

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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25th February 2022

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Welcome to quite a big Headteacher Newsletter! As ever, please read every page of our newsletter to make sure you're up to speed with everything going on at school, including a special message about our intention to use the Arbor Parent App.

We have had a fantastic start to the term with children and adults setting the bar very high for weeks to come. We're going to share some of this EXCELLENCE on Monday morning in our assemblies with a special focus on what we can achieve when we try our very hardest.

We have a special fund raising day on Monday 28th for 'Rare Disease Day' (see separate page) so I hope you'll join us by wearing jeans and making a donation if you're in a position to offer one.

There's lots of information in this letter about successful sports events from recent weeks – huge well done to our basketball teams – and lots of information about next week's WORLD BOOK DAY!



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?

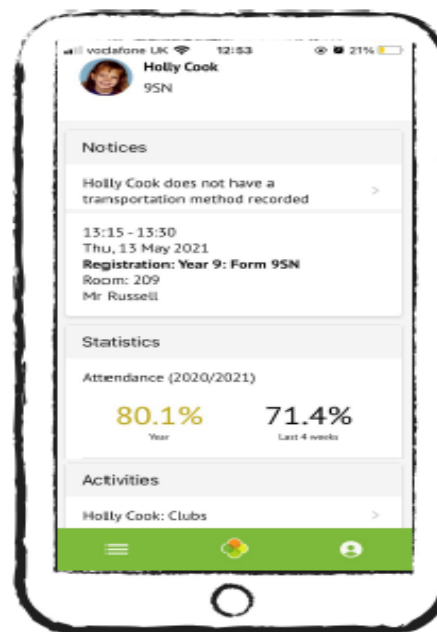
Need help using Arbor?

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.



We're very excited to raise the profile of Rare Disease Day and raise some money for this special cause that is so close to the hearts of so many members of the Whitehawk community. With lovely Imogen and her family at the front of our minds, we're hoping you'll join us in wearing jeans and making a donation to the David Ashwell Foundation on Monday 28th February.

Please ensure that children are wearing their school tee shirts and school jumpers. They can wear jeans/denim on their bottom half and appropriate footwear. We'll gratefully accept a donation on the gate on Monday morning if you're in a position to make one.

Here's to a special day raising money for an important cause.

February 28

Rare Disease Day 2022



Wear Jeans to School

Imogen Bolton

join us in making the voices of
rare diseases heard



Meet Imogen,
age 6,
Europe's
youngest lung
transplant
recipient
at the time
and
ACD survivor!

The David Ashwell
FOUNDATION

Donate £1 and wear jeans to school on Monday, February 28 to support Alveolar Capillary Dysplasia (ACD). ACD is a rare lung disease that results in an infant fatality in almost every occurrence.

The David Ashwell Foundation UK Charity number 1121783

<https://wonderful.co.uk/pay?ref=1121783>

February: Covid Update

From Thursday 24th February

You will not be legally required to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. You should stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people. It is good public health practice to **stay at home if you are unwell** with covid or any other respiratory illness. Always notify us at school of a positive test result so that we can advise you.

You will not have to take daily tests or be legally required to self-isolate following contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Until 31st March

If you have any COVID-19 **symptoms** you should avoid contact with others and order a PCR test. If you test positive, stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

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

Attendance at City Academy



We are so happy to report that whole school attendance this week has been the best we have had since September!

Well done to **Barn Owls** and **Puffins**

who had the best class attendance for the last half term and will be enjoying a **HOT CHOCOLATE CELEBRATION** next week...

Keep up the good work everyone.

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.



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CAW Triumphant in Basketball Tournament

An enormous well done to the CAW basketball team who won the annual basketball tournament for the third successive time! Every single player performed fantastically, and as a team both defensively and offensively were amazing! They beat a talented Coldean team 20-10, then edged a tough match against Hertford 18-12. All six players did brilliantly and we are very proud of them!



Thankyou also to Harry and Yara who were hosts and scorekeepers of the event – they represented the school superbly too. Well done to all

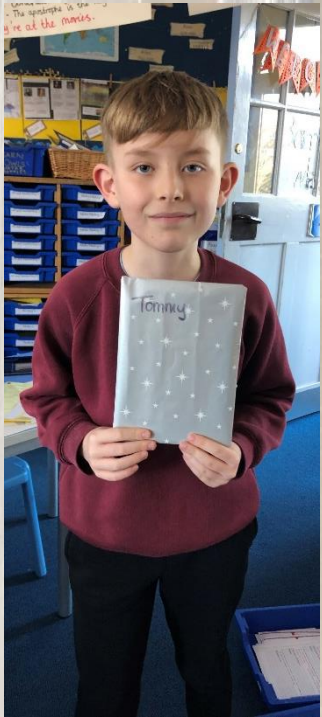
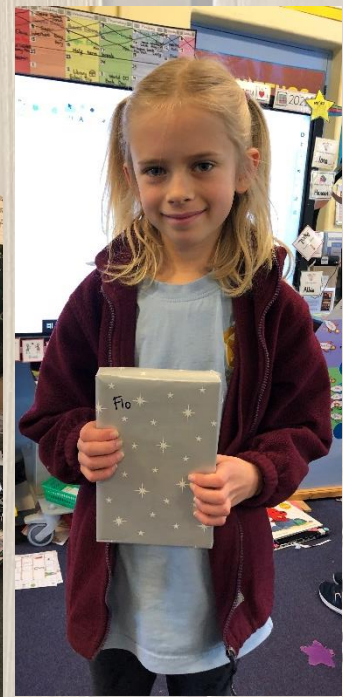
Reading Raffle 3 Winners!

Congratulations to...

- Leo from Reception for winning Poems Aloud
- Summaya from Year 4 for winning Spaghetti Hunter
- Tommy from Year 5 for winning the £5 book token
- Lola from Year 6 for winning Highland Falcon Thief
- Rory from Hatchlings for winning Duffy's Lucky Escape
- Ava from Year 4 for winning Escape the Titanic
- Florence from Year 2 for winning Land Of Roar
- Ruby from Year 5 for winning Rain Before Rainbows
- And also to Libby from Year 4 for winning a bonus copy of Rain Before Rainbows!



Congratulations!



Whitehawk Library Sign Up Competition!

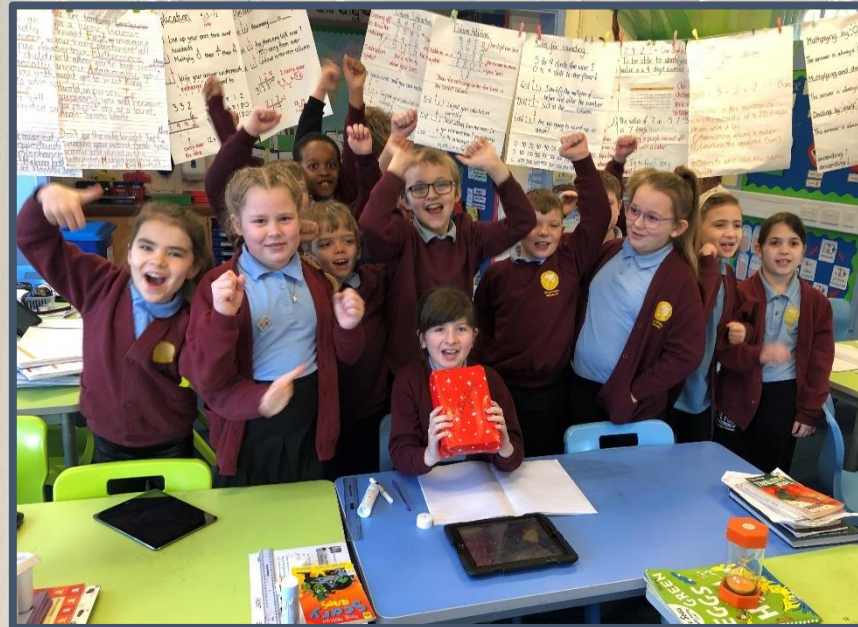
Congratulations to...

Greenfinches who got the highest percentage of returned postcards (47%) from Nursery – Year 2

and

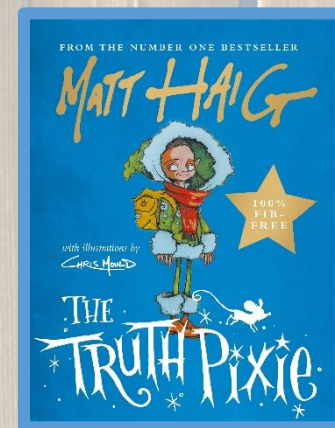
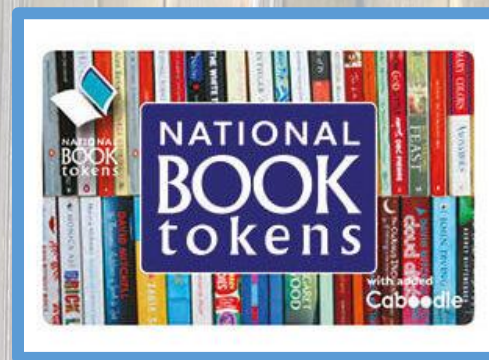
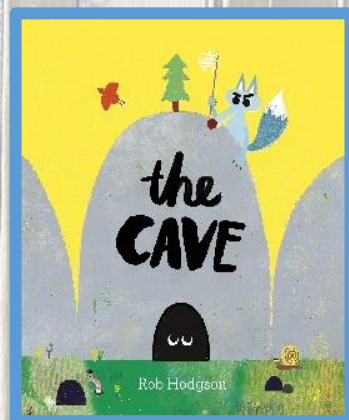
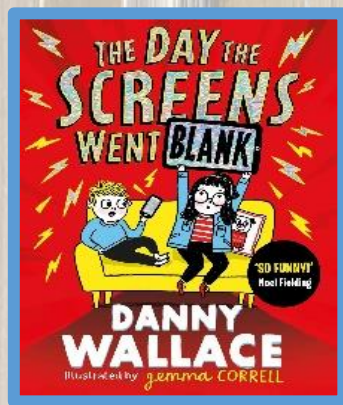
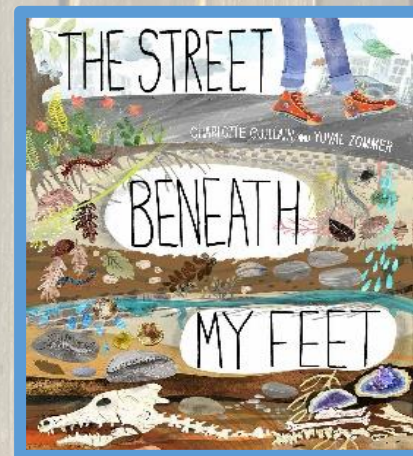
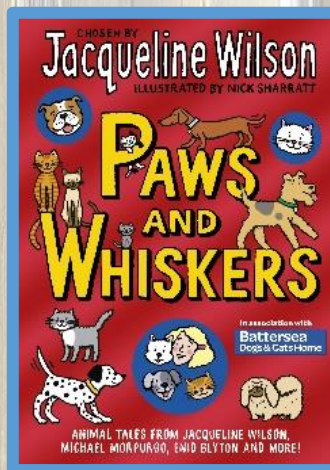
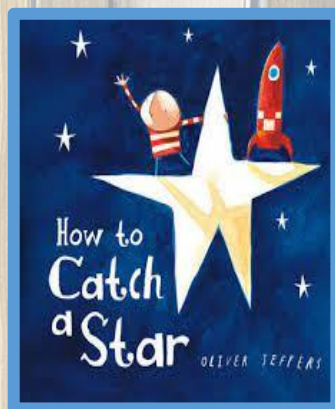
Maggies who got the highest percentage of returned postcards (64%) from Year 3 – 6

Each winning class received learning tickets and a bundle of books for the classroom. Library cards will be handed to all children who submitted a card on 3rd March.



Reading Raffle 4!

This week our Reading Raffle 4 got underway with many children already earning tickets for our new selection. Please [click here](#) to view more information on each book.





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.**

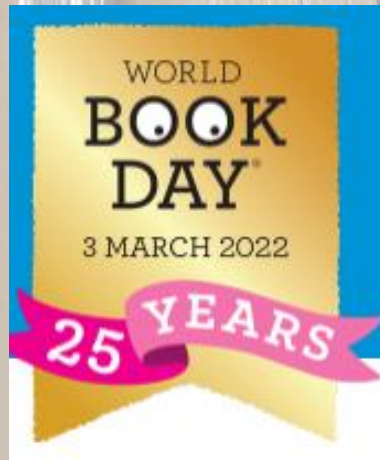
It's very disruptive for teachers and other children when learning tasks are interrupted by children arriving late to class on a regular basis. Lateness puts your child at a disadvantage, starting their day behind their peers.

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



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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!

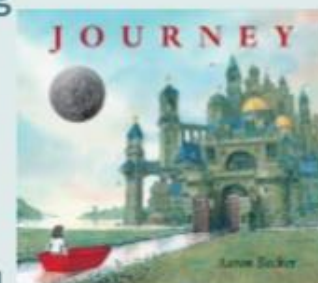
Your child can dress up as their favourite book character for the day

Bookmark Competition

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

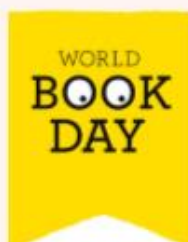
Whole School Book

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

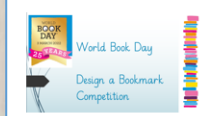
World Book Day 2022

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



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!



World Book Day
Design a Bookmark Competition

1. Take it home and design the best bookmark you can. There are many ideas for reading bookmarks on the internet.
2. Return your entry to Miss Woods in the library by **Monday 28th February**
3. Winners will be announced on World Book Day and their bookmarks will be available, in the library, for everybody.

Name _____
Class: _____

FRONT BACK



Celebrate

World Book Week

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day Menu

Horrid Henry's Greedy Burger
(Beef burger in a Bun)

Kevin the Carrot's Veggie Burger
(Vegetarian Burger in a Bun)

Where's Wally Lightly Seasoned Potato Wedges

Both served with Eat Them to Defeat Them Fresh
Vegetables

Ms Trunchbull's Famous Chocolate Fudge Cake.

Jacket Potato with a choice of filling will also be available

Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

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**08.00
to
08.30am**

**Every day
In the
School
Canteen**

FREE

MON

CRICKET
Years 3-6
Sussex Cricket Club

3.10 - 4.05pm

FREE

Cricket games with a Sussex Cricket Club coach



GYMNASTICS
Years 4-6
STAR GYMNASTICS

3.10 - 4.05pm

FREE

Develop your gymnastics skills with professional gymnastics coaches

ART & CRAFT
Year R-2
Miss Varco
3.05 – 4pm
FREE

Have a go at a variety of art and craft activities!

TUES

STREET DANCE

Years 3-6

JULES

3.10 - 4.05pm

FREE

Participate in street dance with a dance teacher



WEDS



BASKETBALL
Years 5 and 6
Mr McAdam

3.10 – 4.10pm

FREE

Learn basketball skills and games



FOOTBALL

Years 1-4

Russell Martin Foundation

3.10 – 4.05pm

FREE

Football training with football coaches



MUSIC

Years 3 - 6

Mrs Elliott

3.10 – 4.05pm

FREE

Learn to make music in a variety of ways!

THURS

SPORTS GAMES

Year R

Mr Chick

3 – 4pm

FREE

Learn lots of different sports games and activities!



PERFORMING ARTS

Years 1 - 4

Miss Cuthill & Miss Delaney

3.10 – 4.05pm

FREE

Take part in drama and singing activities



FRENCH

Years 4-6

Mrs Grandi & Mrs Luna

3.10 – 4.05pm

FREE

Come and learn more French with Mrs Grandi!



FRI



RUNNING CLUB

Years 4-6

Mr Chick

8.00-8.30am

FREE

Come along via Breakfast Club for a run and a healthy breakfast!



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



ART CLUB

Years 3-6

Mrs Woodward

3.10 – 4.05pm

FREE

Have a go at a variety of art activities!

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'. The 'EARLY READER' section includes categories 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 categories like 'The Bolds', 'Cosmic', 'Jeremy Strong', 'My Brother is a Superhero', and 'Dog Man'. Each category has a corresponding book cover displayed next to it.

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
- Cosy Reads
- Cracking Comedy
- Early Years
- Fantastic Facts
- Friends and Family
- Fantastic Fiction
- Gender Politics
- Girl Power

FLUENT READER

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

RESPECT

AWARDED TO

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! Behaviour in classrooms and playgrounds is superbly respectful so this week we had a special focus on how we move around the building. The children – as usual – made us all very proud.



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

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.**

Stikins Name Labels

As we all know, lost property is a problem in all schools and I am sure we are all familiar with our child, at some point, coming home from school with a missing item. As parents, we are aware that time is precious, which is why we think these labels are such a great idea; they simply stick onto the wash-care label of clothing. They can even be used in shoes! Naming of clothing is a school requirement and we are hoping that with this opportunity we can start to eliminate some of parents' frustrations that surround these issues.

Stikins are offering every child 5 free name labels. If you do not wish to receive these please email: cawadmin@auroraacademies.com before Friday 4th March.



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Fundraising Number
25225

If your school has a fundraising
number, please use it when you order.
(Schools earn up to 30% commission)

Only apply Stikins onto the wash-care label of clothes,
never directly onto the fabric or any other label.

One easy name label with multiple uses for all kinds
of personal items, including clothes and shoes.

Packs	2021 Prices
120 STIKINS® Name Labels - N120	£14.20
90 STIKINS® Name Labels - N90	£12.00
60 STIKINS® Name Labels - N60	£9.50
30 STIKINS® Name Labels - N30	£6.80

Prices include
VAT & UK delivery

We print labels every working day
up to 3pm & send them out same day
by first class post.

labelplanet

Order online at www.stikins.co.uk - Pay by Credit/Debit Card, PayPal, or Apple Pay
Order by phone on 01270 668076 - Pay by credit/Debit Card

Basketball Friendly



On Thursday 10th February, we welcomed St John the Baptist to our annual pre-tournament friendly. We played three games and had a great time! In each game, we showed tremendous skill, resilience, effort and the results reflected those traits. Thanks to St John the Baptist for visiting us and we look forward to seeing you at the tournament!

Game 1

WIN

CAW – 10

SJB – 6

Game 2

LOSE

CAW – 0

SJB - 24

Game 3

DRAW

CAW – 2

SJB – 2

Year 5 Football Match



On Friday 11th February, our Year 5 boys took on Queens Park at Manor Gym. This was the first time that our boys played together in a "competitive" game and they were brilliant. After a slow start, Queens Park took the lead but CAW didn't give up and came out after half time to score a goal! Unfortunately, it wasn't our day as Queens Park went on to win 4-1. Well done to Queens Park and well done to our Year 5s for representing CAW so brilliantly!



Mondays 4pm - 5pm

FREE every Monday

Starting 21st February 22

@The Manor, Whitehawk

(BN2 5EA)

To Register Contact:

Hannah.Sturdy@englandnetball.co.uk

Phone/WhatsApp: 07540126600

Open to ALL children age 7-11 years old



YEAR 5 OPEN MORNING TOURS



LONGHILL
HIGH SCHOOL

Our morning tours provide a fantastic opportunity for families to walk around the school with members of our Senior Leadership Team and student guides. It is a great way to see what the school is like on a normal working day. You will visit lessons and be able to ask any questions you may have of staff and students.

Tours will take place:

Monday 28th of February - 8:45am

Tuesday 1st of March - 8:45am

Wednesday 2nd of March - 8:45am

Thursday 3rd of March - 8:45am

Monday 7th of March - 8:45am

Tuesday 8th of March - 8:45am

Wednesday 9th March - 8:45am

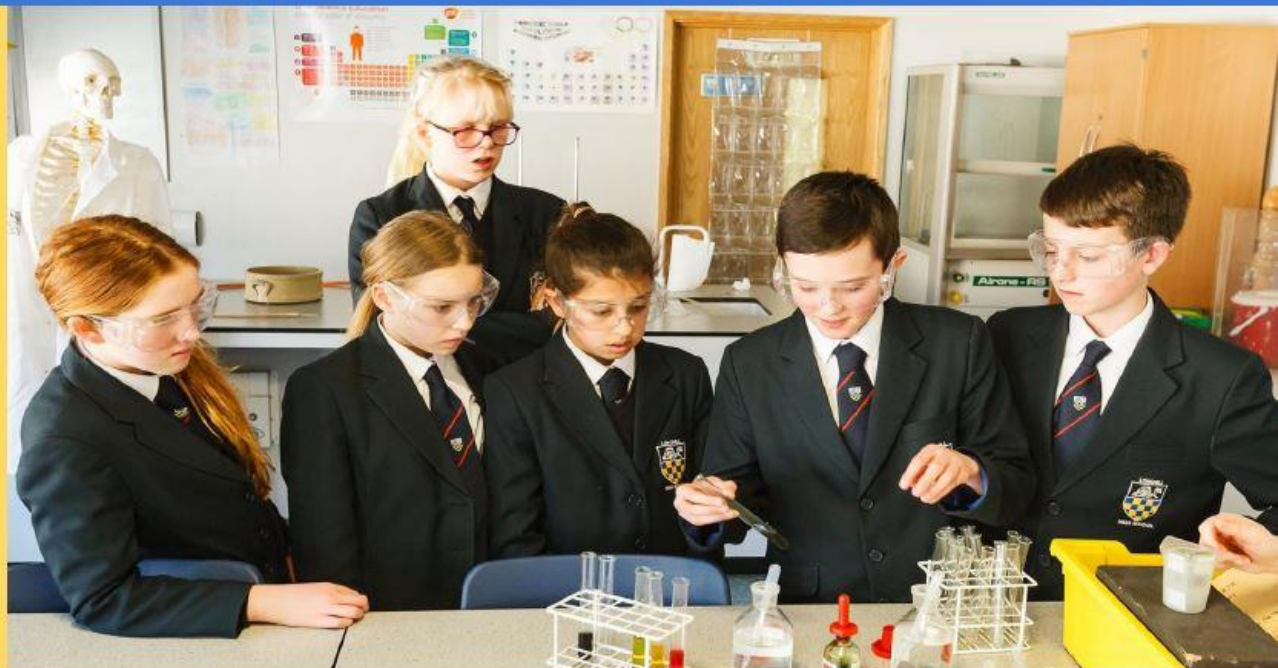
Thursday 10th of March - 8:45am

Monday 14th of February - 8:45am

Tuesday 15th of March - 8:45am

Wednesday 16th of March - 8:45am

Thursday 17th of March - 8:45am



CALL 01273 304086 TO BOOK A PLACE OR
EMAIL ADMIN@LONGHILL.ORG.UK

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 28th February: Jeans for Genes

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day

Wednesday 6th April: Rescheduled Class Photographs

Friday 8th April: Arts Week Exhibition (time tbc)

Friday 8th April: End of Spring 2

Monday 25th April: Start of Summer 1

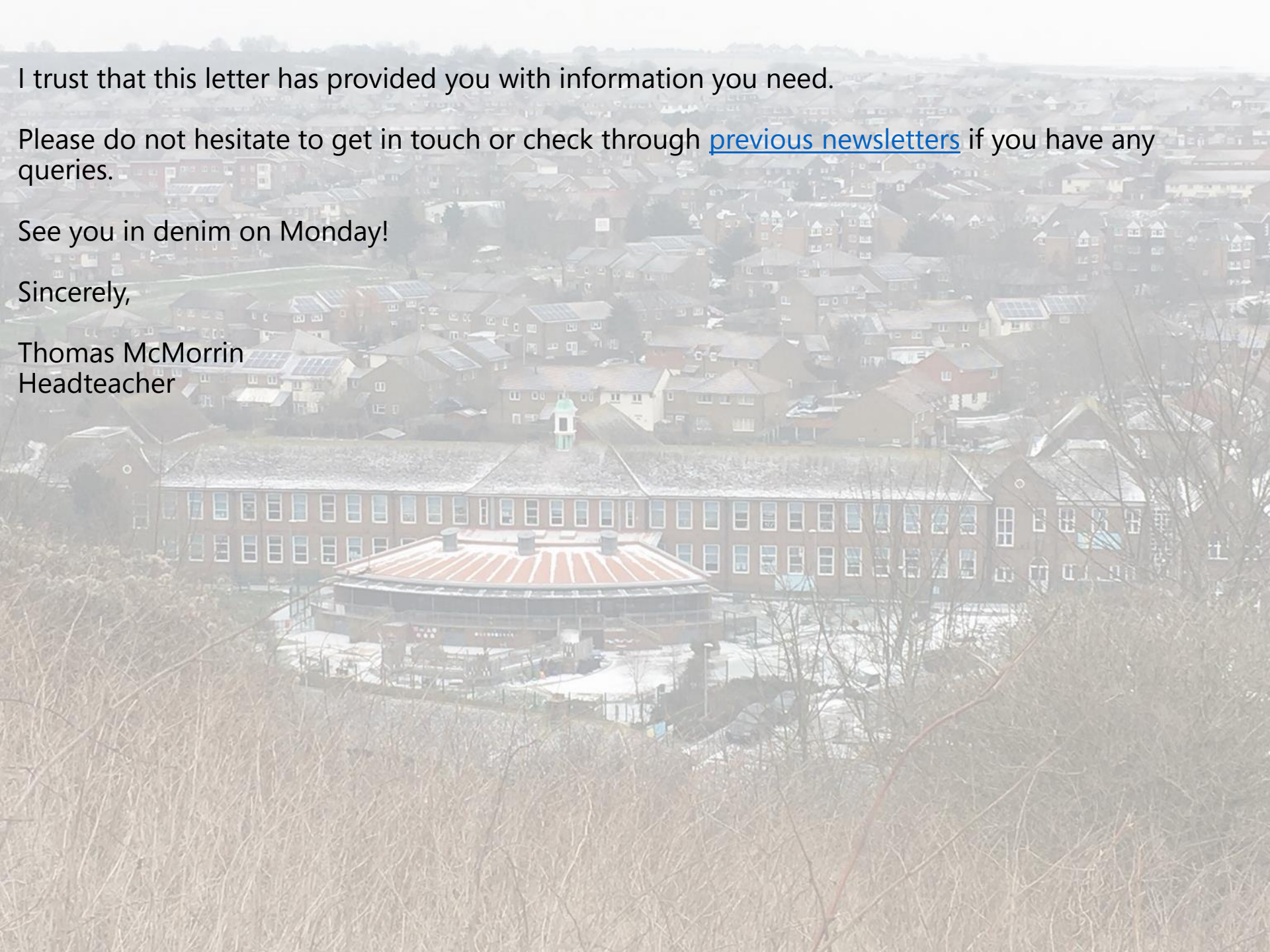
Thursday 21st July: Last day of school

Friday 22nd July: Nominated Jubilee Bank Holiday

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.



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](#) if you have any queries.

See you in denim on Monday!

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher