

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 trees, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting.

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11th February 2022

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Our newsletters are usually fortnightly, but we have a few additions to last week's letter to make and some updates on things that have happened at school over the last week. We've had a fantastic close to the term with our Parent Engagement Events and Internet Safety Week. It was lovely to see so many of you in the building getting involved in class!

I'm sure you'll all enjoy a fantastic week at home. I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 21st February.

As ever, please read every page of our newsletter to make sure you're up to speed with everything going on at school.



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

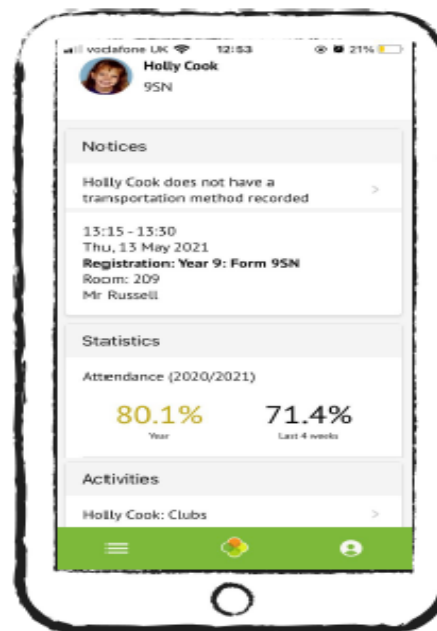
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.

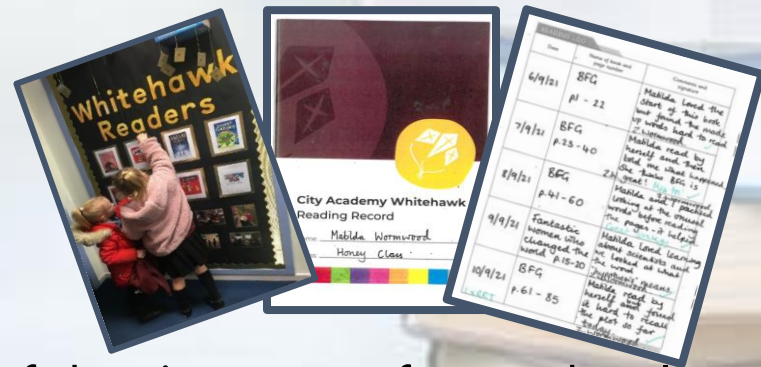


Reading Over Half Term

Please continue to read over the half term with your child. You can carry on putting entries, one per day, into the Reading Record. There is the potential to get 10 reads over the holidays so children could earn themselves two whole Reading Raffle Tickets on Day One of the new term! Children can read school books or home books for their Reading Record. Most children should be aiming to read 5 pages a day to help them improve their stamina, fluency and vocabulary.

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.

Please Cut Grapes

Grapes **should always be cut lengthwise** so they can pass more easily through smaller throats. Avoid slicing widthwise because they'll still be big enough to choke on. You can either slice them downwards in half or you might want to cut them lengthwise again into quarters.

Thank you for your support in keeping our break and lunchtimes as safe as possible for all children.

Super performance at the Indoor Athletics!

19 boys and girls from Year 6 went to BACA Sports hall on Wednesday 2nd February to compete in an indoor athletics competition against 6 other schools. The children did our school proud, taking part in events like 1 and 2 lap relays, standing triple jump, chest push throw and speed bounce. As a team we came 5th overall.



Well done to all of the team- you ran, jumped and threw brilliantly!

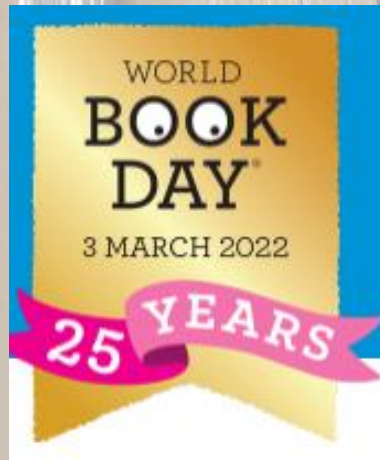
New Trim Trail



We really want the children to get the chance to have a go on the brand new Trim Trail, and so we are doing a Grand Opening next week! Next Friday 11th February all classes will have a time to go and do this- what a great end to the half term!!

As it is on the grass if you would like your child to bring spare trousers and footwear to school next Friday please do. They can bring this in a PE bag to get changed into during the day. We hope the children enjoy the new equipment!





World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March 2022

Read the next few slides to see
what we will be getting up to!



IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



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Please read through our exciting plans to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March 2022

Fancy Dress!

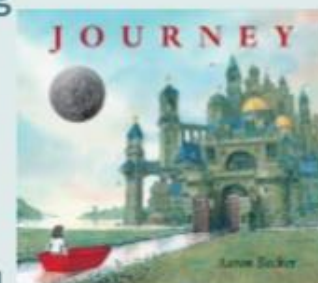
Your child can dress up as their favourite book character for the day

Bookmark Competition

Miss Woods has launched a bookmark competition which will be announced on World Book Day. See the newsletter for information.

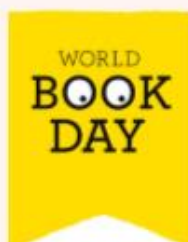
Whole School Book

Each class will be interpreting Aaron Becker's wordless picture book, Journey, and writing what they think the story line should be! These will be published in school and scanned onto the school website once completed.



World Book Day £1 book

Your child will come home with one of the newly released WBD books to keep!



Share A Story

We will be mixing up year groups and listening to staff member's favourite stories.



Library Artwork

We will all be contributing to different art projects throughout the day that will go on display in Whitehawk Library and at CAW!



Whitehawk Library After School Event

Come along to Whitehawk Library after school (3:00 - 4:15) to join the library team in some reading activities and refreshments. Miss Scozzafava and Miss Woods will see you there!



Whitehawk Library Visits

All children (Nursery to Year 6) will visit Whitehawk Library in either the first week of term or on World Book Day. Details to follow



Free Book Sale

Children will be visiting our free book sale and coming home with a book or two to keep!

If you have any questions, speak to your child's teacher or Miss Scozzafava

Design a Bookmark Competition

1. Get a competition sheet from the library or your teacher!
2. Take it **home** and design the front and back of the bookmark you can. There are lots of ideas for reading bookmarks on the internet or I have put some on this powerpoint.
3. Return your entry to Miss Woods in the library by **Monday 28th February**. Make sure you put your name and class on it.
4. The best designs will be chosen by staff and the winners will be announced on World Book Day
5. The winning bookmarks will be printed for everyone to use! You will be able to collect these from the library when they are ready!

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Name _____			
Class: _____			
		FRONT	BACK



World Book Day 2022

Each child will come home with one of these books – children will be excited to see which one their year group is getting!





GIRLS' CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP

FEBRUARY HALF TERM



FOUNDATION

MORE DETAILS ►



HOLIDAY CAMP INFORMATION

DATES

Mon 14 Feb & Tue 15 Feb

TIMINGS

9am - 12pm

AGE

8 - 11 yrs (Girls)

COST

Both dates are FREE

DETAILS

Fun soft ball activities & games run
by fully qualified SCF coaches

VENUE

The Sir Rod Aldridge Cricket Centre
Brighton Aldridge Community Academy

HOW TO BOOK

To sign-up to one or both of the dates
please contact

charlotte.burton@sussexcricket.co.uk

PLEASE BE AWARE SPACES ARE LIMITED!



ALDRIDGE
FOUNDATION

Change to Planned Dates

You received an email from me last week postponing Class Photographs so as many children as possible can be in the pictures. This is now scheduled for April 6th. Thanks for your flexibility.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being celebrated this year therefore 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.

Dear CAW Families,

Great News about February half term HAF events funded by the Household Support Fund. Learn more about HAF: [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://brighton-hove.gov.uk)

At City Academy Whitehawk we are delighted to **host** an offer in addition to the wide range of HAF activities shown further down this message.

Russell Martin Foundation (Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 February; 9am-2pm)

This is open to all CAW children in Years 4 - 6. 60 places are available via Parent Pay on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to sign your child/ren up, apply now!

In addition, the following activities during February half term only, are for families with children aged four (and in school) to 12 who are on benefits-related free school meals. Focus is on essential respite, childcare to attend or seek employment, or attend other essential appointments.

16 providers operating across 22 venues in the city, are offering just over 1,500 individual HAF session places during the week commencing Monday 14 February 2022.

Provision includes (View the February HAF events calendar at [February Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Calendar \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://brighton-hove.gov.uk))

- Brighton Table Tennis Club on Bedford Street, Brighton
- Elm Grove Out of School Club at Elm Grove Primary School in Brighton
- Energy Kidz at Peter Gladwin Primary School in Portslade
- Footsteps Day Nursery Holiday Camp – Hollingdean, Hove and Portslade
- Pioneer Childcare - Balfour Primary and Stanford Junior Schools
- PLAY at Carden, at Carden Primary School
- SportsCool Brighton at Longhill Sports Centre and Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre
- Starfish Holiday Playscheme at St Andrew's Church Hall, Hove
- Stay & Play at Aldrington CE Primary School in Hove
- Sussex Kids Hub at St Nicolas's Primary School in Portslade
- Tarner Community Project at Tarner Park in Brighton
- Trust for Developing Communities based between Hawks Café and Manor Gym

RESILIENCE

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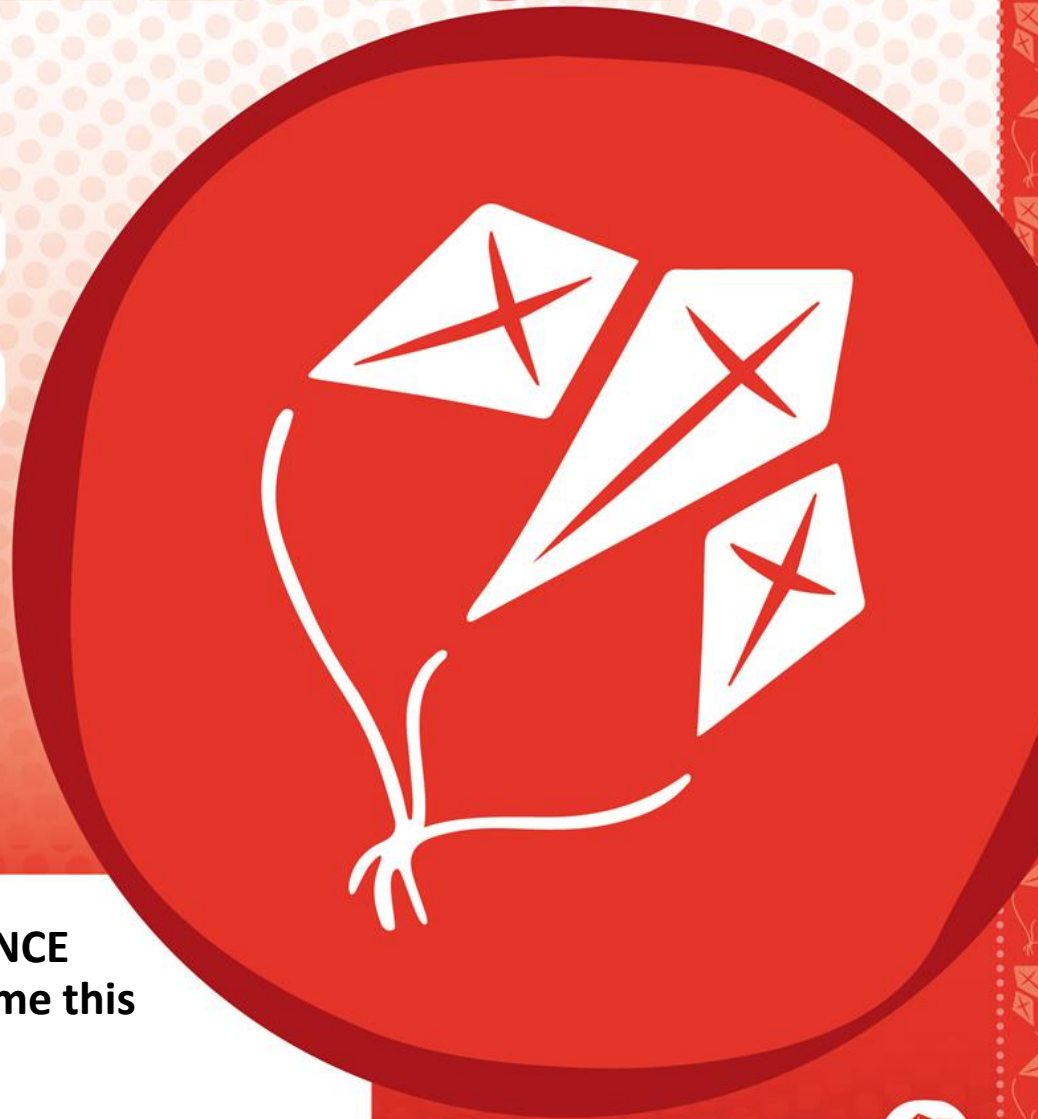
Name:

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 some RESILIENCE
certificates that might have come home this
week!**





LATES...

have become a problem this term for some families.

**Please aim for children to be in school at 8.30am
and no later than 8.45am.**

It's very disruptive for teachers and other children when learning tasks are interrupted by children arriving late to class on a regular basis. Lateness puts your child at a disadvantage, starting their day behind their peers.

Thank you to the vast majority of families who are always at school on time.



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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.

February: Covid Update

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

Ordering Lateral Flow Tests

Many of you have been contacted through one of our Warn and Inform letters, these encourage you to test daily for seven days. You can [order online](#) or pick up test kits from pharmacies, Jubilee Library, or Hove Town Hall.

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
Jackdaws
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Herons















Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons



Thank you all so much for your enthusiasm about school clubs. These continue after our half term break.

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

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. Below this is a banner for 'WORLD BOOK DAY' with the tagline 'Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.' and a '25 YEARS' anniversary logo. The main content area is titled 'EXPLORE OUR READING LISTS' and features a grid of 16 categories, each with a representative book cover. The categories are organized into two main sections: 'EARLY READER' and 'FLUENT READER'.

WORLD BOOK DAY
Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.
25 YEARS

EXPLORE OUR READING LISTS

EARLY READER

- All Around the World
- Amazing Animals
- Awesome Adventures
- Back in Time
- Cozy Reads
- Cracking Comedy
- Early Years
- Fantastic Facts
- Friends and Family
- Fantastic Fiction
- Gender Politics
- Girl Power

FLUENT READER

- JEREMY JAMES** by David Almond, illustrated by David Almond, published by PAN MACMILLAN
- TO ME OR NOT TO ME!** by Nosy Crow, published by NOSY CROW
- KNIGHTED** by Oxford University Press, published by OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
- THE GRUBS** by Nosy Crow, published by NOSY CROW
- KING FLAMINGO** by Hachette, published by HACHETTE
- THE BOLDS** by Julie Clay, published by Julie Clay
- Cosmic** by David Almond, published by David Almond
- Jeremy Strong** by David Almond, published by David Almond
- MY BROTHER IS A SUPERHERO** by David Almond, published by David Almond
- DOG MAN** by Dav Pilkey, published by Dav Pilkey



Safer Internet Week 2022

Monday 7th - Friday 11th February

Safer internet week has been an opportunity to celebrate all the great things about being online and remind ourselves how we can stay safe online.

This year our focus was 'being safe and respectful online'.

During safer internet week there have been lots of exciting things going on around school...





Respectful rabbits were hidden around school for children to find.

Each respectful rabbit had a tip on how to be safe and respectful online. Children were taught to try and remember these tips!

Miss Delaney was so impressed to receive 111 visits from children who had spotted Respectful rabbits throughout the week!

Well done to the class with the most visits - Barn Owls! They will all be receiving 3 RESPECT learning tickets each!



A 'Kinder Internet' Spell

You will need:



respect



kindness



love



care




happiness



understanding




Kinder Internet Spell - written by a pupil in Year 2



Keep your personal information safe.


Never share:

- Your name
- School
- Address



If something online makes you or a friend feel sad or worried, tell a trusted adult.

Be a kind and respectful friend online




Keep your personal information safe and don't click on unexpected links.


Actions, and words online can make others laugh and smile, instead of feeling hurt or angry.

Trusted adults:


- Parents/carer
- Family members
- teachers



Help your friends to use safety tools.
Lots of games and apps have handy tools such as block and report buttons.



It's ok to say no.



Stay alert to possible online dangers



Being kind and respectful helps make the internet safe and fun for everyone!

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 some COLLABORATION certificates coming home next Monday! With our parent/carers event activities this week, we shone a bright light on the importance of working together.



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

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

Number Day 2022



Happy Number Day everyone! We celebrated in a variety of ways around school and there was a huge buzz about maths...

In the afternoon as school we went outside and the Year 6s led 'Mathletics' merging PE and healthy living with maths.

In the morning our older children planned maths games for younger year groups!

Ambassadors with Reception



Year 4 with Year 2



Year 5 with Year 1 Year 6 with Year 3



Staying Healthy

Nut Allergy

We have children in school with severe Nut Allergies, therefore, please can we remind you that **no** food containing nuts should be brought into school. This includes but is not limited to Nutella, Peanut Butter, Pesto, Bread or Cereal/Chocolate Bars. Please take care when sending your child into school with food by checking the ingredients.

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. This is crucial in supporting us in reducing the risk of spreading viruses and keeping the school community as healthy as possible.

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.**

Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 11th February: End of Spring 1

Monday 21st February: Start of Spring 2

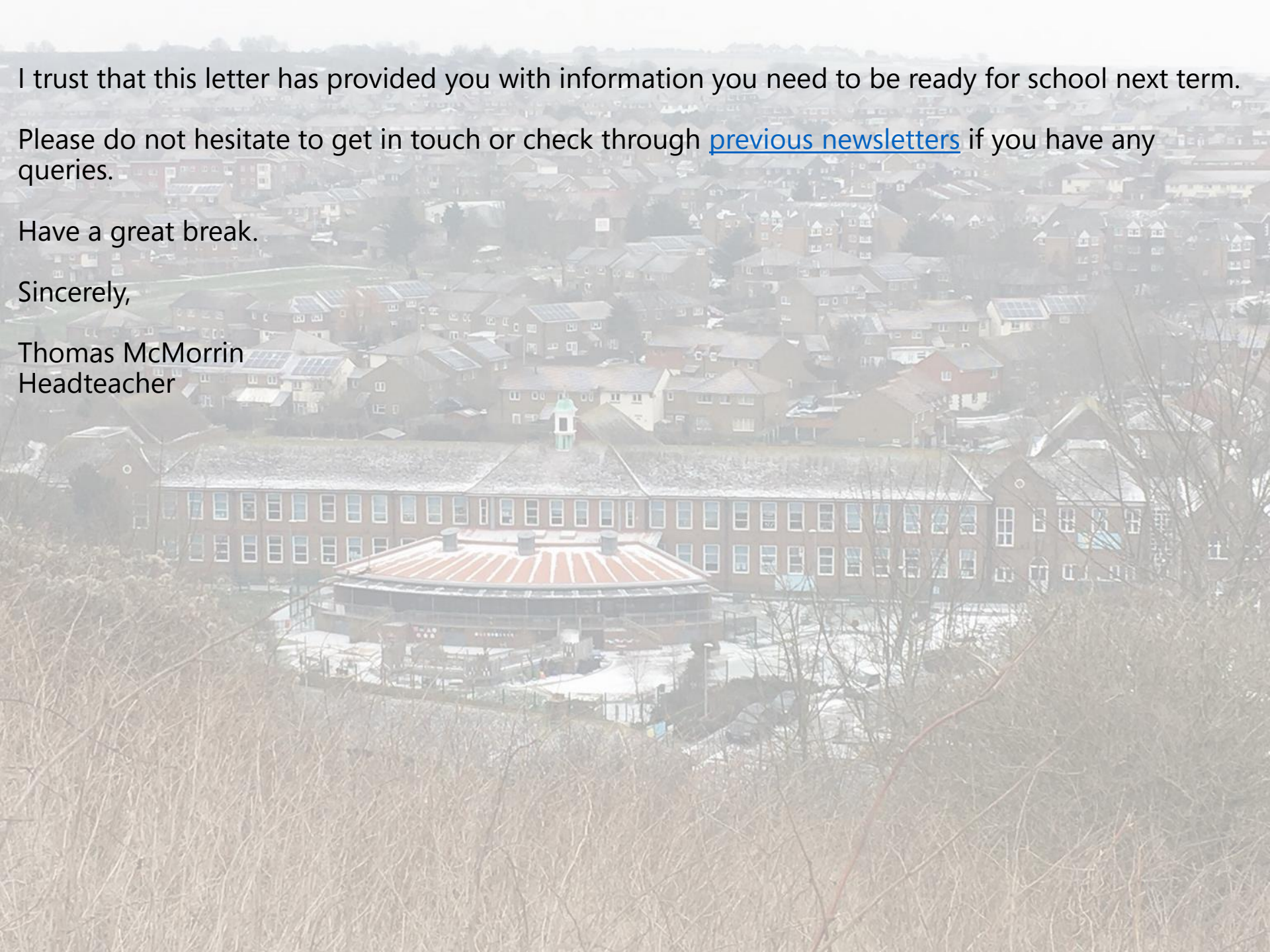
Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day

Wednesday 6th April: Rescheduled Class Photographs

Thursday 21st July: Last day of school

Friday 22nd July: Nominated Jubilee Bank Holiday



I trust that this letter has provided you with information you need to be ready for school next term.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#) if you have any queries.

Have a great break.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher