

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk. The school is a large, multi-story brick building with a long, low profile and many windows. In front of the main building is a circular structure with a red-tiled roof, possibly a sports hall or a covered outdoor area. The school is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses, many of which have solar panels on their roofs. The foreground is filled with bare, brown branches, suggesting a winter or early spring setting. The sky is overcast.

**Headteacher's Newsletter 7
2021-22**



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3rd December 2021

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope you've all had a great start to December! Whilst we are sorely disappointed that you will not be able to visit the school for our performances, I am pleased to report that rehearsals are going superbly. I'll be writing to you next week about 'permission for filming'.

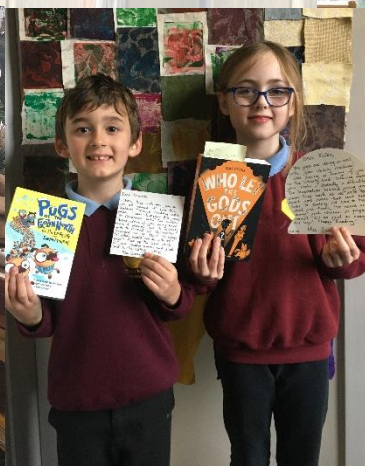
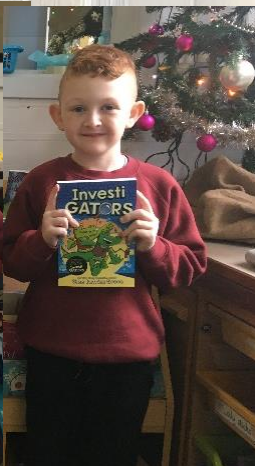
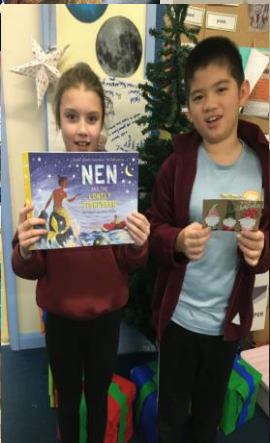
The local Covid 19 situation is still of concern so I am very grateful for your support with keeping symptomatic children at home and accessing tests. A small number of you received a 'warn and inform' letter from me today about a positive case at school, we continue to keep the school safe and clean and will notify you when your child is a 'close contact' of a confirmed case.



CAW Book-vent!

We have been the lucky recipients of a grant from The Siobhan Dowd Trust which has allowed us to run a book advent calendar across the school!

This week, each class got a book specially selected by Miss Scozzafava based on their reading habits and interests which they got to unwrap on 1st December. Throughout the rest of term, two books are being opened each day and these will all end up in our school library after school. Here are some photographs of the books being enjoyed already!



Coronavirus Symptoms

The number of positive coronavirus cases in local schools is still high. 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.

31 children complete 2km Cross Country!!

A huge well done to the children in Year 5 and 6 who completed the 2km cross country at Waterhall playing fields! They ran brilliantly and all finished the long, hilly course. Special congratulations go to Tilly, who finished 20th out of 250 Year 6 girls and goes through to the Sussex County Finals in March! Well done to Tilly and all the fantastic children who ran so well- we are so proud of every one of you.



COLLABORATION

AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- Be positive
- Listen to each other
- Everybody has a job to do
- Accept feedback from others
- Care about the team's success

Teacher's Comments

Keep an eye out for COLLABORATION certificates next week! We focused on the CAW Quality EFFORT last week. Please could you ask your child what they worked hard on in class this week?



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



PE Kits

We have decided to continue asking children to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days during the winter. We will revisit getting changed at school in the Spring.

Please ensure your child is wearing suitable PE kit, especially footwear, on their PE days below. As ever, it is fine for them to wear trackies and school jumpers during the 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	Tuesdays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Tuesdays
		Thursdays	Fridays	Wednesdays	Fridays	Fridays	Thursdays

Christmas Events

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

It is with incredible sadness I am writing to notify you that families will not be able to attend our Christmas performances.

You will note from the letter I emailed you from Tim McCarthy, AAT CEO, that this is a Trust-wide directive to minimise the risk of transmitting coronavirus. Mr. McCarthy has been very clear that no Aurora schools will hold events for large numbers of visitors to the school. I have also attached a letter from Brighton and Hove Local Authority with details about how to protect yourselves and others during this phase of high case numbers.

Some families have received a 'Warn and Inform' letter from me this evening regarding a positive covid case at CAW. Year 6 received a letter this week about norovirus. It is incredibly important that we keep school running safely for all children all of the time and limiting your attendance at these events is regrettable but necessary at this time. We have reinstated additional cleaning procedures this week and will review processes if we start to experience multiple Covid cases at CAW.

We stand by this decision due to the increasing and high number of Covid Cases locally but we are very sad not to be able to share with you the children's fantastic performances. Rehearsals are going superbly and there's been a real buzz about it at school. We were so pleased to welcome families back in to school in October so hopefully we'll be back to Parental Engagement events in the spring term. We will do everything we can over the next two weeks to arrange filming for the performances. More information on this will follow in due course.

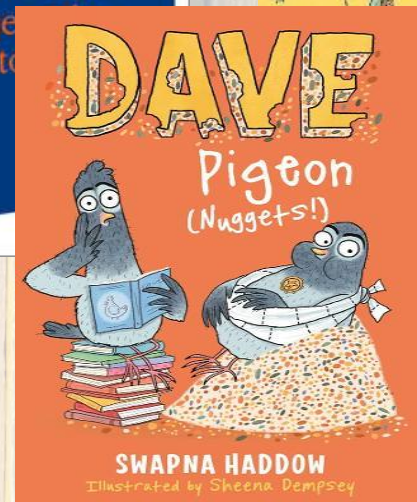
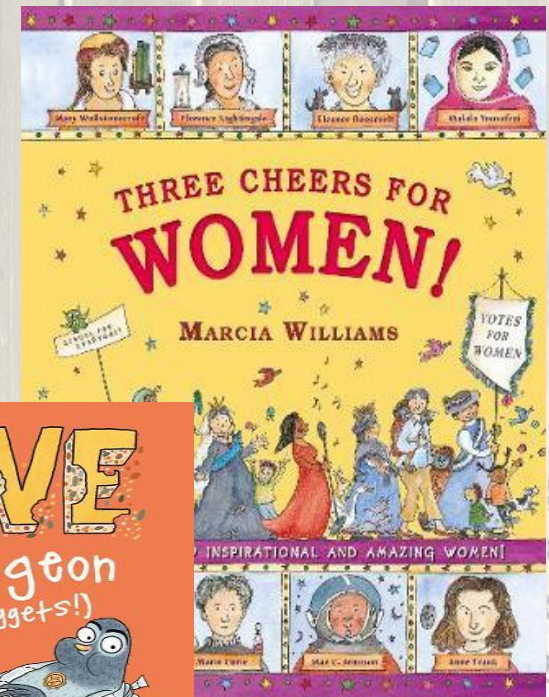
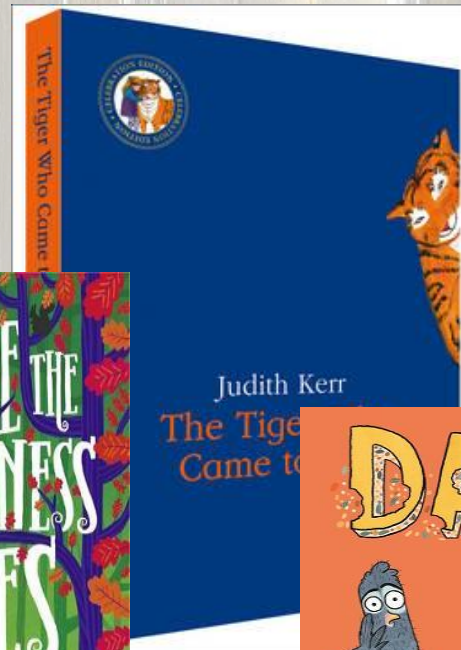
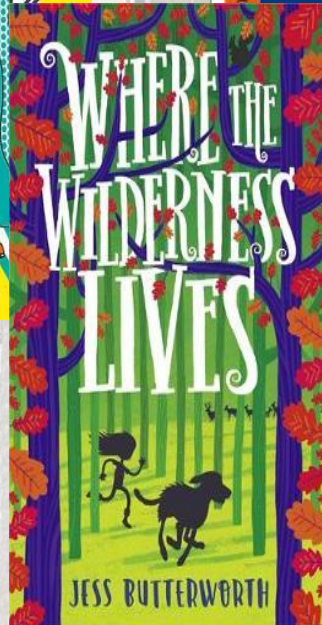
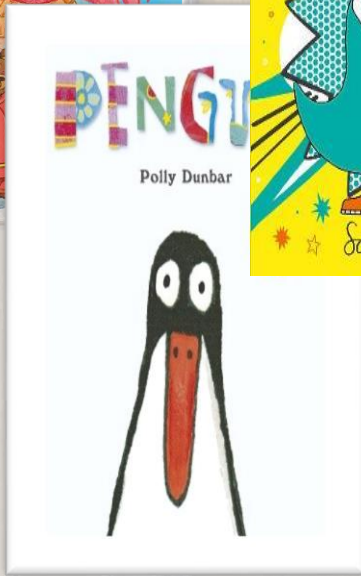
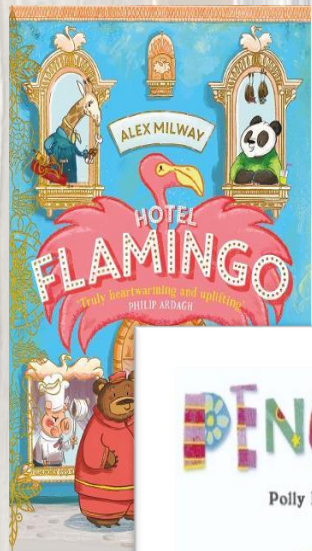
Apologetically,
Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

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	

CAW Reading Raffle!

The reading raffle will be drawn on Friday 10th December.

Please click [here](#) to view more information about each book. I wonder what book is your child's top choice?



A stack of approximately 12 books of various thicknesses and colors (mostly light brown and cream) is positioned on the left side of the image. The books are stacked horizontally, with their spines facing left. The top book has a red spine, and one book further down has a dark spine with gold-colored decorative bands.

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 very grateful for their return.

I've been very grateful to the families who have returned books this week. I'd love to see some more! Thanks for your support.

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.
www.caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Staying Healthy

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

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

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

2020-2021 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

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 your support during this new phase of the pandemic and working so collaboratively with us. I'm sure we can end the calendar year successfully.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

