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Newsletter

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- Our half termly newsletters are one of the ways that we share information with parents, so please do take the time to read them.
- 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.



Snow and ice

- Thank you everyone for helping us with the arrangements that we have put in place at the beginning of term to cope with the extreme ice situation.
- We will always send emergency information out as text messages, emails and using the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app, so it is very important that you make sure the office has your up-to-date details.



Winter clothes



As we are now into the coldest months, please make sure that children have appropriate clothing:

- A warm, waterproof coat
- Hat, gloves, scarf
- If it is raining – waterproof boots/shoes
(children can change their shoes at school)



Please remember to put your child's name on any item of clothing they bring to school in case they leave it somewhere.

New Behaviour System



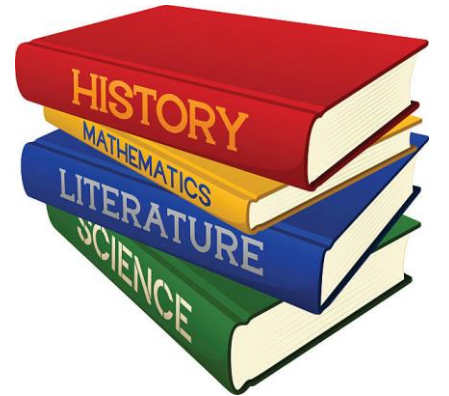
- From Monday 13th January we will be trialling a new method of informing parents about their children's behaviour during the school day, both the positive and the negative.
- We will be sending information about this home on Monday, as well as explaining it to the children.
- To stay informed, it is vital that you are using the MCAS app (MyChildAtSchool).
- If you have found difficulties setting this up, we will be running a drop-in session as our first **Coffee Morning on Thursday 16th January 8.30-9.30am.**

Parents' coffee mornings – Main Hall 8.30-9.30

This term our coffee mornings will be a chance to look at your child's work with your child.

After parents arrive, we will ask their children to come to the hall with their books. This is a chance for you to see the work that your children are doing, with the teachers available to talk to.

- Thursday 23rd January 2025 –Y3 (including information about swimming)
- Thursday 30th January 2025 – Y4
- Thursday 6th February 2025 – Y1 & Phonics
- Thursday 13th February 2025 – Y2 & Phonics
- Thursday 27th February 2025 – Y5
- Thursday 6th March 2025 – Y6



Dates for the Diary

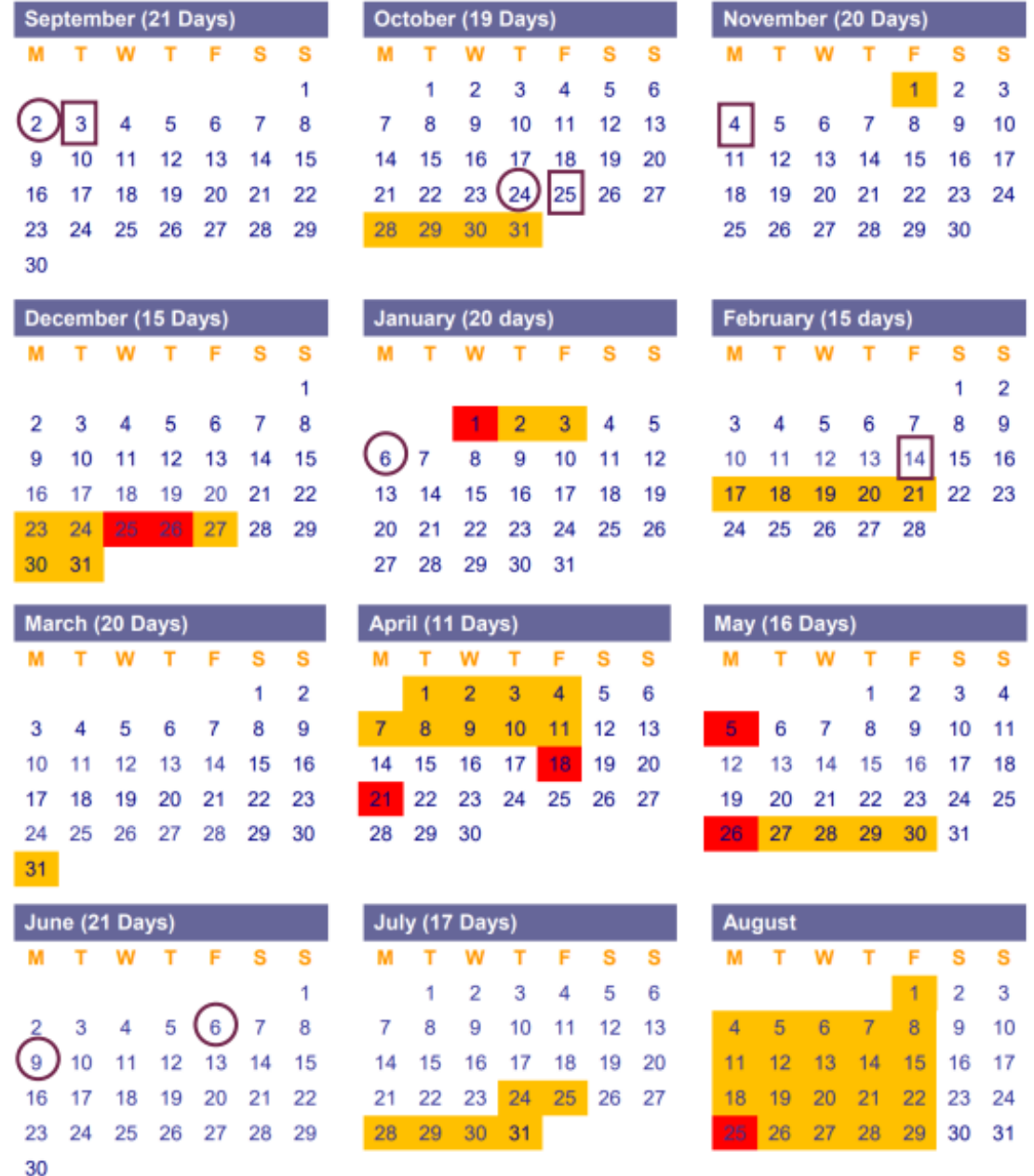
- Y3 visit to Weston Park Museum – Tuesday 11th February
- Parents Consultation Evenings:
 - Tuesday 11th February
 - Wednesday 12th February
- Choir to Young Voices concert – Thursday 13th February
- Last day of term – Thursday 13th February
- First day back – Monday 25th February



School term dates

- These are the dates for this school year 2024-2025.
- Please arrange appointments and holidays for days when the school is closed.

	Denotes Bank Holidays		School closed for staff training day
	Denotes School Holidays		School closed for Academy Trust staff training day



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 uniform

- All children must wear school uniform every day.
- If they are not in uniform, we will phone home to ask that it is brought in, or they will be asked to wear some of the items that we have in school.
- If they continue to not wear uniform, parents will be asked to come into school for a meeting.
- Jewellery is not allowed in school. Earrings must only be small studs. Children will be asked to remove any other jewellery and parents will be asked to collect it from the office at the end of the day.
- The following pages show what should be worn as school uniform:

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 days

- Y1 – Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Y2 – Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Y3 – Tuesdays and Fridays (swimming from 7th February)
- Y4 – Mondays and Fridays (swimming until end January)
- Y5 – Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Y6 – Mondays and Wednesdays



On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE clothes. Earrings should not be worn on PE days.

PE Uniform



Navy or Black Jogging suit



White round neck T-Shirt



Black or navy shorts



Plain black trainers



NO trainer boots

No earrings
should be
worn to
school on a
PE day.

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