

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 green spaces. The text 'City Academy Whitehawk' is overlaid at the top in a large, red, serif font with a white outline.

Headteacher's Newsletter 6
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19th November 2021

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope this finds you well after a great week.

We've had an amazing fortnight in school, rounding off with this week's 'Anti Bullying' focus of 'One Kind Word'. We also took 31 super fit, enthusiastic long distance runners to the Brighton and Hove cross country event on Wednesday. One of our runners finished in the TOP TWENTY (woo hoo!!!) out of well over two hundred and has qualified for the next stage of the competition. All of our runners did us proud and certainly earned a rest this weekend!

Please read each page of the newsletter to make sure you're ahead of everything going on at school!

Coronavirus Symptoms

The number of positive coronavirus cases in local schools is rising rapidly again. Please can I remind you to work closely with us when suspected symptoms develop or when you get a test result. We must limit our contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms do not attend school without a negative PCR result.

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (a thermometer reading of 37.8 degrees or above)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you or anyone in your household is demonstrating symptoms you should isolate until you get your PCR result. Let us know as soon as possible by phoning the school on 01273681377. If you need to call out of school hours, please leave a message – we will hear it first thing in the morning.

Black History Month Learning

Over the last few school weeks children have been learning about Black History Month, why it exists and about the lives of influential people of colour. This finished with a learning event where children visited a different class to learn about a significant black person who has changed the course of history. We are very proud of our inclusive ethos here at CAW and the children took part in some invaluable learning about equality and its importance. The Kites and Kestrels wowed us in assembly this week with their Rosa Parks presentation.



Please click [here](#) for an update about what your children are up to this term!



Nursery
Hatchlings



Year Three
Kites
Kestrels



Reception
Robins



Year Four
Jackdawes
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Hérons



Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons

CAW Reading Raffle!

Please make sure you're promoting a love of reading and supporting your child by supporting them to read the book they're bringing home each day. Remember, to be in with a chance of winning one of these beautiful books in this term's raffle, we'd love to see your Reading Records in action! Well done to everyone who is working so hard to read at home!



Christmas Events

If you're available, we look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Parental Engagement events at the following times in Week 7 of this term!

Monday 13 th Dec	Tuesday 14 th Dec	Wednesday 15 th	Thursday 16 th Dec	Friday 17 th Dec
	09:15: Year 6	09:15: Year 3	09:15: Year 1	
13:45: Hatchlings and Robins	14:00: Year 2	14:00: Year 4	14:00: Year 5	

Celebrate Christmas

**Wednesday 15th December
2021**

**Traditional Roast Turkey and Pig in
Blanket**

or

Quorn Roast

Both served with Crispy Roast Potatoes,
Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy

Brussels Sprouts, Carrots and Garden Peas

Desert

Festive Christmas Cookie

**Merry Christmas from your Catering
Team**

HARRISON
food with thought



A vertical stack of approximately 12 books of various thicknesses and colors (mostly light beige and cream) is positioned on the left side of the image. The books are slightly out of focus, creating a soft background for the text.

Book Amnesty

Supporting our children to read remains a key priority and we need all of our resources here at school in order to achieve this. We are holding an amnesty next week – this is your chance to drop off all of the books you might have at home.

We have hundreds of pounds worth of Read Write Inc materials currently missing. We will be ver grateful for their return.

On your way back in to school on Monday morning, there will be a box at each gate for you to drop off any of the schools reading resources. We will be incredibly grateful for your speedy support with this.

Spread the word for CAW!

We had a fantastic Open Evening on the 11th.

I offer personal tours for small groups of parents who would like to come and see our amazing learning environment. Please spread the word with families whose children start Reception next September.



WELCOME TO

CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK

'Highest Expectations for All'

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2022?



I'd like to offer a warm welcome to all prospective parents.

Here at City Academy Whitehawk we are immensely proud of our school community. We would love for you to join our 'Outstanding' Reception classes in September 2022. We believe passionately in every child's potential; we support, nurture and challenge all children so that they flourish and become the very best that they can be. We strive to provide exceptional learning opportunities so that every child develops the self-belief, skills and knowledge that they need to live a successful, fulfilling life.



Thomas McMorris, Headteacher

Why come and see us?

- Ofsted rated us as a 'Good' school in November 2018 with an 'Outstanding' Early Years Provision. Ofsted said that our 'appreciation of the needs of children in this age group has enabled them to provide good quality resources, both indoors and in the well-equipped outdoor area.'
- Our highly skilled Reception team is committed to providing exciting learning experiences of the highest quality.
- We are incredibly well resourced. We have superb facilities for children to enjoy their learning.
- We have a high ratio of adults to children in Reception to enable children to have the best possible start to school.
- All children are invited to attend a free Breakfast Club from 8am every day.
- Our whole school assessment results have increased significantly in recent years. Ofsted noted 'Pupils who left Year 6 made better progress than others nationally'.
- Children benefit from high quality and comprehensive Speech & Language provision.
- We have high expectations for behaviour in Reception and the school. Our children look smart, are polite and behave well.

“ The Foundation Village here at City Academy Whitehawk has an effective learning environment which encourages a wealth of learning opportunities. We build foundations for children to thrive in education by promoting social interactions encouraging thinking, conversation, open-ended outcomes, developing imagination and creativity.

Sam Attwater,
Director of Early Years,
Aurora Academies Trust



“ Children make a very strong start to school life in the Reception classes. Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the start to school life their children make.

Ofsted 2018



We are delighted to invite you to our

OPEN EVENING on 11th November at 6pm

Please call **01273 681377** or email cawadmin@auroraacademies.org for more information.

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RESILIENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

Teacher's Comments

Keep an eye out for Resilience certificates next week! We focused on the CAW Quality RESPECT last week and had a thoughtful week celebrating Remembrance.



Staying Healthy

Flu Vaccination

The Immunisation Service are coming into school 22nd November to offer your child the Flu vaccination.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, please do not send them to school until 48 hours after their last bout.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your children bring a 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.**

School Nurse Visit

Our School Nurse, Claire Wilson will be holding a drop-in session for parents/carers in school on Tuesday 30 November from 8.30. Please meet Claire via the school office.

CAW Fluency Badge

Mr. McAdam has a rapidly growing number of children earning their number fact FLUENCY BADGE. Well done guys.

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

Read Write Inc. at CAW

I hope all families from Reception to Year 2 have seen and read Mr. Faers' RWI Virtual Classroom email this week. Please check your inbox if you have not – it's amazing for supporting you to help your child's reading at home. Please don't hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions about this. I thought it important to repeat what Mr. Faers said, here in our newsletter, and share our ambitions with you all:

Reception

Autumn term			Spring term		Summer term							
Speed Sounds A	Speed Sounds B	Speed Sounds C	Ditty	Red	Green	Purple	Pink	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Grey	Rainbow

Year 1

			Autumn term			Spring term		Summer term				
Speed Sounds A	Speed Sounds B	Speed Sounds C	Ditty	Red	Green	Purple	Pink	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Grey	Rainbow

Year 2

									Autumn term		Spring term	Summer term
Speed Sounds A	Speed Sounds B	Speed Sounds C	Ditty	Red	Green	Purple	Pink	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Grey	Rainbow

Head Lice

There have been a number of Head lice cases throughout the school. Please check all family members carefully. The following method is recommended:

- Wash hair using ordinary shampoo then use a wide toothed comb to straighten and detangle. It is easier to do this with wet hair using hair conditioner.
- Once comb moves freely through the hair, without dragging, switch to a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb go into the hair at the roots and draw down to the ends of the hair with every stroke until you combed the whole head.

PLAYERS WANTED

U11 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM



Hollingbury Hawks Football Club are looking to recruit new players to join our established U11s girls football team. Year 5&6, season 2021/22.



Fun, friendly training sessions



Sunday league matches



Qualified FA coaches



3G football pitches



Two training sessions per week

Should you wish to provide your child with the opportunity to enjoy the world of competitive football in a safe and friendly environment then please do not hesitate to contact the Hawks

Club Secretary – Anton Robilliard – hhyfc.secretary@outlook.com - Tel: 07741201874

LEARN, DEVELOP & PLAY FOOTBALL

Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 22nd October: End of Autumn Term 1

Monday 1st November: Start of Autumn Term 2

Friday 12th November: INSET Day

Friday 19th November: Children in Need

Tuesday 30th November: School Nurse Drop In Session

Week Beginning 13th December: Winter Performances (see slide)

Wednesday 15th December: School Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December: Christmas Jumper Day and End of Autumn 2

Friday 17th December: School closes at 13:00

Wednesday 5th January: Start of Spring 1

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

Thank you very much for all of your donations to Children in Need today. I hope you have a wonderful weekend together.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

