

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk. The school building is a large, multi-story brick structure with a prominent red-tiled roof and a central tower with a green cupola. It is surrounded by a residential neighborhood with many houses, some with solar panels on their roofs. In the foreground, there are green fields and trees. The sky is clear and blue.

Headteacher's Newsletter 1
2021-22



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10th September 2021

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

What a fantastic opening week. Children and adults have worked tremendously hard to have a wonderful start to the school year.

I'm pleased to report that we've well and truly started as we mean to go on. Lessons have been super productive and play opportunities have been enjoyed by all. Our new Robins and Hatchlings have all had very, very positive first days. I feel very proud of the school community.

Thanks so much to you all for your cooperation and positivity for our new start and end of day routines – we're off to a great start.

We will be focussed on our CAW Quality of Resilience this month, with so many of us persevering through 'firsts' and getting back in to school routines. Everyone has done themselves proud and I look forward to giving out certificates for Resilience on Monday morning!

Autumn Term: Hot Weather in September

Please make sure your children bring their named water bottle to and from school each day. We must remind you, we struggle to provide children with cups as these cannot be shared and are ecologically and economically a worse option than each child having their own clean bottle. **Please help us to keep your children hydrated by sending them to school with a named bottle every day.**

You might choose to still put sun cream on your child before school in the mornings. You can send a named bottle of sun cream in to school with your child for them to keep in their bag but please remember that we can not apply this sun cream and children will have to manage the responsibility for their own cream. We will, of course, do our best to support them with this.

Children may bring caps/hats to school for play times when it is hot and sunny – you must ensure that these are named if we are going to be able to support you in retrieving any lost property.

Year 6 Parents

Application deadline for starting secondary school in September 2022

The closing date for applications to transfer to secondary school in September 2022 is **31st October 2021**.

Guidance on the application process is available on the council website [School application guides](#)

Online applications are open on the council website. [Apply for a school place](#)

Email offers in response to online applications will be made after noon on 1st March 2022.

No decisions will be given by telephone.

Jeans for Genes is a charity close to the heart of many Whitehawk families. We are keen to wear denim to raise money for children with life altering genetic disorders. We thank for you for a voluntary donation **next Friday**. You are invited to wear jeans and your own clothes to school next Friday. Please ensure that your outfit and footwear are appropriate for school.

20,000

We all have 20,000 genes. Just one fault on one of them can cause a genetic disorder.

6,000

There are over 6,000 genetic disorders – and more are being identified every year.

30,000

This year 30,000 children in the UK will be diagnosed with a genetic disorder.

**THE MORE YOU
RAISE WEARING
THESE**



**THE MORE
LIVES WE CAN
TRANSFORM**



THANK YOU!

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CHILDREN IN THE UK
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A LIFE-ALTERING
GENETIC DISORDER**

THAT'S 1 IN 25 →



**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES**



We are holding our Jeans for Genes Day on:

Friday 17th September

After School Clubs Autumn Term 2021

w/c Mon 13th September to Fri 22nd October (6 wks) then w/c Mon 1st November – Fri 10th December (6 wks)

B R E A K F A S T C L U B 08.00 to 08.30am Every day In the School Canteen FREE	MON	CRICKET - South Playground Years 4-6 Sussex Cricket Club 3.10 - 4.05pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Main gate</i>	GYMNASTICS Gym Years 1 - 3 STAR GYMNASTICS 3.10 - 4.05pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Canteen gate</i>		BENCH BALL Hall Years 4-6 Miss Briggs & Mrs Baker 3.10 - 4.10pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Main gate</i>
	TUES	STREET DANCE Gym Years 4, 5 and 6 JULES 3.10 - 4.05pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Main gate</i>			
	WEDS	BASKETBALL Gym Years 5 and 6 Mr McAdam 3.10 – 4.10pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Canteen gate</i>	FOOTBALL Years 1, 2 and 3 Russell Martin Foundation 3.10 – 4.05pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Main gate</i>		PERFORMING ARTS Years 1 - 4 Miss Cuthill 3.10 – 4pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Main gate</i>
	THURS	FOOTBALL Gym Years 4, 5 and 6 Mr Chick 3.05 – 4.10pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Canteen gate</i>	QUIET ART Years 1, 2 and 3 Mrs Woodward 3.10 – 4.10pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Main gate</i>	ITALIAN Herons Years 4, 5 and 6 Miss Scozzafava 3.10 – 4.05pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Main gate</i>	BODY PERCUSSION Music Room Years 1, 2 and 3 Mrs Elliott 3.10 – 4.05pm FREE <i>Dismiss at Canteen gate</i>
	FRI	RUNNING CLUB <i>Come in via Canteen Gate with breakfast club</i> Years 4, 5 and 6 Mr Chick & Mr Herbert 8.00-8.30am FREE		SAMA KARATE Hall All Years 3.10-4.10pm <i>Sama Karate are an independent organisation Membership forms are available from the school office</i> £5 per week paid directly to the coach <i>Dismiss at Main gate</i>	

Reading Records at CAW

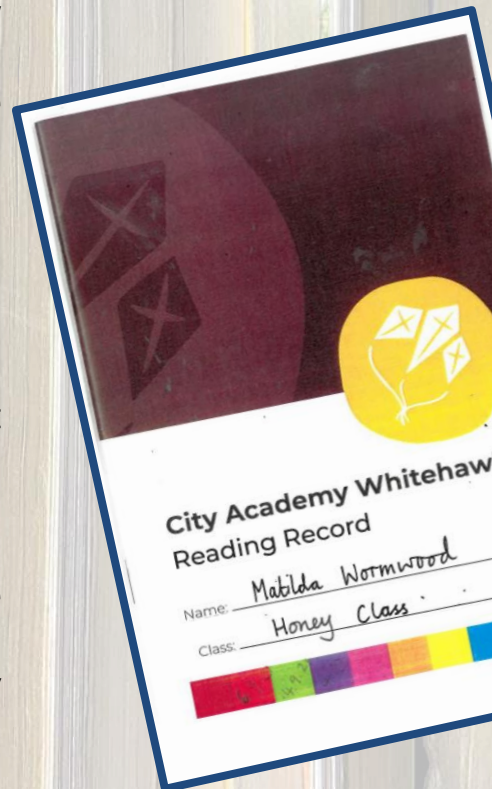
One huge learning point for us as a school during our closures last year was how keen many families are to support their children with their learning. This is most important in reading! Practice really does make perfect and once you've mastered it, there is so much to explore and enjoy.

All school subjects are equally important but we know it to be true that Reading is the first amongst those equals. Children who read well and read for pleasure go on to be significantly more successful.

You will have received a letter from Miss. Scozzafava earlier this week about our new Reading Records. This is a brand new whole-school venture for us at CAW, promoting the amazing reading so many of you do at home; hopefully this will enable and encourage you to do it even more often and earn some amazing reading prizes whilst doing so. See the next page to learn about our raffle.

We have an amazingly well stocked library here at school and fantastic Read Write Inc. books to support your child in learning to read. Your child should be bringing books their book to and from school daily – please encourage them to practise at home and celebrate their progress. A book bag or back pack is a great way to help your child stay organised with this.

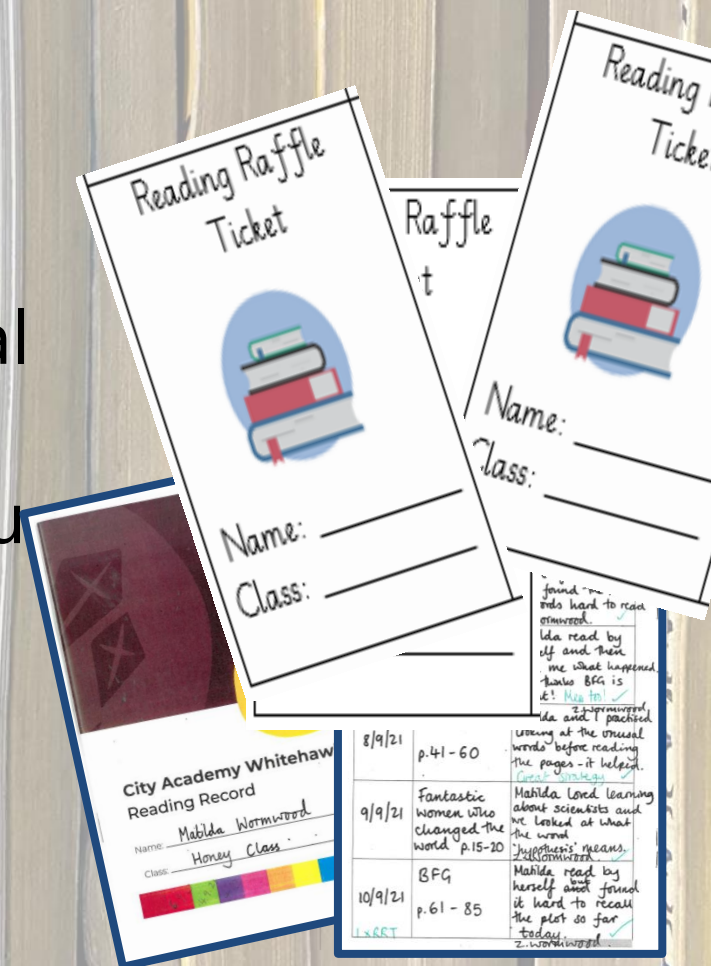
I look forward to seeing the children's reading records in the mornings as I visit each classroom.



READING LOG		
Date	Name of book and page number	Comments and signature
6/9/21	BFG p1 - 22	Matilda loved the start of this book but found the made up words hard to read. Z. Wormwood ✓
7/9/21	BFG p.23 - 40	Matilda read by herself and then told me what happened. She thinks BFG is Z.h. great! Mee too! ✓
8/9/21	BFG p.41 - 60	Matilda and I practised looking at the unusual words before reading the pages - it helped. Great strategy ✓
9/9/21	Fantastic women who changed the world p.15-20	Matilda loved learning about scientists and we looked at what the word 'hypothesis' means. Z. Wormwood ✓
10/9/21	BFG p.61 - 85	Matilda read by herself and found it hard to recall the plot so far today. ✓ Z. Wormwood

How does the Reading Raffle work?

- For every 5 dates of reading (typically 1 page) you will earn a reading raffle ticket, ideally this would be 5 reads in a week.
- Your teacher will give you a special Reading Raffle Ticket
- You get to choose which book you would like the chance to win!
- In the penultimate week of term, I will draw the tickets and each winner will receive their books in assembly!



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A reminder: Breakfast Club

We are proud to announce that all children from Year 1 to Year 6 are eligible to come to school early for a free breakfast. Reception children are invited to join us from Monday 20th September and thereafter.

The Canteen Gate will be opened promptly at 08:00 and closed at 08:10 to admit children for breakfast.

Children are offered a wonderful range of breakfast foods and play opportunities. Our Breakfast Club team escort the children to class for 08:30.



Supporting Us in Keeping Children Safe

It's a real milestone, welcoming families back on to the playground at the end of the day. It's been lovely to see you all. It does come with some risk, however, that we would appreciate your support in keeping children safe.

- Please stay on the top half of each playground.
- Please ensure that we know your children's carers who have permission to collect.
- Please do not collect children on behalf of other parents unless it has been formally organised with the school.
- Please wait for the school adult to dismiss your child.
- Do not smoke or vape on the premises.

I have included a reminder for our drop off and collection time on the next few pages. See you on the gate on Monday morning!

School Drop Off and Collection Hatchlings (Nursery) 2021/22

- Paddock Entrance will open to Hatchlings at 08:40 and close at 08:50
- Families who arrive at school after 08:50 will need to 'buzz' their gate to be welcomed by a member of staff and will be marked as late.
- Siblings in Years 1 – 6 can be dropped off at either the Canteen Gate or the Main Gate from 8:30 – 8:45



School Drop Off and Collection

Robins (Reception) 2021/22

- Orchard Gate (see map below) will open to Robins at 08:30 and close at 08:45 (please note that Robins will be welcomed from 08:30 but siblings in Hatchlings can also use this entrance but will be welcomed from 08:40 – 8:45)
- Families who arrive at school after 08:45 will need to 'buzz' their gate to be welcomed by a member of staff and will be marked as late.
- Siblings in Years 1 – 6 can be dropped off at the Main Gate or the Canteen Gate from 8:30 – 8:45



Year 1 – 6 Drop Off 2021-22

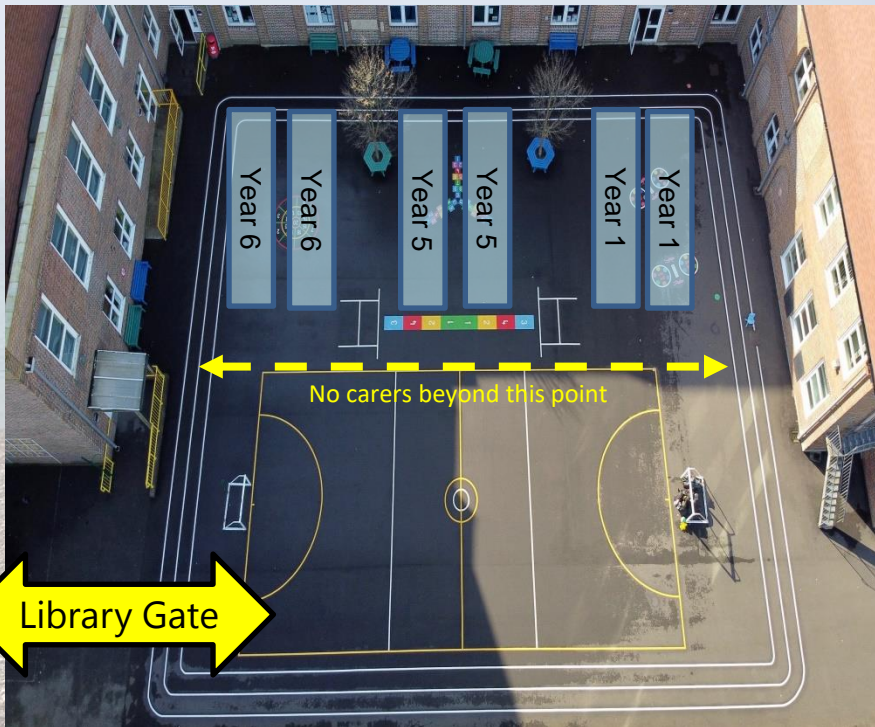
The 'main' school gate and 'canteen' school gates will open at 08:30 to admit children to school. The gate will close at 08:45. Families who arrive after this time will need to 'buzz' to be admitted and will receive a late mark.



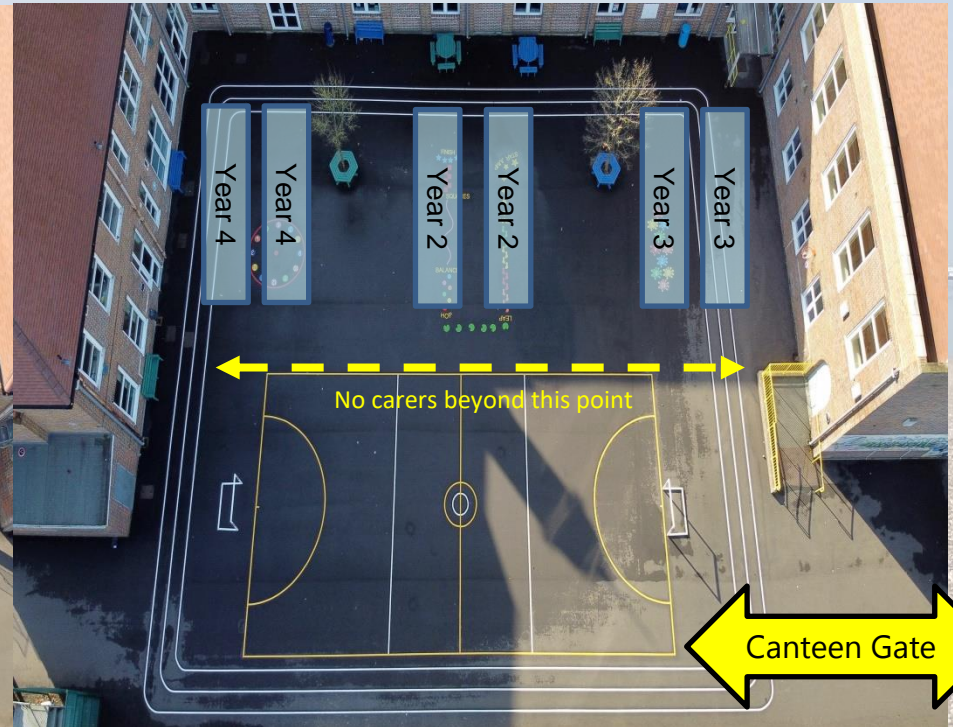
Year 1- 6 Home Time 2021/22

- The library exit and canteen exit will be unlocked at 15:10
- Children will be waiting with their teacher to be collected from their carer/nominated adult
- Lost Property will be available on the North Playground – parents are not permitted to enter the building to look for lost items
- Carers will not be admitted to the school building from the playground at all (this enables us to keep all children who need to be in the building safe)

South Playground



North Playground



School Meals and Payments

Please don't forget that Year 2s moving to Year 3 are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals. Please make sure that you have activated your ParentPay account if you haven't already.

You may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please don't hesitate to contact the FSM team who are really friendly and helpful; they're available to support you on 01273 293497 or at this [web address](#).



School Dinners Week 2

City Academy Whitehawk Week 2

Weekly menu



Monday

Chicken Fajitas served with Potato Wedges

Vegetable and Tomato Penne Pasta Bake

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Strawberry Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Ham and Cheese Pasta Carbonara

Chinese Style Five Spice Vegetable Noodles

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Custard

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Chicken & Stuffing served with Fluffy Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Oatie Cookie

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday

Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread

Cheese and Potato Pinwheel

Jackets served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Flapjack

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday

Pork Sausage and Chips

Cheese Pizza and Chips

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Jelly Pots

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Available daily

Freshly Baked Bread

Freshly Prepared Salad

Please read the following letter from Harrison (our superb meal provider) about a change in price for school dinners.

HARRISON CATERING SERVICES

HARRISON
food with thought

City Academy Whitehawk - Tariff Increase Information...

Information for Students/Parents/Guardians/Teachers/Governor's...

Harrison has always been committed to delivering the best value for our customers, enabling our catering teams to deliver best quality food on the plate by choosing suppliers that best suit the site's needs. This framework has always encouraged greater competition between our suppliers on price and service and this is clearly demonstrated when our purchasing is benchmarked.

However, as you will be aware food inflation is currently running at an unprecedented level in recent times and will continue to rise due to several well publicised reasons such as Brexit, COVID19 pandemic, currency exchange rate, political movements, food shortages and the increase in the living wage. We have been able to do this by working with our suppliers in 3 ways

We have sought to minimise the price increase on healthier products to encourage uptake of these. The main meal deal price however will now increase to Main Meal Deal at £2.25.

As a company, we will always look to introduce promotional offers that will both encourage student uptake and provide value for money. In the event that we find our supply costs reducing, then we would incorporate this in to the offer to add value and quality whenever possible.

We will also be continuing to develop the food offer at City Academy Whitehawk, with new ideas and initiatives over the coming months that we are confident will encourage more students to use the canteen.

City Academy Whitehawk - How this will affect you and the students at your school.

Our meal price and some of our individual tariff prices have increased. We have not and will not just put everything up – this is not how we do business. We have looked at the overall tariff and our meal price and increased this to ensure that the costs are covered and we have kept to our promises.

About Your Catering Service

The catering service at your school is provided by Harrison Catering Services, an independent, family-owned company founded in 1994. The Harrison proposition is centred around the on-site preparation and cooking of top-quality meals made with fresh ingredients. Over 100 clients across the UK enjoy a Harrison food service, with more than 100,000 meals being served each day by approximately 2,000 staff across more than 270 locations.

We Welcome Your Feedback

Hearing your thoughts on our catering service is an essential part of getting things right and developing the foodservice at your school. Please feel free to speak to our catering manager if you have any comments.

Join the Harrison Family

The great food and service that Harrison provides is only possible because of our talented staff. We aim to create an environment where every team member's efforts and skills are recognised, developed and rewarded, so that we can attract and retain the best people.

If you are interested in joining the Harrison family, please visit our website for the latest job opportunities at www.harrisoncatering.co.uk/job-opportunities.html or contact the human resources department in our Thame Head Office – 01844 216777

School Uniform

The past year and a half was very difficult for many families due to the pandemic, and as a school we understand that families have struggled to purchase new uniform. We have therefore not been enforcing uniform rules as we have done in the past.

We would like all children to return to school in full uniform (please see next page for details). We will be returning to the expectations we had for uniform prior to the pandemic, and ask that all pupils come to school each day with clean, well fitting, named uniform. A permanent marker to the reverse side of the school logo is a great way to ensure that jumpers and cardigans are returned to their rightful owners.

The children will also require a named water-bottle and bag.

If there are any families who are on a low income and would like some support in purchasing new uniform, a local charity called Pelican Parcels has agreed to help. Please complete the Pelican Parcels order form available on our website. The pick/locations for Pelican Parcel deliveries are as follows:

- Whitehawk Foodbank
- CHOMP,
- East Brighton Food Co-operative
- Roundabout Children's Centre

Thanks for your support.

Uniform in September

Please visit [Logo Sports](#) to purchase your uniform or see the next page about Pelican Parcels.

blue polo shirt
with academy
logo

burgundy
sweatshirt or
cardigan with
academy logo

burgundy fleece
with academy
logo

black trousers,
skirts or
pinafore dresses

plain black
shoes (we
recommend
avoiding laces)

plain socks or
tights


In warm
weather, black
school shorts or
blue and white
check school
dresses can be
worn

Additional Information

- Put a memorable key chain on your child's book bag.
- Girls are asked to wear skirts over leggings.
- Please don't send your child in with toys from home in case they are lost or damaged.
- Please consider sending a spare set of clothes for your child's peg if you think your child may need this.
- Please name all of your child's items. We recommend displaying their name in the collar and also writing it on the back of the item's academy logo badge.
- If you would like to buy logo free blue polo shirts please do so. We do lots of messy play in Reception and we can get dirty sometimes. Some children like to keep their logo blue shirts for special occasions such as, school photos/events.
- Please bring a named water bottle to school.
- If eating packed lunches, please name your lunchbox.



Uniform in September



School Uniform Order Form

Family name: _____

Child Age: _____

Child year group (eg Reception, Yr4): _____

School name: _____

Organisation / Collection Point: _____

Requested items:	Size/Age:	Quantity:
white polo shirt		
sky blue polo shirt		
black or grey trousers		
black or grey shorts		
black or grey skirt / pinafore		
blue gingham dress		
red gingham dress		
burgandy jumper		
burgandy cardigan		
red jumper		
red cardigan		
navy jumper		
navy cardigan		
black/blue PE shorts		
black/blue joggers/tracksuit bottoms		
white PE t-shirt		
grey socks		
white socks		
grey tights		
white tights		
black shoes		
PE trainers		

A PE bag / backpack, with some stationary and other items, will be provided for every child's order.

Pelican Parcels is a charity that takes donations of good quality items from families for passing on to another family. Please note that some of the uniform provided will be pre-loved, but in excellent condition. All shoes provided will be new.

Visit our website for more information: pelicanparcels.org.uk

[Click here to access the website for Pelican Parcels](#)

PE Kits

For Autumn 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. We plan to return to getting changed at school after the October half term break. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

YG	Reception	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Day	Mondays	Wednesdays Thursdays	Tuesdays Fridays	Tuesdays Wednesdays	Wednesdays Fridays	Thursdays Fridays	Tuesdays Thursdays

Children can bring a change of clothes for after school clubs. An announcement about clubs will be shared with you via email on Tuesday 7th September. A huge selection on offer, as usual.



City Academy
Whitehawk

Holidays During Term Time

Dear Parents/Carers

With the opening up of some travel abroad and the further lifting of restrictions on stays in the UK we have had advice from the Local Authority regarding holidays during term time. Schools are working extremely hard to ensure that pupils can continue to be in school full time and are able to access their education face to face again; any move by parents to take their children out in term time risks undermining that hard work that schools are doing.

Therefore, we need to make all our families aware that we will not be able to authorise any requests for absence due to holidays during term time, and that if you do take your child out of school for a holiday then you should expect to receive Fixed Penalty Notice fines from Brighton & Hove City Council.

Also - if your child has to leave school for a medical appointment please provide a copy of the appointment confirmation to the school office.

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Storey



A Warning for Families

We have been notified that there is a large party due to be held on the beach this weekend.

Police have notified a local school that the party has been organised by a group connected to child exploitation.

Please speak with older children and secondary aged siblings about personal safety if they are leaving the house unaccompanied or with peers.

2020-2021 Year Planner Dates for your Diary

Our term dates for 21/22 are online: [click here to see them](#).

Monday 6th September: Years 1 – 6 and Hatchlings Start school.

(Reception starters have received personalised letters with details for their start to school.)

Friday 17th September: Jeans for Genes Day (details to follow)

Week beginning 18th October: Parent Engagement Events tbc

Tuesday 19th October: Parent/Carer consultation 15:30 – 19:00

Wednesday 20th October: Parent/Carer consultation 15:30-17:00

Friday 22nd October: End of Autumn Term 1

Monday 1st November: Start of Autumn Term 2

Friday 12th November: INSET Day

Friday 17th December: End of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 5th January: Start of Spring 1

Lastly: A bit of fund raising...

In completely different news, some friends and I will be taking part in the 55 mile London to Brighton bike ride on Sunday 19th September.

We're trying hard to raise money for St George's Hospital Charity.

If you'd like to make a charitable contribution, we'll very, very gratefully receive it [here](#).

I hope this letter has provided you with all the information you need but please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#).

Have a great weekend.

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

