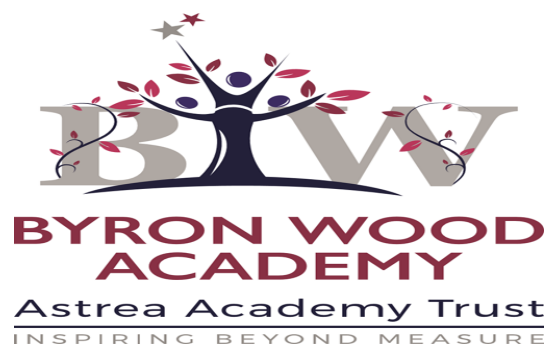


Weekly NEWSLETTER September (1) 2017

Working together to challenge, and inspire
excellence for all'



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a restful summer break, enjoyed the religious festivities and are now ready for the new academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the children who have arrived to school on time and in their full school uniform. They look super smart and have shown they are very keen and ready to learn!

Much work has taken place over the summer to improve the school environment. All the classrooms and dining hall have new furniture, new interactive screens have been installed, and new bookshelves have been purchased for the corridors.

The key priorities for this year are to:-

- improve reading throughout school
- children to take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour
- create a rich and engaging curriculum
- develop leaders at all levels
- improve attendance so learning time is not lost



To improve reading, new guided reading and reading books to take home have been purchased, staff development and training has been booked, all children from Y1-Y6 have been given a School Planner where the reading they have done can be recorded, and a new structure has been put in place for the teaching of reading. Our successful Reciprocal Reading model will continue.

So that children start taking responsibility for their own learning, we have introduced Philosophy for Children (P4C) and we are hoping to become a Rights Respecting school over the next three years. These are long term initiatives to help our children become more confident citizens of the future.

To improve learning opportunities, the school day has been extended to 3.15pm for all children of statutory school age. (F1/F2 children are to be collected at 3.10am). In addition to this, there have been changes to the curriculum making sure the children have a broad and balanced diet. All children from Y1 to Y6 will be given an opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument, will have regular drama lessons and increased number of educational visits and experiences. We have kick started the term with all the school finding out about Sheffield. Each year group is researching a different aspect. All this will culminate in an Exhibition for parents on the 26th October where the children will be showcasing their findings.

The SATs results and end of year data for 2016-17 were very impressive but as a school we would like to improve further as we want to be Outstanding. We believe our children deserve the best—day in, day out. It is vital your child attends every day if they are to achieve their best.

Our school vision

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can only be achieved with your support. As a school, we strongly believe we can achieve our goals!

Wishing you all the best for the new year,

Mrs Ashton

TIDIEST CLASSROOM AWARD

Well done to Y4RE who won the tidiest classroom for week ending 08/09/2017.



End of year Attendance for 2016-17

Well done to the following classes for reaching the school target of 96% last year.

Y2 BW 96.1%
Y4 SF 96.3%
Y5 LEB 96.7%
Y6 SOB 96.2%

The school's overall attendance was 94.4%.

This year we have set a target of 97%. We are determined to achieve this.



Well done to the following pupils who won **Star of the Week**— for week ending 08/09/17.

Y1RM Lexi Brearley
Y1RW Aaminah Shiekh
Y2ER Monika Bila
Y2BW Sami Shafaqat
Y3BB Lamees Saleh
Y3LH Hassan Hassan
Y4RE Hamnah Sheikh
Y4SF Kristina Dunkova
Y5RS Michael Horvath
Y5AMc Yusra Qassim
Y6DW Mahamood Ibrahim
Y6SF Mariam Ibrahim

All names were entered into the book raffle and a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Mahamood Ibrahim in Y6DW for winning a book. Well done Mahamood.



Due to the success of Byron Wood Academy over the past few years, the Executive Board of Astrea Academy Trust have asked me to take up the post of Executive Principal for the Sheffield hub schools. This is effective as of 1st September 2017.

I have accepted the post and am very pleased to be given this opportunity. This will not affect my post of Principal at Byron Wood as I will continue to be completely committed to the children of this school and the wider community.

ATTENDANCE TROPHY

Below are the statistics for Attendance and lateness week ending 08/09/17

Class	Attendance%	No. of Lates
F2SS	95.2%	2
F2GP	86.3%	1
Y1RM	90.4%	4
Y1RW	96.3%	4
Y2ER	94.8%	3
Y2BW	93.1%	0
Y3BB	92.5%	0
Y3LH	93.1%	1
Y4SF	89.9%	2
Y4RE	91.7%	4
Y5RS	88.1%	0
Y5AM	96.4%	0
Y6DW	94.6%	1
Y6SF	95.8%	0

Uniforms

Just a quick reminder that you need to buy your child's uniform from Tesco—www.tesco.com/ues. Ready for the new academic year. This consists of :-

- ◆ Navy jumpers with the new school logo
- ◆ White shirt and ties for KS2 pupils (Y3/4/5/6)
- ◆ White polo shirts for FS2 and KS1 pupils (Y1/2)
- ◆ Trousers / skirts / pinafores/ Shalwa Kameez—grey only
- ◆ Hijab in grey / blue / white (plain only)
- ◆ Plain Black shoes (no trainers)

If your child is in Y3, please don't forget to purchase a tie from the school office. The price is £3.70. Book bags can also be purchased from the school office.



Please note the following curriculum days

- ◆ June 2018 (date to be confirmed)
- ◆ 23rd July 2018 (closed to pupils)
- ◆ 24th July 2018 (closed to pupils)