

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk, a large brick school building with a red-tiled roof and a central tower. The school is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses and some solar panels on the roofs. In the foreground, there is a green field with trees and a path. The background shows a green hill under a blue sky.

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8th October 2021

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope this finds you well at the close of our fifth school week this Autumn.

We had a special event this morning! We are one of only 70 schools across the whole country who were selected to be part of the Queen's Green Canopy programme. Children from Year 6 welcomed the Marquess of Abergavenny who presented us with a Chanticleer and led them in planting the beautiful new addition to our orchard. The children did us proud and I'm really grateful to Miss. Bennett, Mrs. Howard and Mr. Hill for their continued support throughout the project. It's looking good! I've included some photos in this letter.

As ever, this letter is the main way for you to learn as much as possible about what's going on here at CAW so I hope you'll read each page.

Don't forget that if you're keen to keep up to date with what your children will be studying this term, you can click [here](#).

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee





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Attendance at City Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

Thanks so much to the vast majority of parents, carers and children for being in school every day on time! We have seen an increase in "late" marks this week which may be related to the terrible weather we have been having. **Please remember that all children need to be in school before 8.45am each day.**

Class Attendance winners

YEAR 1 - 3

Mr Isaacs' Kites Class 95.4%

Year 4 - 6

Miss Scozzafava's Herons Class 98.4%



School Photographs

It's that time of year again! We will have photographers on site to take individual photographs on **Thursday 14th October**. We will not be able to have photographs with non-school based siblings.

As with everyday, please ensure your children are smartly dressed in their uniform. Please do not wear PE kit on this day – you can pack a PE shirt to change in and out of.

Parents of **Hatchlings 1** are invited in for their photographs at 9:00am. Please come to the main entrance for this and we'll be there to welcome you, children will be then taken to be photographed, then brought straight back to you. You are asked to stay on site during this time.

Parent/Carer Consultations



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Friday 8th October 2021

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Autumn Term Parents & Carers Evening: Reception - Year 6

Tuesday 19th October – 3.30pm to 7.00pm & Wednesday 20th October – 3.30pm to 5.00pm

As advertised in my Headteacher Newsletters, we plan to hold parent consultations in the final week of term.

Parent Consultations are an important opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see their learning and discuss with the class teacher how your child is performing, celebrating their achievements and looking at how to prepare for the rest of the term.

We have a short time slot of ten minutes per child. Please indicate your availability on the slip below and return to your child's class teacher.

We would love the opportunity to share your child's achievements with you so we very much hope you'll attend.

Thomas McMorin

Headteacher
City Academy Whitehawk

Autumn Term Parents & Carers Evening

Child's name:

Class:

Carer attending:

Please tick each of the time slots that you would be able to make. We will do our very best to ensure that appointments are given in one of your chosen times. We will confirm appointments as soon as possible.

Tuesday 19 th October 15:30 – 19:00		Wednesday 20 th October 15:30 – 17:00	
3.30pm – 4pm		3.30pm – 4pm	
4pm – 5pm		4pm – 5pm	
5pm – 6pm			
6pm – 7pm			

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Your child will be bringing home this letter today. Please join us to celebrate in your child's achievements and help plan their 'Next Steps' by returning your slip as soon as possible!

Parental Engagement Events

Pre-pandemic, we used to enjoy opening our doors to families so that they could come and see the learning that takes place in our classrooms.

We are pleased to recommence these events from the week beginning 18th October. If you are available to join us in class for 30/45 minutes, we look forward to seeing you at the times below:

Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
Year 5 @ 14:15	Year 6 @ 14:15	Year 3 @ 14:15	Reception @ 09:00 Year 4 @ 14:15	Year 1 @ 09:00 Year 2 @ 14:15

A Reminder: Parent Workshop Invitation from Mrs. Singh

When: Tuesday 12 October

Time: 1.20 - 2.50 pm

Topic: Anxiety

Hosted by: Ellie Quine and colleague, Primary Mental Health Workers, Brighton Inclusion Service.

If you are concerned about the effects of anxiety on your child or even on your own wellbeing, we hope you will find this free workshop at City Academy Whitehawk really helpful. Ellie will deliver a brief presentation about anxiety, it's causes, impact on health, relationships and lifestyle and there will be time to share advice and discuss strategies to help.

Tea/coffee will be provided on arrival

Presentation - 20 minutes

Leaflets and discussions

Time for individual consultations

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide creche facilities during the workshop.

Please call me or the school office to book your place by Friday 8 October. We hope to hold further workshops covering different topics later in 2021 and 2022.

Sally Singh

Welfare Manager

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Parent LAB Member

24 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are currently seeking nominations for a parent volunteer to join our Local Academy Board (LAB). The LAB is responsible for the governance of the school at a local level. This is similar to a governing body in a local authority maintained school but operates slightly differently because we are part of the Aurora Academies Trust.

What is the LAB?

The purpose of the LAB at City Academy Whitehawk (CAW) is to ensure that all children at the school access the best quality educational experiences leading to high levels of achievement and aspiration..

Who is on the LAB?

Our LAB potentially has 10 members:

Chair (appointed by Aurora)

Headteacher (ex officio)

1 staff member(elected by staff)

2 parent members (elected by parents)

Up to 5 community members (appointed by the LAB following an application process)

How many meetings will there be?

We meet 6 times per year either in person or, at the moment, online. Minutes of the meetings are available online. We also visit the school at other times, meet with the children and staff and undertake a range of monitoring activities in agreement with school.

What does a LAB member do?

LAB members contribute to the strategic direction of the school and work closely with senior leaders, both supporting and challenging as appropriate. As a parent LAB member you will be responsible for listening to the school community and being an ambassador for the school locally. It is our job to ensure that the school's senior leadership secure the best possible outcomes for all the children in the school.

What skills does a LAB member need?

You don't need experience of being a LAB member or school governor. We are looking for someone with a passion for the school and the ability to act as a "Critical Friend" to the school's Senior Leadership Team. This means being supportive of the school but also challenging the school where, and when, appropriate.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in nominating yourself for the role of Parent LAB Member please read the [role description](#) and follow [this link](#) to complete a nomination form. Alternatively you may contact the office for a hard copy. The closing date is 8 October 2021. All parents and carers of pupils in the school or nursery are eligible to stand for election.

If you have any questions or want to discuss the role informally please don't hesitate to contact myself or the headteacher.

Yours sincerely

Janis Taylor

LAB Chair

A Reminder: 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](#)

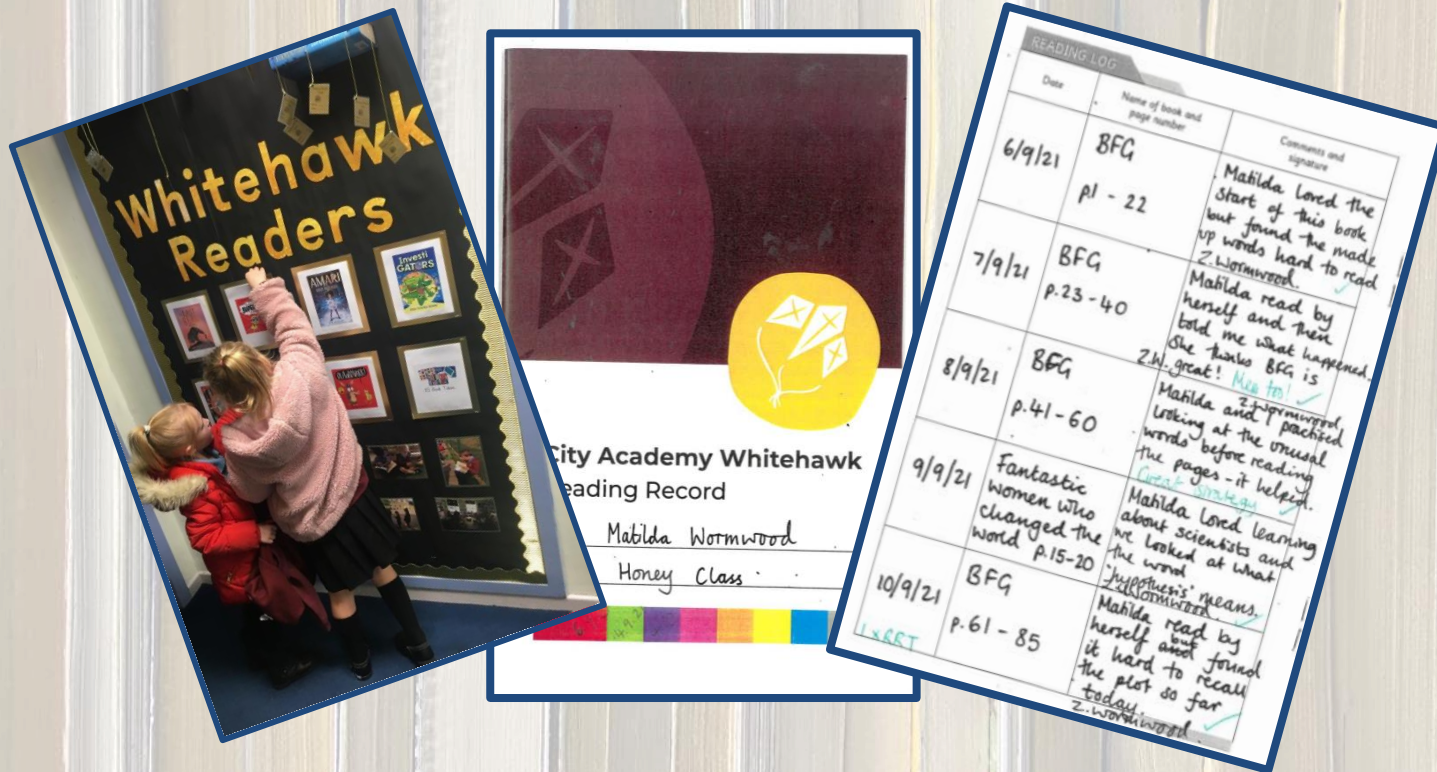
Email offers in response to online applications will be made after noon on 1st March 2022.

No decisions will be given by telephone.

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.



We have an amazingly well stocked library here at school and fantastic Read Write Inc. books to support your child in learning to read. Please support your child by reading nightly and writing about this in their reading record; this will develop their ability as readers and help them earn more and more raffle tickets

CAW Fluency Badge

Please can you join us in helping your children to learn their number bonds to ten (eg. $4 + 6 = 10$) and start to learn all single digit addition facts (eg. $5 + 7 = 12$). Knowing these facts helps children to be much more successful in all other areas of maths.

Children sit a national times tables assessment at the end of Year 4, by which time they should know all of their times tables facts. Please study these at home – we'll be teaching them at school too. I look forward to organising maths workshops for parents when restrictions are lifted. **Children in Key Stage 2 can be tested by Mr. McAdam to win their Fluency Badge!**



CAW Addition Facts

Our aim is for children to be able to recall all single digit addition facts as quickly as they can tell you their name.
They should also be able to recall their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

+	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

CAW Multiplication Facts

By the end of Year 4 your child is expected to know their times tables.
These multiplication facts should be hardwired just like the addition facts.

x	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Bottles and 'Bits'

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.**

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.

Please ensure that children bring a named jumper and coat (preferably with a hood) to school with them.

School Meals and Payments

Please don't forget that Year 2s moving to Year 3 are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals. With the upcoming changes to Universal Credit, it is important that we notify you of your entitlements and can support you in providing for the children during their time at school.

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](#).

Please make sure that you have activated your ParentPay account if you haven't already.

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 12th October: Parent Workshop

Thursday 14th October: Individual Photographs

Week beginning 18th October: Parent Engagement Events (see page above)

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

I look forward to seeing you on the gates on Monday morning and seeing everybody's parent evening reply slip! With two weeks to go until the end of term, we have an awful lot to be proud of so I also look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible at our Parental Engagement events too.

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

