 830220 or office@newtonregis.bdmatt.org.uk) as soon as possible as we are already filling up. If you fill the form in now your place will be saved.

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

Forest School Showcase

On Tuesday Mrs Stephenson ran an extra Forest School session for Y5 to help teachers from other schools across BDMAT. The feedback was brilliant; they all learned loads and are now pestering their headteachers to pay for them to do the training! Well done Mrs Stephenson - it is great to showcase our school and the brilliant work staff are doing!

Writing Workshop at Newton Regis

Yesterday 3 children from each school were chosen to take part in a writing workshop called POETRY PIE. They were joined by pupils from Warton Nethersole's, The Nethersole and Woodside Schools. All of the children worked hard to write poems and perform them to each other. It was really lovely to see the pupils working with those from other schools and getting along really well. They were also introduced to the poetry of the late, great Benjamin Zephaniah which helped to give them further inspiration. There are 4 more workshops planned over the year covering different subjects and for different year groups. The next one is Maths and will be hosted by The Nethersole.





Thank you to Austrey FACES
for organising and paying for
the Animal Lady to come into
school on 10th October









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
97.1%

Newton Regis
95.3%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

Values Lanyards

Date: 11.10.24	
Ducklings: Olivia	Dignity
Wagtails: Harrison	Hope
Harlequin: Indiana	Forgiveness
Robins: Chloe	Forgiveness
King Eider: Oscar	Trust
Owls: Willow	Trust
Mandarin: Ruby	Community
Kingfishers: Archie W	Community

Date: 18.10.24	
Ducklings: Chloe	Hope
Wagtails: Daisy	Hope
Harlequin: Kerry	Dignity
Robins: Sienna	Community
King Eider: Bella C	Hope
Owls: Amelie	Hope
Mandarin: Elsie B	Hope
Kingfishers: Robin	Community

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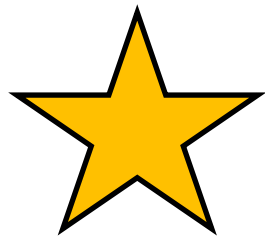
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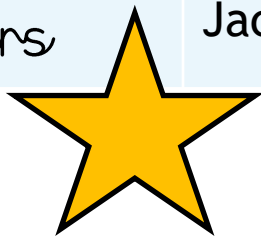
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Pupils of the week



Date:	11.10.24
Ducklings	Ivy
Wagtails	Daisy W
Harlequin	Freddie S
Robins	Kai
King Eider	Freya
Owls	Holly
Mandarin	Ronnie
Kingfishers	Jacob



Date:	18.10.24
Ducklings	Olivia J
Wagtails	James
Harlequin	Mia
Robins	Sam
King Eider	Georgina
Owls	Ronnie
Mandarin	Poppy-Rose
Kingfishers	Phoebe



Collective Worship

Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you that we are all unique,
Give me the wisdom to recognise
how I work best,
Help me find places, where I can
learn, grow and connect,
Help me value others and the
contributions they make,
Amen



During the last few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been continuing to learn about the Christian value of Courage and “doing the right thing rather than the easy thing”. We have also learned about the Autumn Hindu festival of Navratri and the Jewish festival Yom Kippur. In Picture News we have been discussing the questions

- How important is it to know about the author behind the book?
- How important are human interactions?



British Values



Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Life is not the same for everyone.
By listening carefully to the stories
of others, we can understand and
get to know one another better.



Our music appreciation has been Motown music specifically “The Tracks of my Tears” by Smokey Robinson and “You are the Sunshine of my Life” by Stevie Wonder

Be Courageous. Be Strong. Do Everything with Love.
(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Staffing News

An update about Mrs Samways

Good morning. You will have seen the message about the advert for the Teaching Assistant position. We did appoint but unfortunately this did not work out. As of yesterday afternoon, Mrs Samways had agreed to stay full time until half term then continue working as much as she can on a part time basis (3 1/2 days per week) around her new business venture so the impact on the children is minimised. This will start on 4th November. She has agreed to do this until we manage to appoint or until Christmas when this will not be possible for her. I am truly grateful to Mrs Samways for this as I am sure many of you will be. I will keep you updated about getting TA cover for the rest of the week and the longer-term plans as soon as I know myself. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any further questions.

Dates for your diaries

- Wednesday 23rd October Austrey FACES Autumn Disco 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- 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**
- 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'

Dates for your diaries cont...

- Saturday 30th November Christmas Lights switch in Newton Regis
- Friday 6th December Travelling theatre in school
- Friday 6th December Christmas Lights switch in Austrey
- 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 3.30pm - 5pm
- Carol Services in Church - Thursday 19th December all parents and carers welcome NEWTON REGIS 9am AUSTREY 2.15pm
- Friday 20th December Break Up for Christmas

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