

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph showing the City Academy Whitehawk building, a large brick structure with a red roof and a central tower, surrounded by a dense residential area of houses with brown roofs. The school is situated in a green area with trees and a path leading to it. The background shows a flat landscape under a blue sky.

Headteacher's Newsletter 15
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March 25th 2022

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Another wonderful fortnight at City Academy Whitehawk!

We've been proud to open our doors to a range of visitors in recent weeks who have heard about how superb our learning environment is – we're thrilled to be able to share our success with others and I am proud to let you know that your children respond superbly to amazing teaching. Keep it up everyone, you're doing stunningly well. We've just gone through a round of assessments in each year group that demonstrate really clearly that we are certainly thriving as a school and it's due to everyone's commitment to our mission. Thank you, sincerely.

Attached to this email is a PDF of a letter about RSE for each year group – please read these letters carefully.

This letter, as ever, contains everything we think you need to know about the running of the school; please read every page of to make sure you're up to speed with everything going on and how to support your children and get involved.



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?

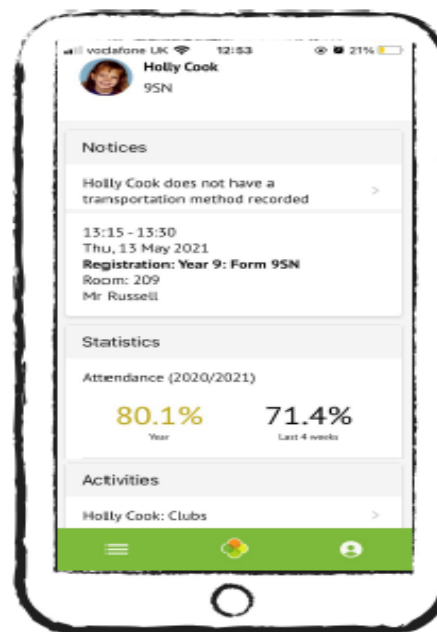
Need help using Arbor?

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.



Year 6 SATs 2022 Presentation for Parents, Carers & Guardians

We are so excited to invite you in to school.
Please come and spend some time on April 6th to
discuss Y6 SATS!

Topics to be covered:

What are SATS? Why are they important? Our approach!

Where: The Gym

When: April 6th @ 9am

With: Mrs Luna, Mr McAdam and Mr McMorrin

Girls Football Team Wins their League!!

We are very excited to announce that the Year 6 girls have received medals and a trophy for winning their football league in the Autumn term! Amazing!!



	School	Points
1 st	CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK	7
2 nd	St Margaret's	4
3 rd	Coldean	4
4 th	St John the Baptist	0

Let's Dance



***Last Monday, 28 Year 6 children volunteered to perform a dance at the Brighton Dome - in front of hundreds of people! They rehearsed so hard and performed on the night with such confidence and style!
We are incredibly proud of them all!***



'Learn to Dance' by Year 6 children. Performed to the song 'Faded' by Alan Walker.

WANTED



CLOSING DATE
25 April 2022

KEY STAGE 2 WW2 ARTWORK

Be part of the Take Shelter art competition and have a chance to win a prize!
Entries need to be A4 size, and inspired by one of these wartime themes:

The Blitz - Evacuees - The Home Front - Women in Wartime

Come and see your work on display at Downs Junior School for our
Art Open House weekends on 19/15 and 21/22 May.

JUDGING & PRIZES

Take Shelter judges will choose one winner from each of the four categories in advance of the Art Open House weekends. Winners will be notified via their school. Each winner will be awarded a **£25 Gift Voucher**. During our open weekends all visitors will be asked to help choose one overall winning entry in our 'People's Vote'. So bring your families and friends and vote for your favourite artwork. The overall winner will be announced at 4pm on Sunday 22nd May and the winner will receive a **£50 Gift Voucher**.

Notes for teachers

Eligible year groups

The competition is open to pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

About the competition

We hope that you will be inspired to enter our exciting art competition, either in class time or as part of your pupils' home learning activities. It will be a great opportunity for your pupils to have their work displayed as part of the Art Open House scheme during the Brighton Fringe Festival. The Art Open House event at Downs Junior School will be part of our annual WW2 themed Take Shelter open weekends. Over the two weekends we welcome over 1,000 people to the school and air raid shelter so there will be a fantastic audience for your pupils' artwork. To find out more about Take Shelter please see our website: www.takeshelter.org.uk

How to enter

All entries need to be no larger A4 and we can only accept 2D artwork. Artwork can use any medium (pencil, crayon, paint, felt tip collage etc) and we encourage your pupils to be as creative as they can! Please ensure that all entries have the following information written on the back:

- Name of child
- Year group
- School
- Competition theme (The Blitz / Evacuees / The Home Front / Women at War)

Submitting your entries

All entries are to be submitted via your school. Please gather all the entries from your pupils, mark your envelope 'Art Competition' and send them to Downs Junior School, Rugby Road, BN1 6ED via the Brighton & Hove inter-school courier. **All entries are to be received during week commencing 25 April 2022. Entries received after this date will not be included in the judging but may still be included in the displays.**

Return of work

All work will be returned to school via the Brighton & Hove inter school courier in the weeks after the 22nd May.

Looking for inspiration?

There are lots of WW2 resources available on the internet but if you are looking for inspiration for your pupils' artwork you may want to look at these links from the Imperial War Museum collections:

London Blitz: [Imperial War Museum - London Blitz listings](#)

Wartime Brighton: [Imperial War Museum - Wartime Brighton listings](#)

Evacuees: [Imperial War Museum - Evacuee listings](#)

Home Front: [Imperial War Museum - Home Front listings](#)

Land Girls: [Imperial War Museum - Land Girl listings](#)

Women at war: [Imperial War Museum - Women at war listings](#)

Wartime propaganda posters - [Imperial War Museum - poster listings](#)

Questions?

If you have any questions please email TakeShelter@downsjun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

ASPIRATION

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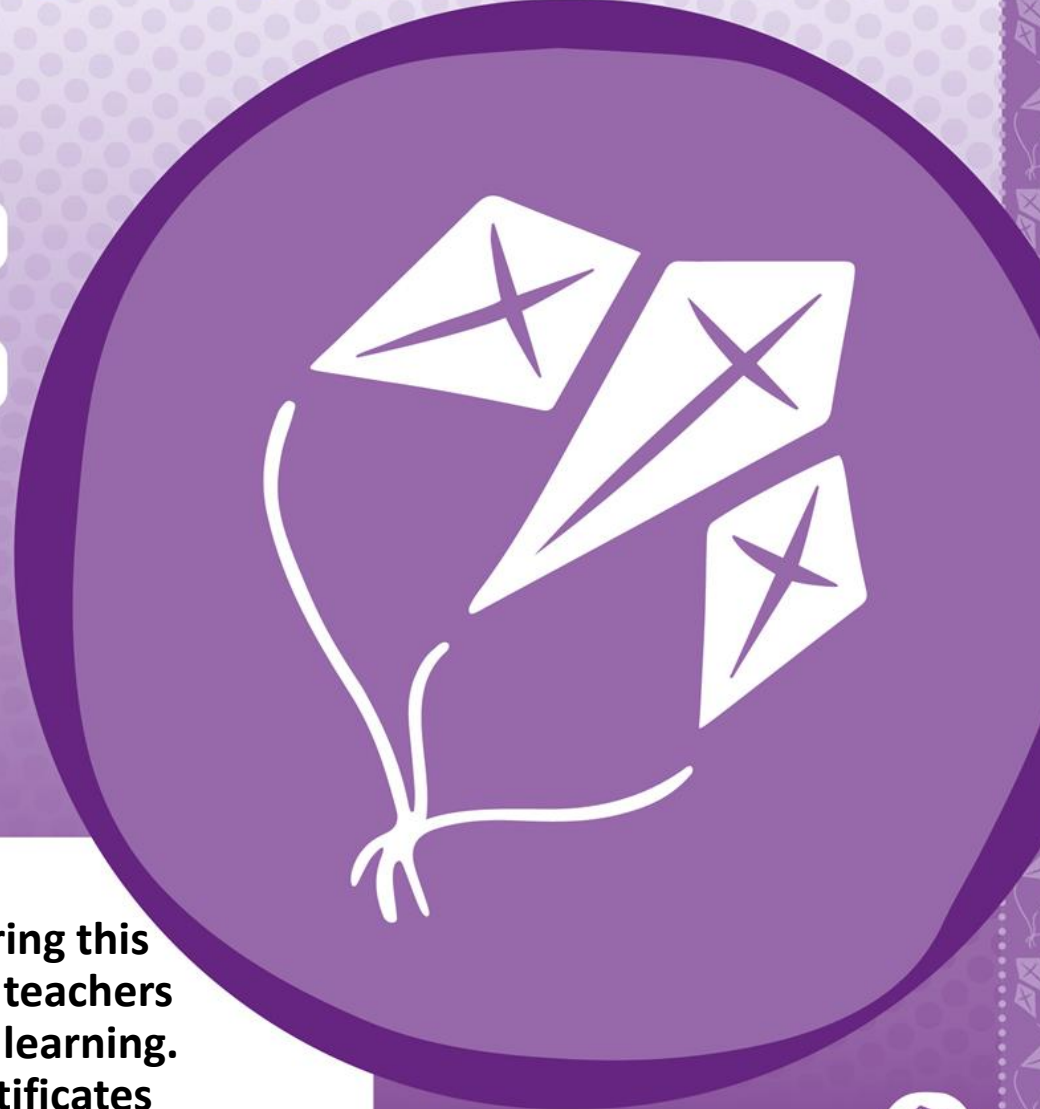
Name:

Class:

- Aim for the top
- Achieve your best
- Be proud of yourself
- Apply your learning
- Learn from your mistakes
- Know that you will do it!

Teacher's Comments

With our 'aim for the top' focus during this week, children have impressed their teachers with their ASPIRATIONAL attitude to learning. Keep an eye out for some these certificates coming home next Monday!



Rights Respecting School

We are going to be working at becoming a Rights Respecting School at City Academy Whitehawk.

A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights of the UNCRC are taught, learnt, practised, respected, protected and promoted. A Rights Respecting School is a place where children can feel confident to use their voice to help make a difference. The word RESPECT has always been at the core of our "being" at City Academy Whitehawk as one of our core qualities.



We will be asking children to apply to be a part of a 'Steering Group,' please encourage them to fill in the application form. The deadline is Monday 28th March for these applications. They will help us to raise awareness about the UNCRC and promoting the awareness of children's rights at City Academy Whitehawk. Children who are a part of the Steering Group will be able to promote pupil voice and encourage other children to give their opinions on issues both in and out of school. We will also need parents and carers to be part of our steering group. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Miss Woods, Ms Woodward or Mrs Grandi.

Sporting Opportunities at the Crew Club

Would your child like to learn to play cricket? We run free sessions every Wednesday at the Crew Club between 3.45-4.45 pm. Sessions are coached by Sussex Cricket.

Would your child like to learn to play tennis? We run free coached sessions at the Crew Club every Wednesday between 4.45 and 5.45pm.

Drop in and give it a try! The Crew Club, 26 Coolham Drive, Whitehawk, BN2 5QW

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



**Amazing Achievement from Ms Reynolds'
JACKDAWS class who achieved 100%
Attendance for the whole week last week!
The whole class has won a celebration
smoothie next Friday 😊**

Please remember that the school day starts at 8.30am and all children need to be in class by 8.45am. Children arriving after that time will be marked as late, and will miss out on the first part of that day's learning.













Thank you to the vast majority of families who are on time for school every day!

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.



City Academy
Whitehawk

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

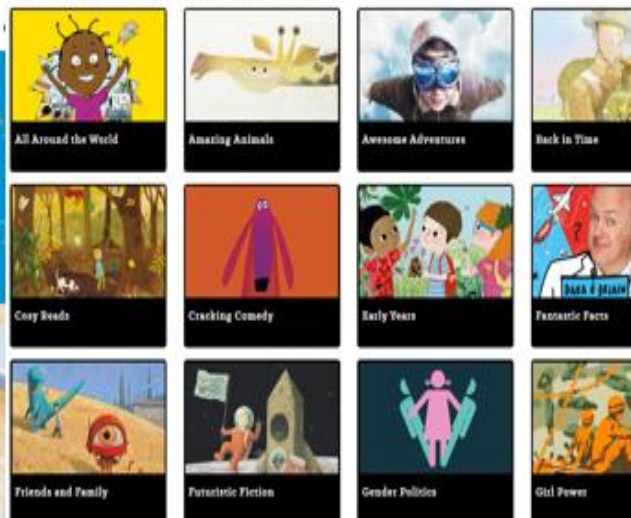
B R E A K F A S T C L U B 08.00 to 08.30am Every day In the School Canteen FREE	MON	<div>CRICKET Years 3-6 Sussex Cricket Club 3.10 - 4.05pm FREE Cricket games with a Sussex Cricket Club coach</div> <div></div>	<div><div>GYMNASTICS Years 4-6 STAR GYMNASTICS 3.10 - 4.05pm FREE Develop your gymnastics skills with professional gymnastics coaches</div></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><div>BASKETBALL Years 5 and 6 Mr McAdam 3.10 – 4.10pm FREE Learn basketball skills and games</div></div>	<div><div>FOOTBALL Years 1-4 Russell Martin Foundation 3.10 – 4.05pm FREE Football training with football coaches</div></div>	<div><div>MUSIC Years 3 - 6 Mrs Elliott 3.10 – 4.05pm FREE Learn to make music in a variety of ways!</div></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><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>	<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>	<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!



EXPLORE OUR READING LISTS



EARLY READER



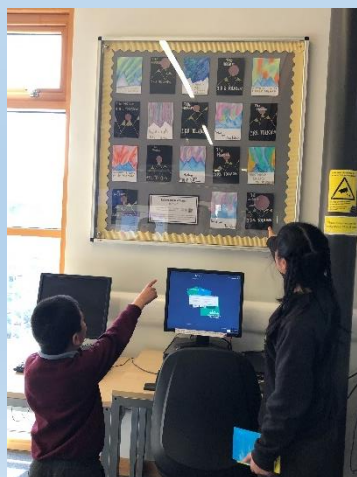
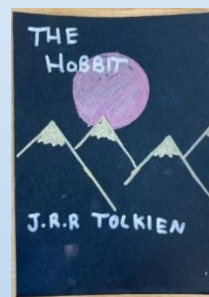
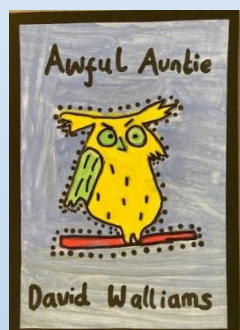
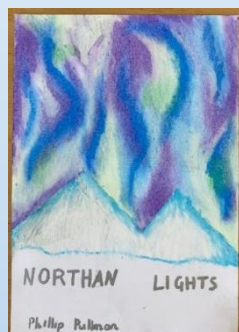
FLUENT READER



Whitehawk Library Artwork!

We were pleased to host many visitors to the Whitehawk Library on Wednesday where our World Book Day art projects were on display! These will remain on display for the rest of the school year so please do pop down whenever you can to have a look. Any artwork that isn't on display in the library will be on display in school instead.

There are 4 different sets of words like this in the library which were made by children! Can you go and find them all?





CAW RED NOSE BAKE SALE!

We are very pleased to say that the CAW Red Nose Day Bake Sale was a resounding success!



Thank you to everyone who donated so generously.
Together, the CAW community raised a whopping...

£461

Such great news and every penny going to such a great cause.

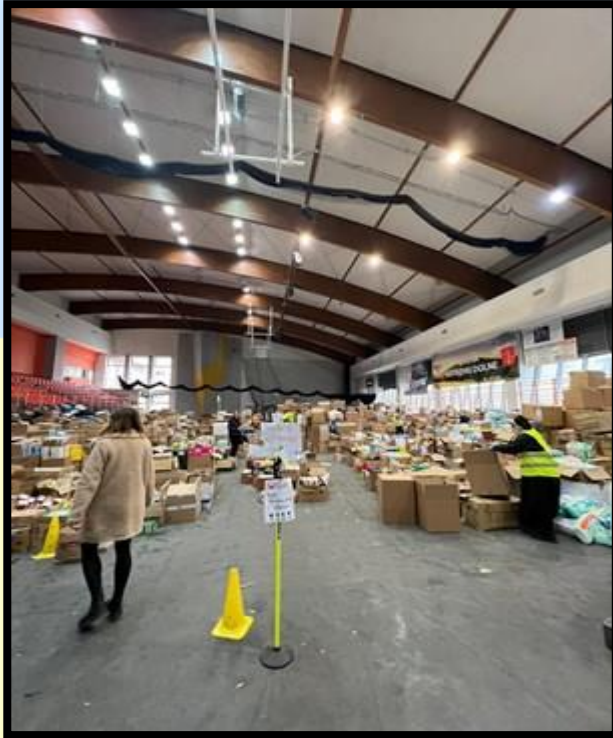
Thank you, everyone.



Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already donated generously to the Ukraine Appeal. Our donations have reached the redistribution centre in Poland and are being given out to those in need as you read this.

Sadly, there are many families who still need our help. We have an updated list of items that are required. Please note that they are no longer requesting clothes, as plenty have been received so far. This may change as the weeks go by. City Academy Whitehawk will be sending our donations every few days, so please keep sending items into school, if you are able to.



Redistribution Centre in Poland

**UKRAINE
EMERGENCY
APPEAL**


brightonswimmingcentre.com

PLEASE ONLY BRING ITEMS ON THIS LIST
(AS OTHER ITEMS CAN'T BE USED AND WILL SADLY BE THROWN AWAY)

- Batteries / flashlights / candles
- Nappies / wet wipes
- Sanitary products
- Soaps / Toothpaste / Toothbrushes / Shampoo
- First aid supplies
- Power banks / batteries
- Baby food / formula
- Antibacterial wipes / gel
- Colouring books / colouring pencils


Brighton Swimming Centre,
Eastern Road, Brighton, BN2 5JJ
admin@brightonswimmingschool.com

**THANK
YOU!**

Children's Parade 2022

City Academy Whitehawk has been invited, once again, to take part in the Children's Parade on Saturday 7th May.

Our last 'mermaid build' was the talk of the town, and would never have been possible if not for our talented team of parent builders!

This year's theme is 'Rebuilding better than before.' If any parents or carers would like to volunteer their time to help with this year's big build, please ask the school office to give your details to Mrs Woodward.

Whitehawk Library
are putting on two
events on 1st and
2nd April with lots
of activities for
children and adults.
See the poster for
more information.



The poster is titled 'CIRCULAR ECONOMY' in large, black, curved letters. At the top left is an illustration of a spinning wheel, and at the top right is an illustration of a piece of fabric with the word 'Textiles' written next to it. In the center, two stylized figures are holding a globe. Below the title, it says 'FREE EVENT at: Whitehawk Library & Community Hub Fri 1st April & Sat 2nd April'. The poster is divided into two main sections for the events, each with a list of activities. At the bottom, there is a list of partners and sponsors, including Brighton & Hove City Council, SOEX, Freegle, Circular Brighton & Hove, Tech-Takeback, and various European Union and Interreg logos.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Textiles

FREE EVENT at:
Whitehawk Library & Community Hub
Fri 1st April & Sat 2nd April

Friday 2pm - 4:30pm

- Pre-loved SCHOOL UNIFORMS event (2-4pm) Pay-as-you-feel for Longhill uniform with 'Smarter Uniforms' AND Swap with 'Box & Hanger' for primary school ages.
- Uniform REPAIR SHOP with 'Fabric Godmother' and 'The Fashion School' - learn simple hand repairs.
- 'Woolly Umbrella' SPINNING & textiles.
- Pelican parcels - supporting families.
- After school snacks from Hawks cafe.

Saturday 10am - 3pm

- 'FREE YOUR WARDROBE' (from 11am) FREE women's wear event. Bring clothes you don't wear, take clothes you can't wait to wear!
- Clothing REPAIR SHOP and demos with 'Fabric Godmother'
- Whitehawk Arts Collective - scraps workshop (10am - 1pm).
- Woolly Umbrella SPINNING demos.
- Pelican parcels- supporting families.
- Coffee & croissants 10-12pm.

KEEPING THINGS IN USE FOR LONGER

Plus on both days...
Brighton & Hove City Council, City Clean, SOEX, Freegle, Circular Brighton & Hove, Tech-Takeback, crafting activities & more!

Brighton & Hove City Council
BLUEPRINT 
to a Circular Economy

Interreg 
France | Channel | England
European Regional Development Fund


EUROPEAN UNION


TECH-TAKEBACK

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

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.](#)

Wednesday 6th April: Rescheduled Class Photographs

Wednesday 6th April: Y6 Families SATs Meeting

Friday 8th April: Arts Week Exhibition for Parents (details 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

I trust that this letter has provided you with information you need to be ready for school next week. Please make sure you read the RSE letter attached to this email.

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

Have a great weekend with your loved ones and enjoy the good weather.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

