

# City Academy Whitehawk



**Headteacher's Newsletter 8  
2021-22**



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17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Merry Christmas!

Thank you all for your support during this half term – we were so sorry to need to cancel the attendance of large groups of visitors for our school performances. I can assure you, they were some of the very best ones yet. You'll find more information on how to access these inside this letter!

I am pleased to share with you Mr. Chick's amazing club offer for the Spring Term. He emailed you about this earlier in the week and the timetable for a wide variety of free clubs for our children is available in this letter.

Please read every page of this letter and check the attachment to my email that accompanies it.

# City Academy Whitehawk - After School Clubs Spring Term 2022

w/c Mon 10<sup>th</sup> January to Fri 11<sup>th</sup> February (5 wks) then w/c Mon 21<sup>st</sup> February to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April (6 wks)

\* \* \* PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS (other than Running Club) NEED TO BE BOOKED USING PARENTPAY \* \* \*

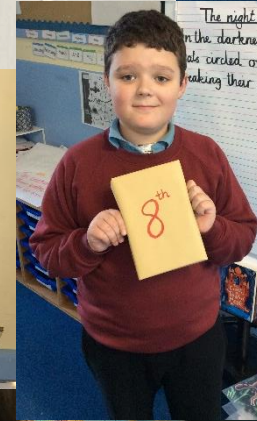
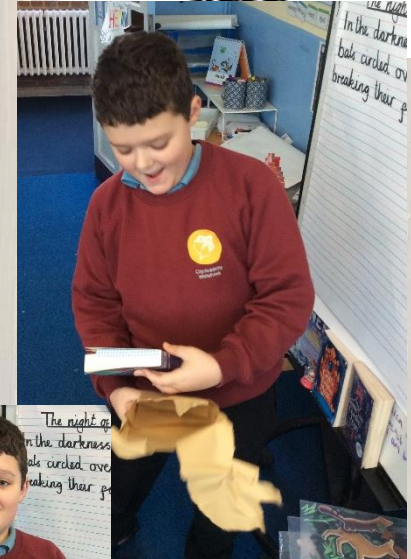
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| <b>B<br/>R<br/>E<br/>A<br/>K<br/>F<br/>A<br/>S<br/>T<br/><br/>C<br/>L<br/>U<br/>B</b><br><br><b>08.00<br/>to<br/>08.30am</b><br><br><b>Every day<br/>In the<br/>School<br/>Canteen</b><br><br><b>FREE</b> | <b>MON</b>   | <b>CRICKET</b><br>Years 3-6<br><b>Sussex Cricket Club</b><br>3.10 - 4.05pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Cricket games with a Sussex Cricket Club coach</i>              | <b>GYMNASTICS</b><br>Years 4-6<br><b>STAR GYMNASTICS</b><br>3.10 - 4.05pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Develop your gymnastics skills with professional gymnastics coaches</i>                                                                                                                                  | <b>ART &amp; CRAFT</b><br>Year R-2<br><b>Miss Varco</b><br>3.05 – 4pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Have a go at a variety of art and craft activities!</i>                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>TUES</b>  | <b>STREET DANCE</b><br>Years 3-6<br><b>JULES</b><br>3.10 - 4.05pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Participate in street dance with a dance teacher</i>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>WEDS</b>  |  <b>BASKETBALL</b><br>Years 5 and 6<br><b>Mr McAdam</b><br>3.10 – 4.10pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Learn basketball skills and games</i>                             |  <b>FOOTBALL</b><br>Years 1-4<br><b>Russell Martin Foundation</b><br>3.10 – 4.05pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Football training with football coaches</i>                                                                                                                                                      |  <b>MUSIC</b><br>Years 3 - 6<br><b>Mrs Elliott</b><br>3.10 – 4.05pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Learn to make music in a variety of ways!</i>                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>THURS</b> | <b>SPORTS GAMES</b><br>Year R<br><b>Mr Chick</b><br>3 – 4pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Learn lots of different sports games and activities!</i>                       | <b>PERFORMING ARTS</b><br>Years 1 - 4<br><b>Miss Cuthill &amp; Miss Delaney</b><br>3.10 – 4.05pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Take part in drama and singing activities</i>                                                                                                                                   | <b>FRENCH</b><br>Years 4-6<br><b>Mrs Grandi &amp; Mrs Luna</b><br>3.10 – 4.05pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Come and learn more French with Mrs Grandi!</i>  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>FRI</b>   |  <b>RUNNING CLUB</b><br>Years 4-6<br><b>Mr Chick</b><br>8.00-8.30am<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Come along via Breakfast Club for a run and a healthy breakfast!</i> |  <b>SAMA KARATE</b><br>All Years<br>3.10-4.10pm<br><i>Sama Karate are an independent organisation<br/>Membership forms are available from the school office</i><br><b>£5 per week paid directly to the coach</b>  | <b>ART CLUB</b><br>Years 3-6<br><b>Mrs Woodward</b><br>3.10 – 4.05pm<br><b>FREE</b><br><i>Have a go at a variety of art activities!</i>                                                                                                  |

**Please check your emails for a message sent home by Mr. Chick earlier this week!**

# CAW Book-vent Week 2

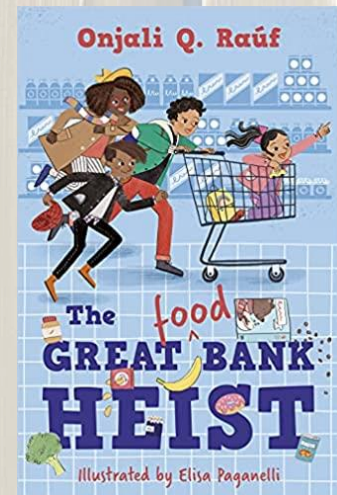
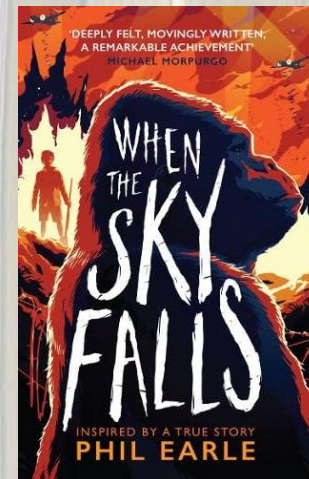
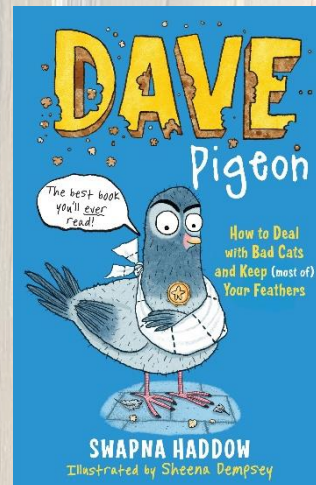
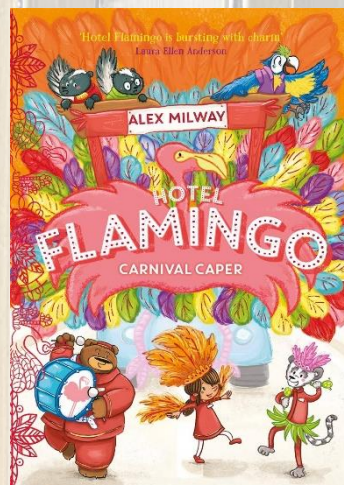
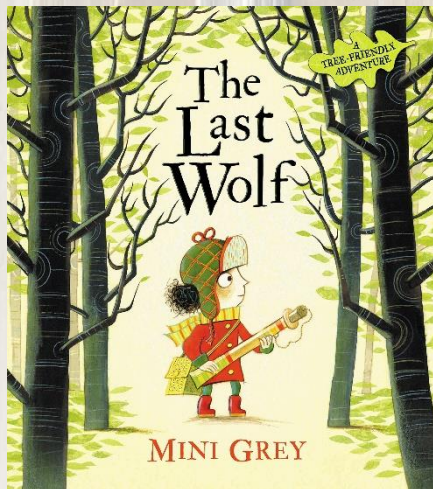
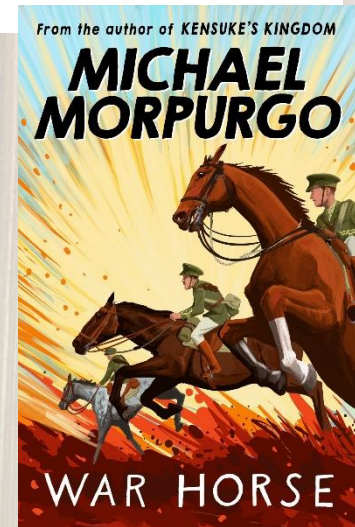
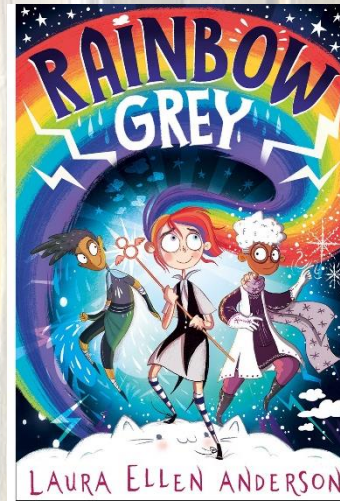


In the second week of our 'book-vent' we opened some brilliant new books, including three by the author who set up the trust (Siobhan Dowd)! We got some copies of firm favourites, like Michael Rosen's Chocolate Cake and got to grips with some more modern stories like When Stars Are Scattered – a graphic novel about two Kenyan refugees. The looks of excitement on children's faces says it all!



# CAW Book-vent: Week 3

Our third and final week of book-vent added to the excitement of the last week of term and we unwrapped these fantastic texts! They will all be ready for children to borrow from the school library.

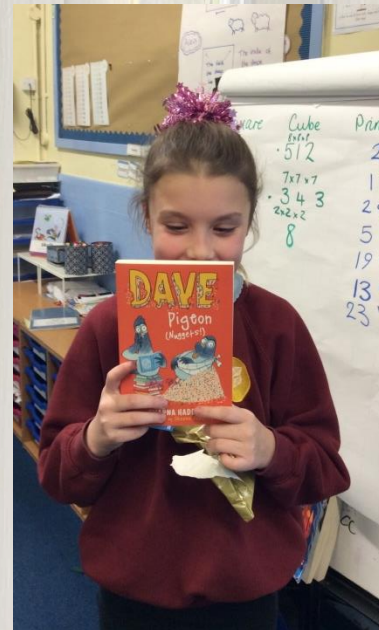
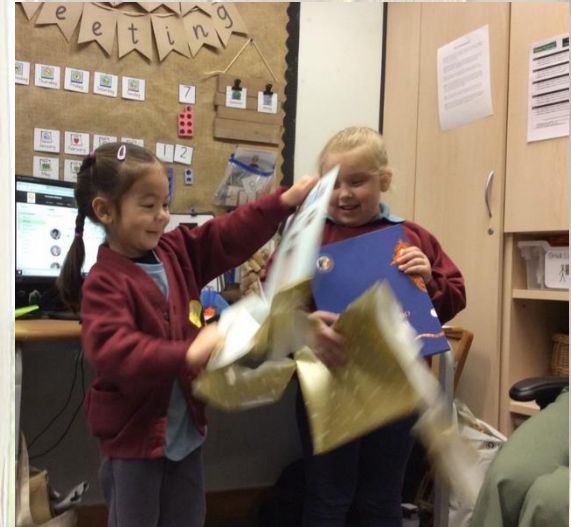


# Reading Raffle 2 Winners!

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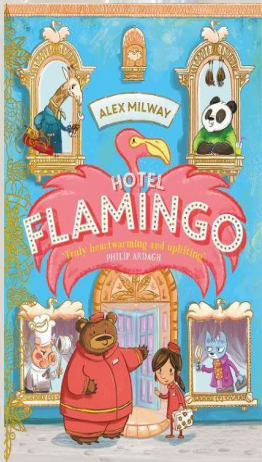
- Maiya and Isla from Reception
    - Parker from Year 2
    - Justin from Year 3
  - Jasmine, Daisy and Anoushka from Year 5
    - Macy from Year 6
- for being the lucky winners of the raffle.

Will it be you next time?

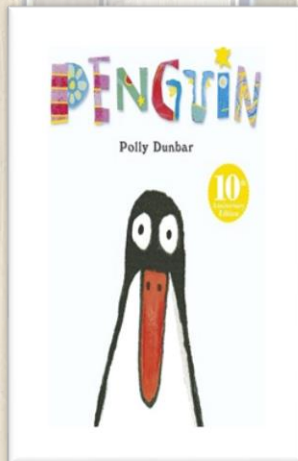


# Reading Raffle 2 Statistics!

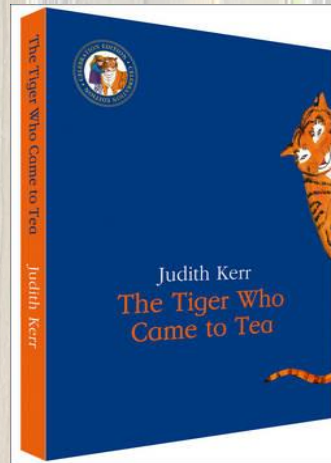
- 674 tickets were entered into this term's raffle!
- That's 3, 370 reads at home!
- A 930 read increase on Reading Raffle 1!
- The top ticket earning classes were: Barn Owls (114), Herons (77) and Magpies (67)
- The top 4 ticket earning books were:



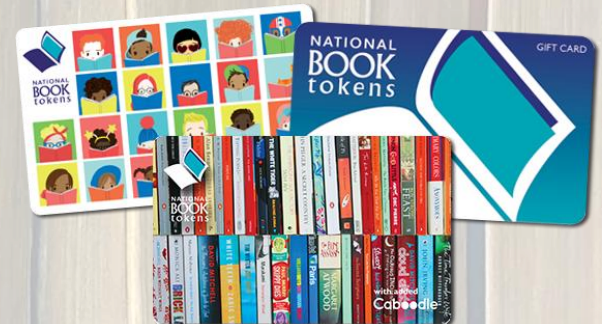
145 tickets



105 tickets



84 tickets



137 tickets

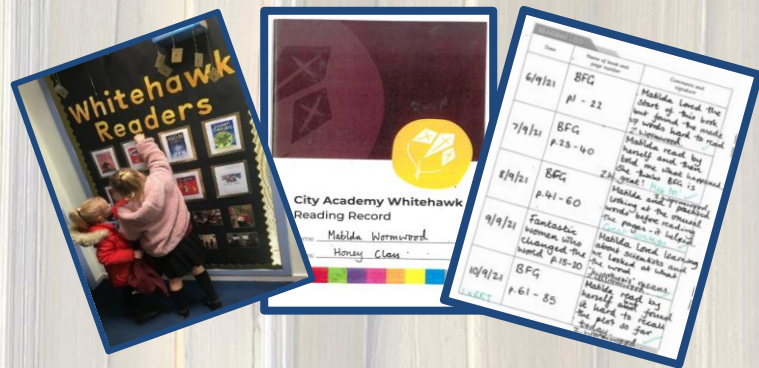
The new Reading Raffle Prizes will be announced in the first week back!

# Reading Over The Holidays

Please continue to read over the Christmas holidays with your child. You can carry on putting entries, one per day, into the Reading Record. There is the potential to get at least 15 reads over the holidays so children could earn themselves three whole Reading Raffle Tickets on Day One of the new term! Children can read school books or home books for their Reading Record.

If your child has forgotten to bring their Reading Record home, please record the reads on a piece of paper to give to their teacher when we return to school.

The new selection of Reading Raffle Books will be announced in the first week of term.



We hope you enjoy spending some of the time away from school reading with friends and family.



# Attendance at City Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

We are celebrating Excellent Attendance this week, and we are delighted that an amazing **120 children** have **97%** attendance or more for the whole Autumn Term! Look out for our new special Excellent Attendance certificates which are going home with these children.

Being in school every day is so important as it means that children aren't missing out on learning or any of the other aspects of school, so please please please carry on sending children into school whenever possible.

As always, if you have any questions about attendance or absences please speak to Mrs Storey in the school office every morning until 11.00am.





City Academy  
Whitehawk

# Congratulations to

**Mr Isaacs' Kites Class and Mr McAdam's Eagles Class**

**who were the overall class winners with  
the best attendance for the first half  
term up to 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**



**These children enjoyed a  
Hot Chocolate Party  
in the hall with  
Mrs Storey after the holiday.  
Which classes will be our next  
term's Hot Chocolate winners..?**



# EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



## AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- You are an Attendance Superstar!
- Be proud of your Amazing Attendance
- Being at school means that you are not missing out
- Keep on coming into school every day as much as possible

Mrs Storey's Comments



Children with 97% - 100% Attendance this term will be bringing home a Certificate. Well done! This year, your child's attendance figure will **not include** any absences relating to the coronavirus and some other exceptional authorised absences.

# EXCELLENCE

## AWARDED TO

Name:

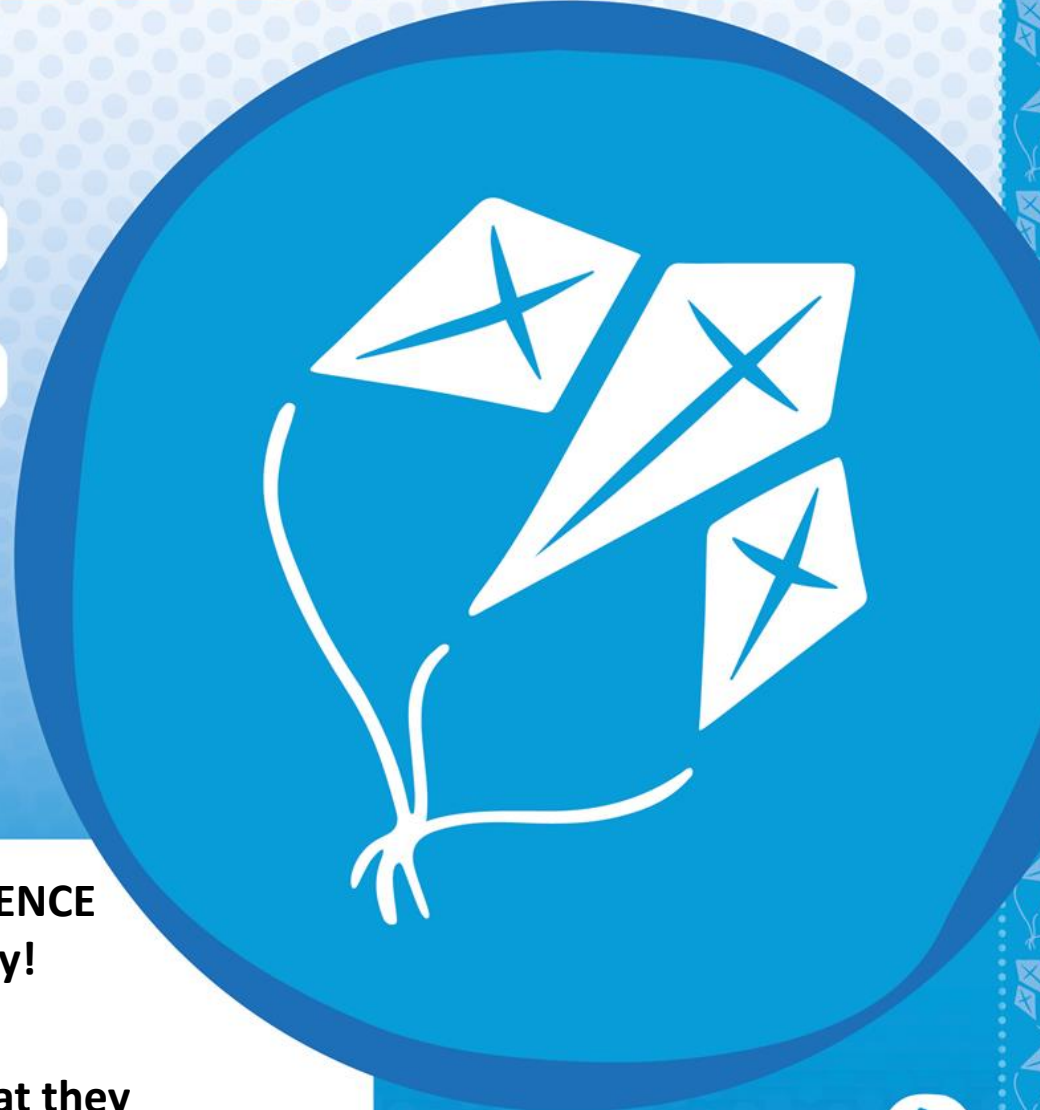
Class:

- Keep reviewing your work
- Identify your best bits
- Improve one thing at a time
- Listen to feedback
- Take small steps
- Be proud of your achievements

Teacher's Comments

**Keep an eye out for some EXCELLENCE  
certificates coming home today!**

**Please could you ask your child what they  
did to an excellent standard this week?**



# PE Kits

We have decided to continue asking children to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days during the Spring term.

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. PE days have changed for many children so please see below:

**Please wear PE kit into school on these days:**

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

# Christmas Events

We were very disappointed not to be able to have you attend our Christmas shows this week but Mr. McAdam and Mr. Chick have done a phenomenal job of sourcing specialist cameras and creating special videos for you to see. We were especially disappointed not to have you in the building as these were some of the very best performances that children have ever, ever produced at CAW so I'd like to publicly congratulate the children and the year group teams and Mrs. Elliott. We hope you enjoy watching them by clicking the screenshot below.



# 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 |
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| 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](mailto:hhyfc.secretary@outlook.com) - Tel: 07741201874

# LEARN, DEVELOP & PLAY FOOTBALL

# Change to Planned Dates

We hope that guidance and risk-level will enable us to invite you back in to school in the Spring Term for our Parent consultations and Parent Engagement Events. If not, we will organise to do these remotely.

Parent Consultations will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. You'll receive a sign up letter nearer the time.

Our Parent Engagement events are still scheduled for the Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February – we'll have updates about this for you in the new year.

# 2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day and End of Autumn 2

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** School closes at 13:00

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Start of Spring 1

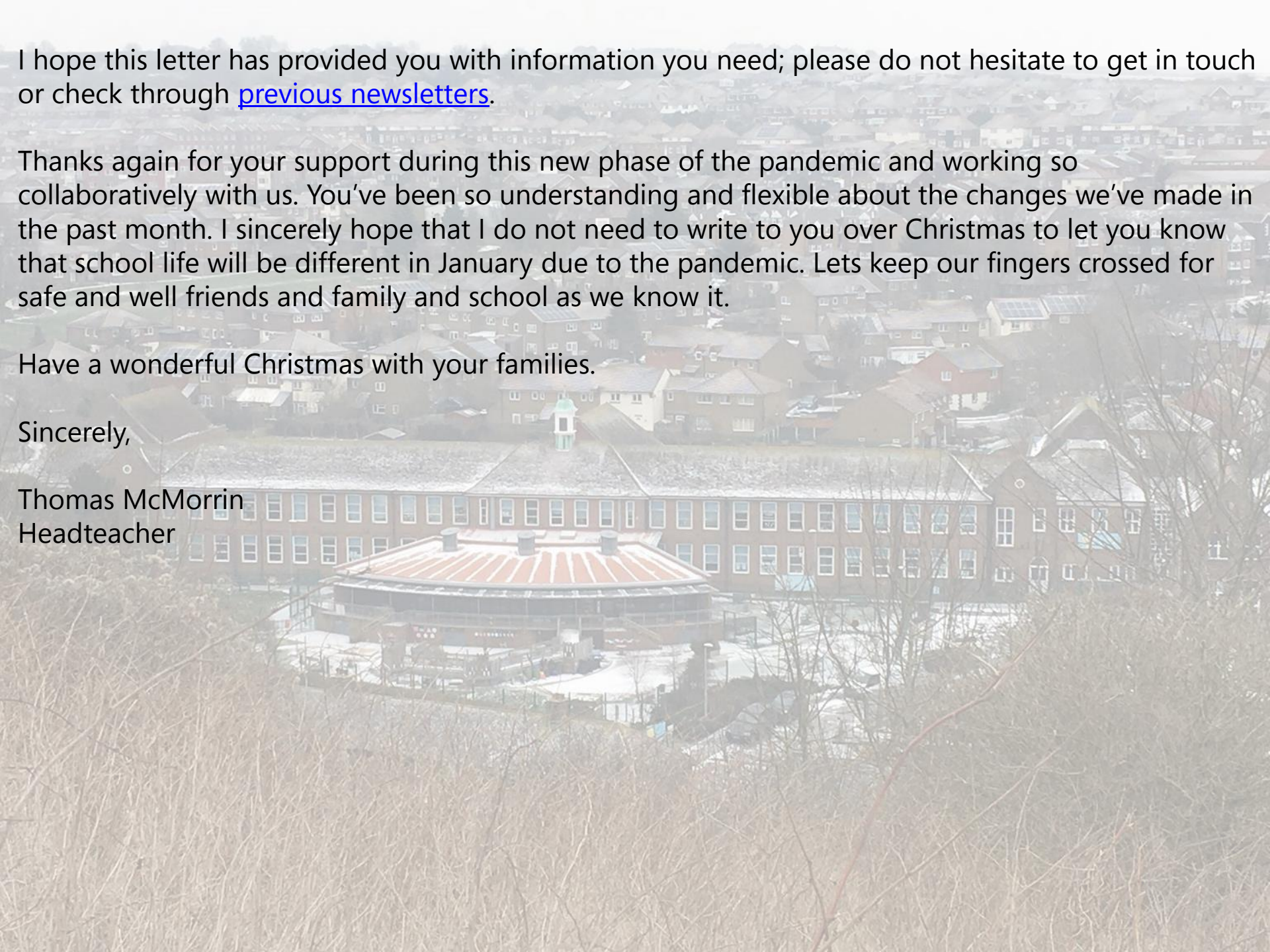
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** Parent/Carer Consultation

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Inset Day

**Wb. 7<sup>th</sup> February TBC:** Parent Engagement Events

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** End of Spring 1

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Start of Spring 2

The background image is a high-angle, slightly hazy photograph of a school complex. In the foreground, there are bare, brown tree branches. Behind them is a large, multi-story brick school building with many windows. In front of the main building is a smaller, circular structure with a red-tiled roof. The surrounding area is filled with residential houses, mostly with grey roofs. The overall tone is muted and wintry.

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

Thanks again for your support during this new phase of the pandemic and working so collaboratively with us. You've been so understanding and flexible about the changes we've made in the past month. I sincerely hope that I do not need to write to you over Christmas to let you know that school life will be different in January due to the pandemic. Lets keep our fingers crossed for safe and well friends and family and school as we know it.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your families.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher