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Newsletter

March 2024



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Spring 2



- This is the fourth of our newsletters for the year. There will be a newsletter each half term.
- All of our past newsletters are available on the website.
- In between the newsletters, information will be shared by email, through the app, and on the noticeboards by the entrances to the school.



Dates for the Diary

- 28th March – Last day of term
- 15th April – Back to school
- 6th May – School closed for Bank Holiday
- 8th May – Y3 visit to Creswell Crags
- 23rd May – Last day of term
- 3rd June – Back to school



End of year – Sheffield Topic!

For the last week of the year, all children will spend their lessons with their next teacher.

For the whole week, they will learn about different parts of Sheffield's history, including about different Sheffield artists, so that all children learn about the community they live in.

This will be a chance for all children to get to know their teachers before the summer holiday, as well as spending time on one of our favourite topics.

Please make sure that any holidays are not booked until after 23rd July.



Parents' coffee mornings

We continue to have a series of coffee mornings in which we will share a variety of information with parents.

This term we will have 2 Parental Focus meetings, where the topic will be chosen by parents. If you have any ideas for these meetings, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/dnZkXTf4w0>

- Monday 22nd April – Y6 SATs information
- Monday 29th April – Parental Focus
- Monday 20th May – Local Community



These will be in the Main Hall 8.30-9.30. All parents are welcome.

Astrea Choral Concert



This term our school choir performed at the first ever Astrea Choral Concert at Astrea Academy Sheffield secondary school.

They performed a set of songs with all the other choirs, and then performed a song of their own – Poor Wayfaring Stranger. A video of this performance can be found on our website – astreabyronwood.org/astrea-choir-concert-2024

Well done to all our performers!

Educational Visits

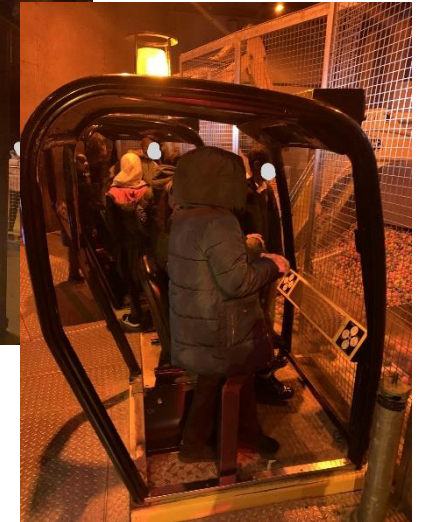
Our children have been on a number of visits this half term. Here are just a couple of highlights:



Year 3 –
Weston Park Museum,
Anglo-Saxon workshop



Year 5 –
Magna Science Centre





Easter RE Day

This half term, we have been learning all about the importance of Easter in Christianity. We would like to share some of the children's work with you. If you are celebrating Easter during the holidays, we hope that you enjoy the festival.



Y1

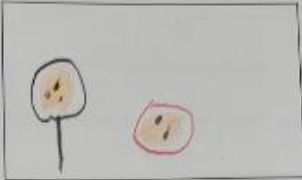
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Explain how long Lent lasts and why	✓

Shrove Tuesday is before Easter.

People make pancake on Shrove Tuesday.



After Shrove Tuesday is Easter.

During Lent, Christians fast so they can spend more time praying.



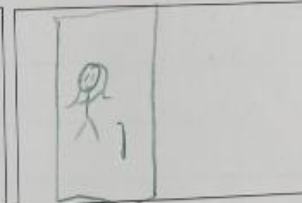
Lent lasts for 40 days.

This is because Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days before he started his work.

He did this so he could be alone.



When I want to be alone, I go to my closet.



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Jesus died for people because he loved them.
He took the punishment so Christians can all go to heaven after they die.

I would give money to people that are poor for my mum because she takes care of me when I am ill and she gives me money to go and buy a toy.

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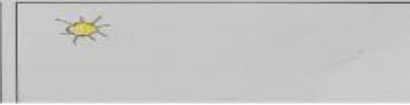
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'I like it when we do RE. I find it interesting to find out about other religions.'


Y2

Monday 4th March 2024
L.O. To know what a church might look like from the inside and outside.


Success Criteria	P
I know that Christians worship in a church.	/
I can identify some of the features of a church.	/
I can explain what each of the features are for.	/


 This is a ^{alter} ~~Altar~~.
It's for Jesus's last Supper.
It has a Cross on it.


 This is Stained glass windows. These shows stories of the Bible.

 This is a ~~it~~ ^{it} holds the



 This is a font, it is to baptise babies and kids.

 This is a organ. It is used for singing.

 This is to remember Jesus last Supper.



'I liked finding out what a church looked like on the inside'

Y3

Tuesday 19th March 2024

L.O. To know where we see symbols and what they mean to us.

Success Criteria	P	T
I can identify some examples of symbols that we see in our day-to-day lives and what they remind me of.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Some other important symbols in Christianity are:		
<i>Love, joy</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Peace, kindness</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I can match other important symbols to the religion that it represents.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I can design my own symbol to represent something that is important to me.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



The ~~cross~~ reminds Christians about the sacrifice and the swap Jesus made for them. This is a symbol to show what is important to

Success Criteria	P	T
I know that the Christianity is about Jesus, Jesus died on the cross.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I can explain why the cross is an important symbol in Christianity using my own words.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I can explain why eggs are an important symbol in Christianity.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



The cross is an important symbol to Christians because Jesus was sacrificed on it.



Eggs are important symbols at Easter time because it represents new life.



Islam



Hinduism



Sikhism



Christianity

"I learned about Easter and why it is important to Christians, I really liked looking and sorting symbols for different religions. The Easter Card was fun to make. I took mine home and gave it to my mum."



Y4

'Christians
celebrate Easter
to remember
Jesus's death
and rebirth'




reflect on what brings us hope.

Y5


Friday 15th March 2024
To understand the importance of Christian rites of passage

	P	T
I can explain why rites of passage are important in someone's life.		
I can explain and name the rites of passage in the Christian faith.		
I can give details of how Christians mark the milestone changes in their lives.		


Confirmation
This rite is called a confirmation and its a chance to publicly declare their faith in God now that they are older.




Wedding
This is called a wedding and its a ceremony that creates a new family unit with promises before God.



Baptism
This is a baptism and its a symbol to show faith and that you are committed to living as a Christian.



Funeral
This is a funeral and its a chance to celebrate and remember someone's life.



Friday 15th March 2024
To understand how rites of passage mark Christians of their faith at key points of their lives

	P	T
I can understand the reasons behind the Christian rites of passage.		
I can explain different rites of passage for Christians.		

Baptism
The idea of a Baptism is used in the Bible to symbolise your sins being washed away and turning to a new way of life.

Wedding
The idea of a wedding is used in the Bible to describe God's love for his people.

Funeral
The idea of a funeral of death is shown in the Bible to have been conquered through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Friday 15th March 2024
To consider the key points in my own life

	P	T
I can talk about key moments in my life so far and in the future.		
I can reflect on my own rites of passage and why they are important.		
I can think about key events in my future and explain their importance.		

One key moment in my life was my aunty's funeral.
~~My family marked this by~~

Another key moment in my life was my 1st day of school.

One key moment that could happen in the future is me doing my GCSEs.

Another key moment that could happen is me doing my SATS.

Litter

- Unfortunately, we have again received some complaints from local residents about litter in the area. Sadly, they have seen children from our school dropping food wrappers as they are walking home with their parents, and when playing out.
- In assembly, we have reminded the children about the importance of respect for their community and the area where they live.
- Please share the same message with them at home.



Appropriate clothes

As the days begin to get warmer, please make sure your children are appropriately dressed:

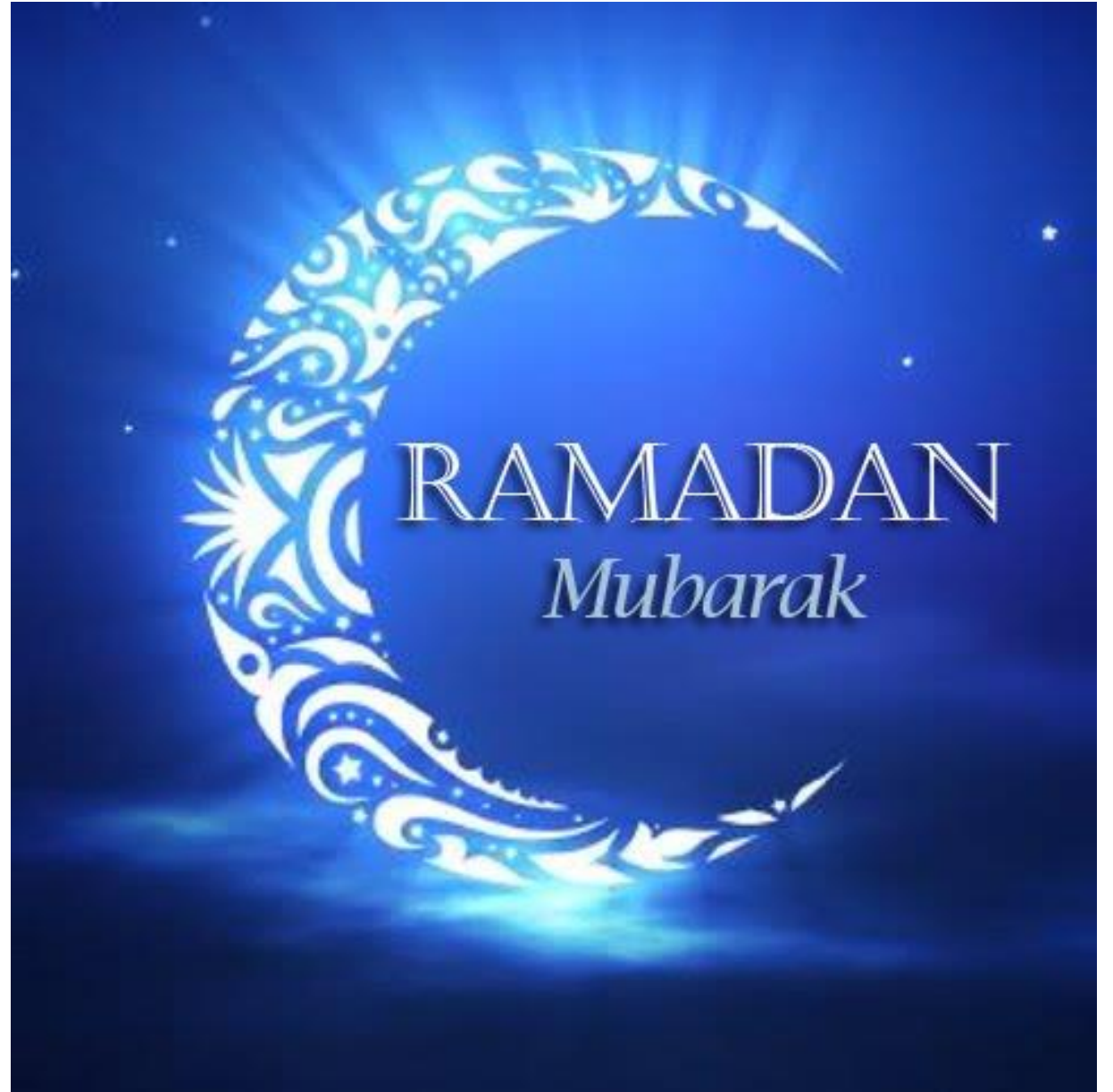
- Check the weather forecast – even a sunny day can change
- Waterproof cagoule
- If it is raining – waterproof boots/shoes
(children can change their shoes at school)



In Spring, children often take coats and jumpers off when they get warm. Please make sure **every** item has the child's name in.

Eid Mubarak

If you are celebrating Eid al Fitr during the holidays, all the staff at Byron Wood wish you a peaceful end to Ramadan and hope you enjoy the festival.



School day



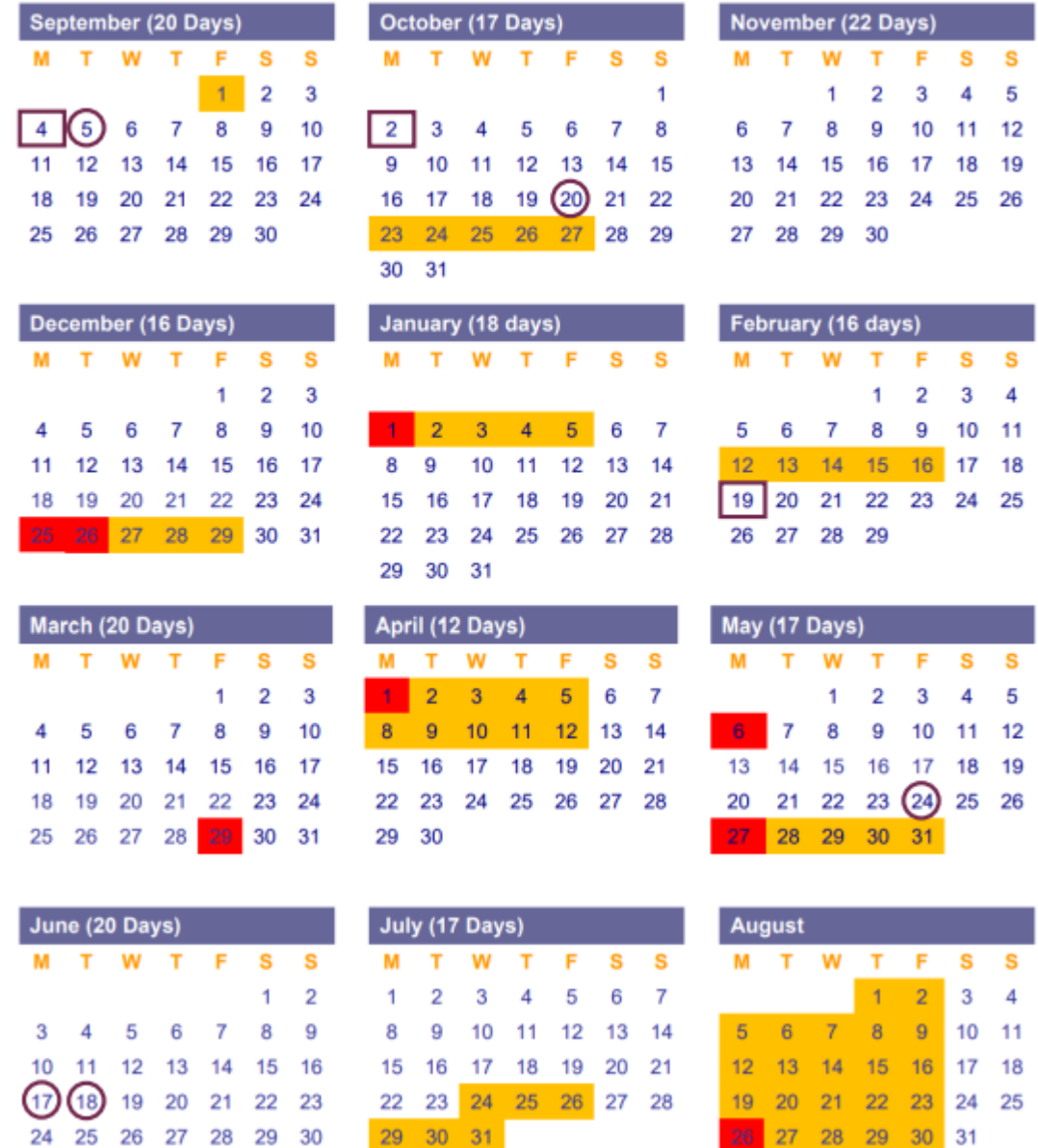
- 8.20am - Gates open (Breakfast club from 8am – 8.20am)
- 8.30am – Children will be greeted by staff and taken into school
- 8.45am – Gates close and children will need to enter by the office
(Please ensure that your child/ren are at the correct door before 8.45am)
- 3.15pm – School finishes (afternoon Nursery finishes at 3.10pm)

It is vital that every child is in school on time. They practise their reading skills from the moment they arrive in class, and missing lesson time makes it incredibly difficult for children to catch up.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR
For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

School term dates

- These are the dates for this school year 2023-24.
- Please arrange appointments and holidays for days when the school is closed.



School uniform



White shirt



White T-Shirt



Navy blue cardigan or jumper (with or without school logo)



Grey trousers



Grey skirt



Grey dress



Grey leggings or tights (under skirt/dress)



Black school shoes



Long sleeved vest
If required



Plain navy, grey or
white head scarf

PE Uniform



Navy or Black Jogging suit



White round neck T-Shirt



Black or navy shorts



Plain black trainers



NO trainer boots

PE days

- Y1 – Mondays and Wednesdays
- Y2 – Wednesdays and Fridays
- Y3 – Thursdays and Fridays (swimming)
- Y4 – Tuesdays and Fridays
- Y5 – Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Y6 – Mondays and Thursdays



Contact

You can contact school in the following ways:

- Phone – 0114 272 3624
- Email – enquires@astreabyronwood.org
- Astrea App
- Don't forget to follow us on twitter @BWA_Sheffield

Have a wonderful holiday!