

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk, a large brick school building with a prominent red-tiled circular section in the foreground. The school is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses, some featuring solar panels on their roofs. The foreground is filled with dry, brown grass and some bare tree branches.

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21st January 2022

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

The spring term is well underway and we've been continuing our work on 'aspiration' by working hard on achieving pen licences, fluency badges and reading raffle tickets. We've been universally impressed by children's dedication to improving their learning across the school.

You'll find details in this letter about: changes to school dates, class photograph day, Covid guidance and an exciting addition to our Read Write Inc. resources for you to access from home.

Change to Planned Dates

Parent Consultations will be held on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd February. You'll receive a sign up letter on Monday 24th January. Guidance would indicate that we'll be able to do this face to face. It may be necessary to change this nearer to the time.

Our Parent Engagement events are still scheduled for the Week Beginning 7th February – we'll have updates about this in coming days.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being celebrated this year. As a result there is a National Bank Holiday that falls during the June half term break. We will celebrate this Bank Holiday on Friday 22nd July, making the last day of this school year Thursday 21st July.

Class Photos – 3rd February

Class photos will take place on
Thursday 3rd February.

If your child has PE on this day (Year 6 and Year 3), please wear full school uniform to school and bring PE kit in a bag.

January 21st: Covid update pt. 1

As Covid remains a risk in school we will contact you as soon as possible if we suspect your child has come into contact with someone who has tested positive. You will receive a Warn and Inform letter with advice on what to do next. If your child has been identified as one of those who may have had contact, we would strongly recommended that you **use LFD tests for 7 days and if positive isolate.**

When to stop self-isolating

- People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be **reported to NHS Test and Trace**
- If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

You can stop self-isolating after the 10 days if either:

- You do not have any symptoms
- You just have a cough or changes to your sense of smell or taste – these can last for weeks after the infection has gone

January 21st: Covid update pt. 2

If you have symptoms of COVID-19

Get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms, even if mild:

- A high temperature (37.8 in children)
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Stay at home until you get our test result – only leave your home to have a test.

The self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may be able to leave self-isolation after 5 days if certain conditions are met.

Rapid tests if you do not have symptoms

- About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others.
- Rapid tests help to check if someone has COVID-19. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.
- Research shows rapid tests are a reliable test for COVID-19. They give a quick result and do not need to be sent to a lab.
- Even if you're vaccinated, you could still catch the virus or pass it on. Doing rapid tests helps to protect yourself and others.



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Attendance at City Academy



Dear Parents/Carers

Thanks so much to everyone for ensuring that children are in school as much as possible despite the obvious challenges!

Well done to Mr McAdam's Eagles Class and Mr Faers' Greenfinches who earned a Hot Chocolate celebration on Tuesday as they had the best attendance for the last half term.



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

Online Reading Update from Mr. Faers

Dear Parent/Carer,

In addition to the reading books your child brings home, you now have access to the Read Write Inc. eBook library. This includes eBook versions of the book your child is reading at school and allows your child to take a quiz to assess their understanding of the story. In line with the home reading calendar, your child's reading teacher will assign an eBook version alongside the book your child brings home.

You will find these eBooks on www.oxfordowl.co.uk. We'll staple your child's eBook log in card in to their reading record over the next few days.

If you are having trouble accessing these books or are feeling unsure, please email cawadmin@auroraacademies.org with 'Reading Question' as the subject.

Many thanks,

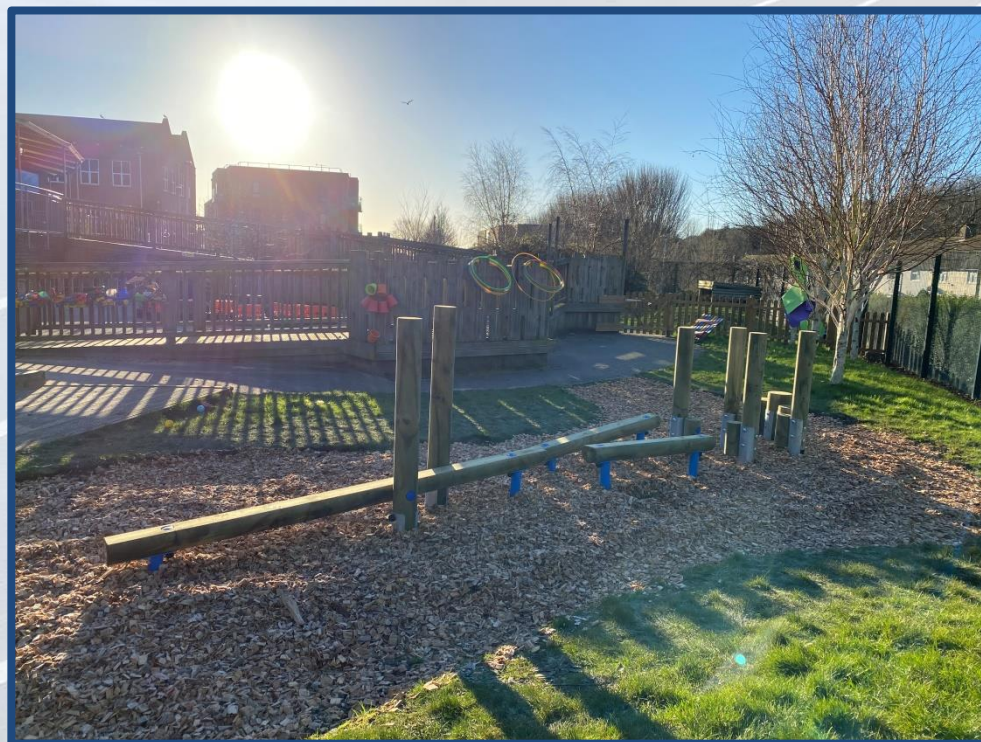
Ryan Faers
Read Write Inc. Leader

Changes To School Equipment



Thanks so much for your patience and flexibility during last week's changes to entrances and exits. It allowed our contractors to have a really easy and successful week!

We're really thrilled about our new play equipment! The Hatchlings and Reception – Year 6 will be ready to have a go when we open up our grassy play areas when the weather warms up and dries out. Roll on summer!



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

Thank you all so much for your enthusiasm about school clubs. The response has been superb. Clubs start next week. We are thrilled that they filled up so quickly but we're aware that this means some of you are understandably disappointed to be on a waiting list. We will contact you if a space becomes available. Please read every newsletter to stay on top of everything going on at school.

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

World Book Day 2022

Although World Book Day isn't until 3rd March, we're really excited that the book line-up has been released! There are some familiar authors and some excellent stories coming up. Watch this space for more information about our World Book Day Plans later in the term!

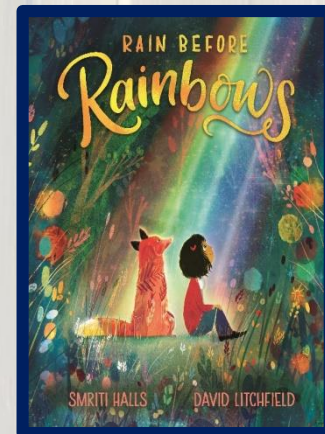
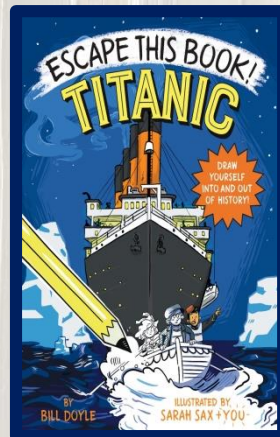
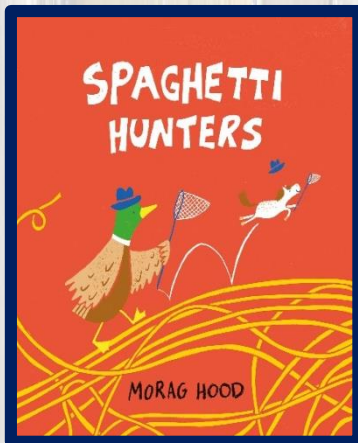
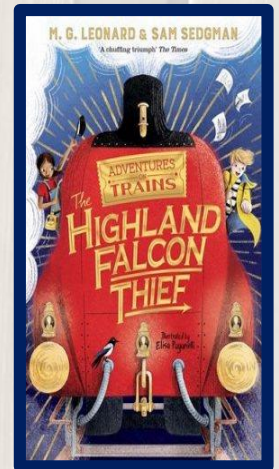
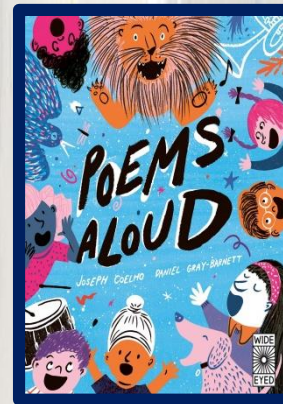
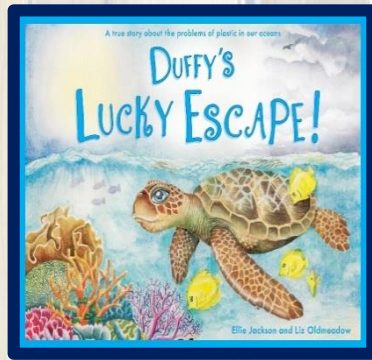
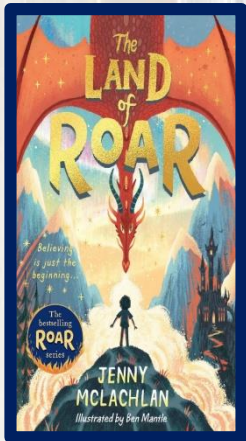
Our 2022 £1 books line-up



Reading Raffle 3

Remember, for every five signed home-reads, you can earn a raffle ticket! You can choose any book to vote for: if you want something harder than you can read by yourself – fine! If you usually read longer chapter books but really like the look of a picture book – fine! This is all about your choice and rewarding those of you who work so hard on your reading. I wonder which of these wonderful books you'll choose!

Good luck.



Looking for book recommendations?

This page of the World Book Day website has all sorts of different reading lists based on areas of interest, which are then split up into 4 age ranges so it's easy to pick an appropriate book with or for your child!

The screenshot displays the World Book Day website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with social media icons, a search bar, and a 'Donate' button. The main header features the 'WORLD BOOK DAY' logo with '25 YEARS' and the tagline 'Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.' Below this, a large banner asks 'What shall I read?' with the subtitle 'Our reading recommendations'. The 'EXPLORE OUR READING LISTS' section is divided into two main categories: 'EARLY READER' and 'FLUENT READER'. Each category contains a grid of book covers and their titles. The 'EARLY READER' section includes books like 'All Around the World', 'Amazing Animals', 'Awesome Adventures', 'Back in Time', 'Cosy Reads', 'Cracking Comedy', 'Early Years', 'Fantastic Facts', 'Friends and Family', 'Fantastic Fiction', 'Gender Politics', and 'Girl Power'. The 'FLUENT READER' section includes books like 'The Bolds', 'Cosmic', 'Jeremy Strong', 'My Brother is a Superhero', and 'Dog Man'.

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FLUENT READER

- THE BOLDS
- Cosmic
- Jeremy Strong
- MY BROTHER IS A SUPERHERO
- DOG MAN



Safer
Internet
Day

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day over the week beginning 7th February so now is a great time to remind your children about safe online behaviors.

Children will soon be hearing about a respectful rabbit challenge that Miss Delaney, our Computing leader, is setting up! The childnet website is a great source of information for parents and carers.

<https://www.childnet.com/>



RESPECT

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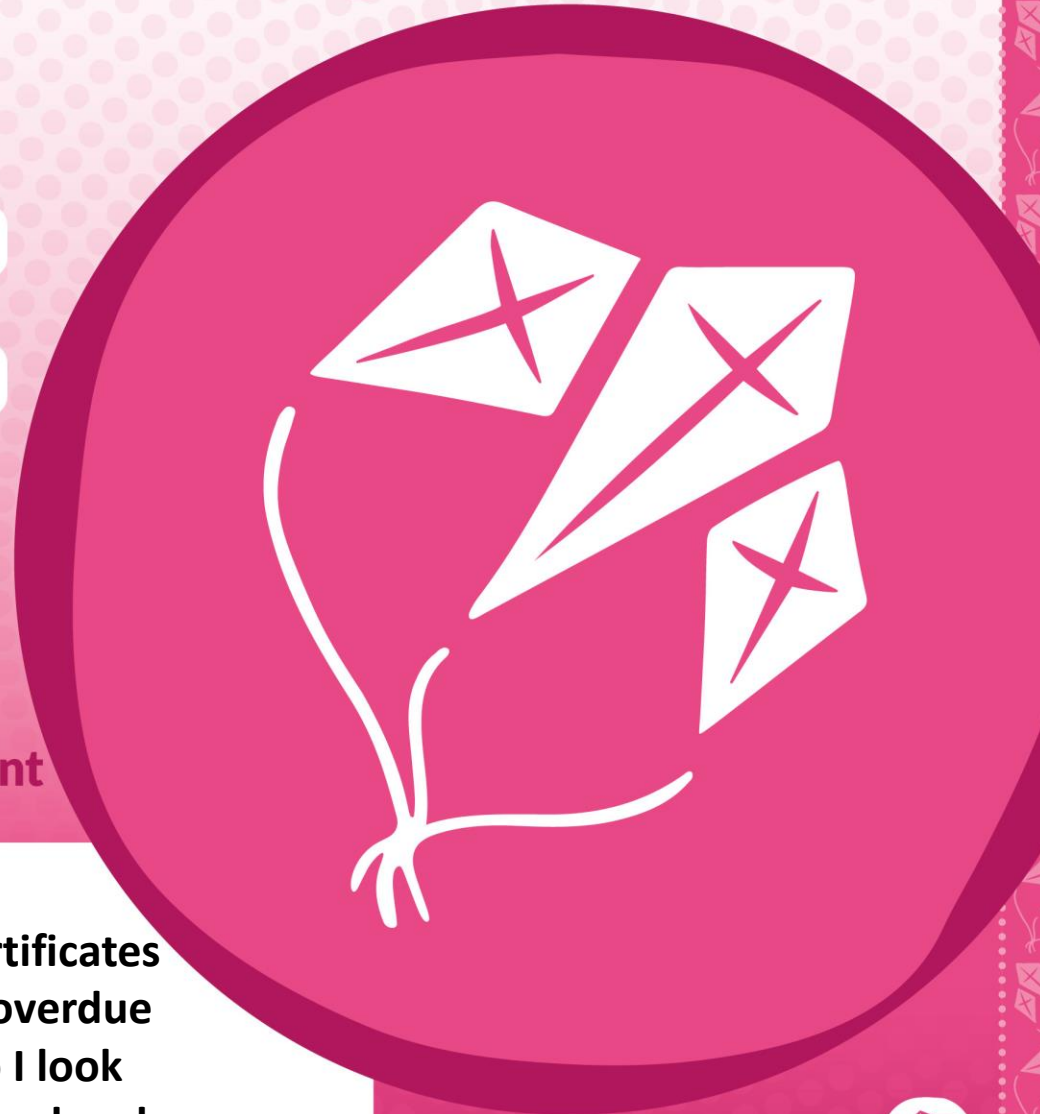
Name:

Class:

- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

Teacher's Comments

Keep an eye out for some RESPECT certificates coming home on Monday! These are overdue because of postponed assemblies so I look forward to giving them out over the weekend.



EFFORT

AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- Jump in!
- Try hard
- Grow your brain
- Be brave
- Learn from mistakes
- Be excited to try new things

Teacher's Comments

Keep an eye out for some EFFORT certificates coming home on Monday! Teachers have been keeping an eye out for two class members who have been working especially hard!



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:

YG	<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>
Day	Mondays	Tuesdays	Tuesdays	Thursdays	Wednesdays	Wednesdays	Mondays
		Wednesdays	Fridays	Fridays	Thursdays	Fridays	Thursdays

Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 5th January: Start of Spring 1

Tuesday 1st February: Parent/Carer Consultation

Wednesday 2nd February: Parent/Carer Consultation

Thursday 3rd February: NSPCC Maths Day & Class Photos

Friday 4th February: Inset Day

Wb. 7th February TBC: Parent Engagement Events (Covid19 guidance permitting)

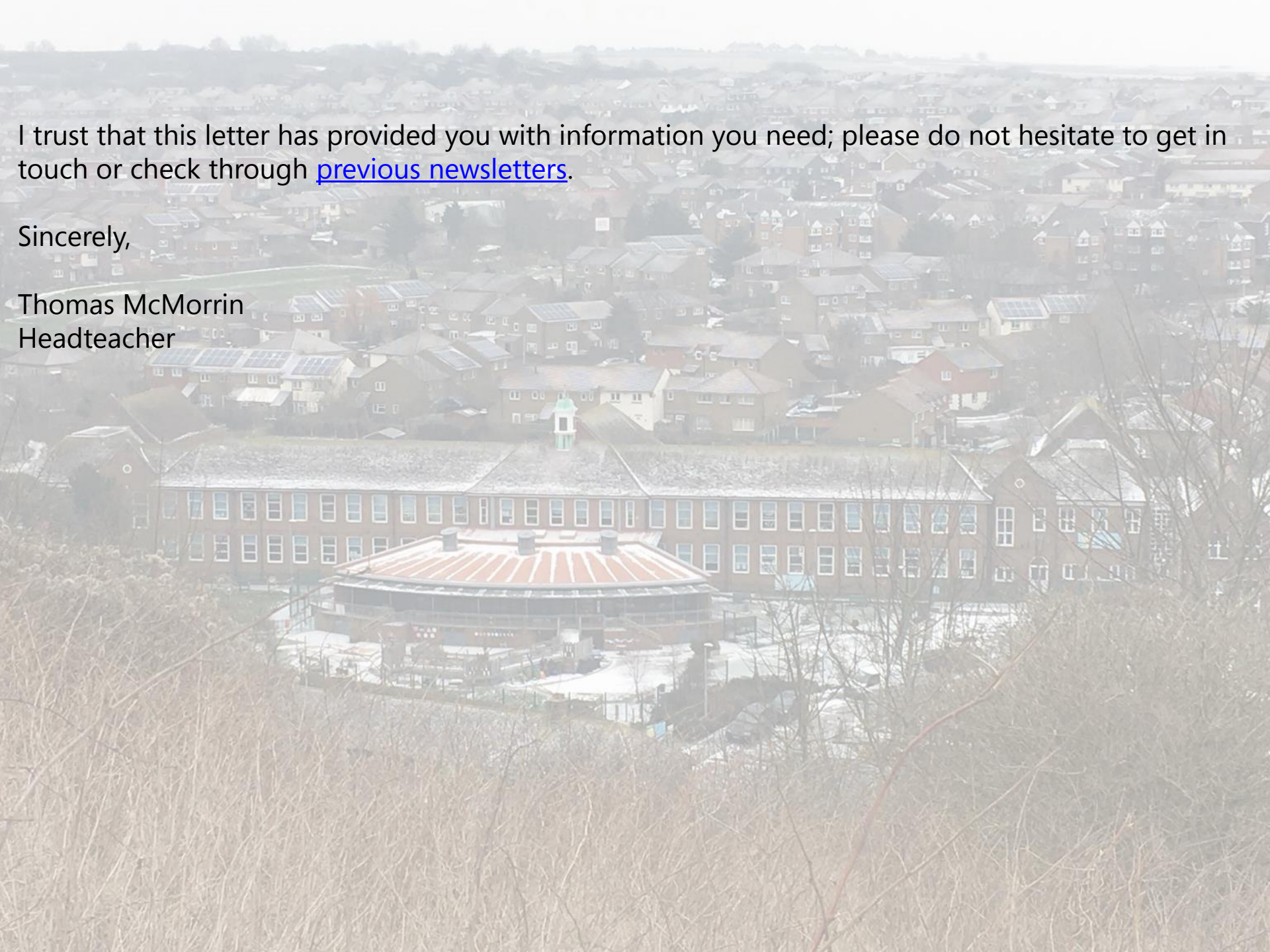
Friday 11th February: End of Spring 1

Monday 21st February: Start of Spring 2

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day

Friday 22nd July: Nominated Jubilee Bank Holiday



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

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher