

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph showing the City Academy Whitehawk building, a large brick structure with a red roof and a central tower, situated in a residential area with many houses and green spaces. The school is surrounded by lush green trees and grass in the foreground.

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Monday 18th July 2022

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

HAPPY TRANSITION DAY! I'm pleased to be writing to you on the final Monday of the year with pages and pages of good news, including information about our incoming staff. We also have an update regarding sports day results and Wednesday's house celebration (see details regarding non-uniform).

We've had a focus on the CAW Quality of RESILIENCE for this fortnight, looking at being 'next year ready' and developing resilience around the changes that come from moving year groups and teachers. Your child has met their new teacher today and visited their new classroom. They have been given a paper copy of their transition booklet and you have been emailed a copy too – this includes all the information you need for September.

So that we can give the Year 6 children the attention they so richly deserve on the evening of Wednesday 20th, Parent Consultations are being held this evening and tomorrow evening. This meeting is your chance to collect your child's annual report and hear from their teacher how well they've done this year.

As ever, please read each page of this newsletter and read your CAW emails so that you feel confident about everything going on at school.

RESILIENCE

AWARDED TO

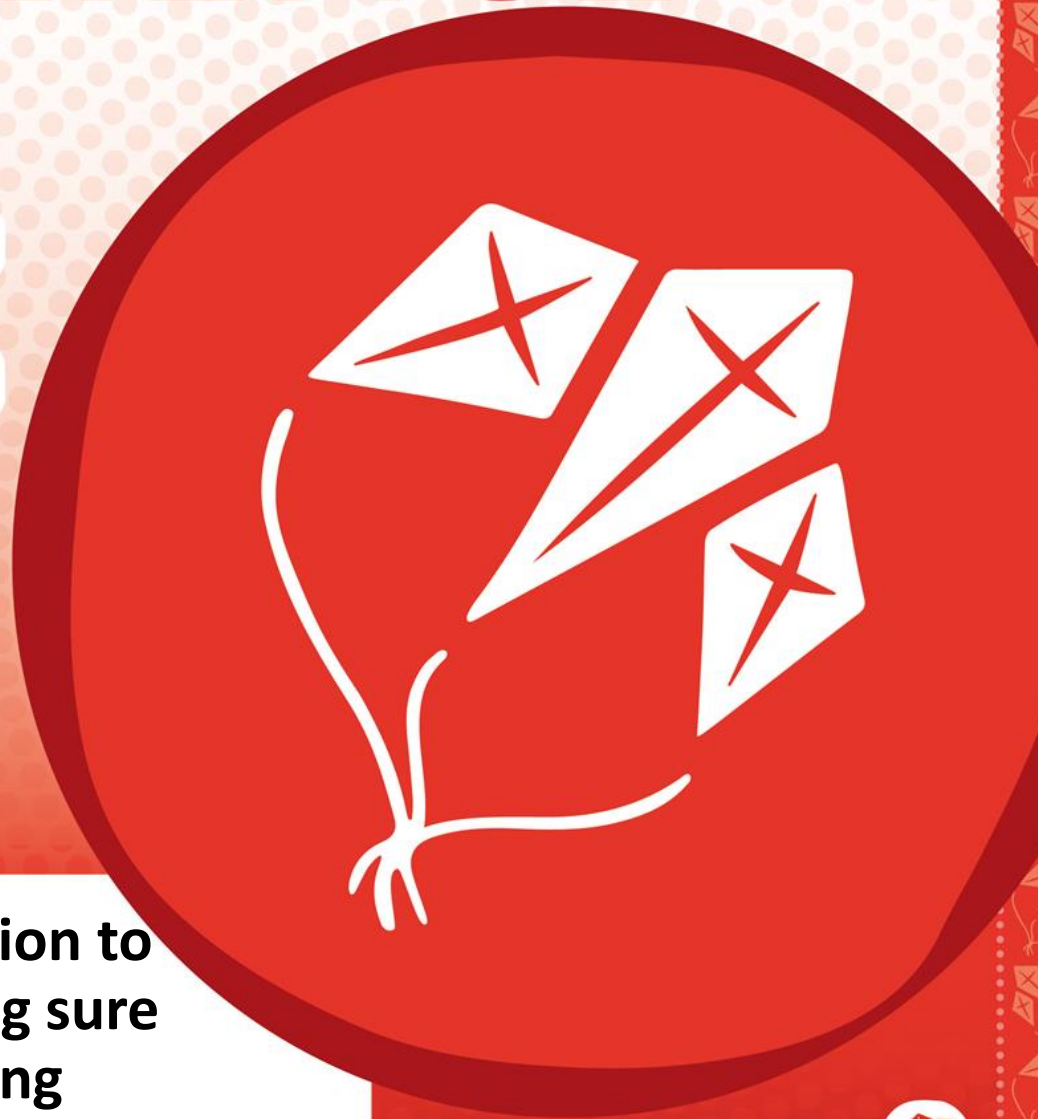
Name:

Class:

- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

Teacher's Comments

We are paying special attention to RESILIENCE this week, making sure we're ready for the exciting opportunities that next year brings!



Hot Weather

We are taking all recommended actions to keep the school safe and cool during this hot weather. We have been teaching children about staying safe in the sun in our weekly assemblies.

We encourage you to put sun cream on your child before school in the mornings. You can send a named bottle of sun cream in to school with your child for them to keep in their bag for them to reapply independently later in the day. If your child will struggle to do this independently, we'll be happy to support them to do so. Please encourage good practice at home... this weekend is going to be a hot one!

Children may bring caps/hats to school for play times when it is hot and sunny – you must ensure that these are named if we are going to be able to support you in retrieving any lost property.

Please help us to keep your children hydrated by sending them to school with a bottle each day.



Attendance at City Academy

A massive well done to more than **150 children** who are receiving a Certificate this week for **Excellent Attendance** for the summer term... if your child's attendance is **97%** or above since Easter they will receive a personalised certificate.

The big “push” on excellent attendance and punctuality will carry on in September so make sure your child isn't missing out and that they are at school every day unless the absence is completely unavoidable.

As always please speak to Mrs Storey in the school office every day before 11.00am



Sports Days



Congratulations to all children from Nursery to Year 6 for participating in such brilliant Sports Days. It was a privilege to be able to invite families to watch for the first time since Summer 2019 - I hope you join us in feeling super proud of the children! They threw, jumped and ran with such agility and coordination! There were some really special individual achievements: achieving sporting personal bests and demonstrating phenomenal resilience. The Year 6 Tug of War was the most competitive and closely fought we've ever seen. So cool!

I'd like to publicly thank CAW staff and volunteers for making these such inclusive, safe, engaging events. Huge thanks to you, families, for your support throughout.

PLEASE READ ON FOR THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE VICTORS...

Sports Days



As explained in a recent newsletter, the children did an amazing job of running, jumping and throwing in all four Sports Days!

Events children competed in scored their house points, and they have been added together.
The FINAL results are below:

Overall House Points	
Water	1569
Earth	1535
Fire	1487
Air	1463

Congratulations to all houses, for scoring
SO many points! A big well done to all
Children in Water, who have won the
Sports Day shield for the first time
since 2017 😊



SCAN ME

Instrumental Lessons at City Academy Whitehawk with SMS



- Pay by monthly Standing Order.
- Lessons in School time
- Experienced, friendly, fully safeguarded and DBS checked teachers
- 20 or 30 minute lessons
- Instrument hire and advice

One to one lessons for
guitar, flute,
saxophone, keyboard,
violin and other
instruments on request

www.sussexmusicschool.com/city-academy-whitehawk



Opportunity for Music Lessons

Mrs. Elliott has been working hard to organise additional instrumental lessons here at CAW. We are in a position to host 1-to-1 music lessons in September, so if you want to pay for music tuition for your child, you can organise this with Sussex Music School. Please click [here](#) to access the online form.



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It really is so important that your child is at school every single day, as children who are often absent do miss out on so much – not just learning, but friendships, routines, music, drama, stories, and playtimes.

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EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK

97%

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

Your attendance for the whole summer term since Easter has been an incredible 100% - Well done! Have a lovely summer, from Mrs Storey ☺



Thank You for Everything

This year, we are very sad to be saying '**goodbye and good luck**' to some different members of staff and you will notice some new faces on your transition booklets. I look forward to paying tribute to these departing colleagues in Thursday's newsletter.

Ms Woodward, our Deputy Headteacher, after two great years at CAW, is leaving us to move onto an exciting new opportunity at a school in Eastbourne.

Mr Chick, our Assistant Headteacher and PE Specialist, is leaving CAW this year after 8 years of amazing work at CAW to move closer to his family.

Mr. Faers, our Early Reading Leader and Year 2 Teacher – after 7 years of being truly excellent at CAW - is excited to start a new chapter in his teaching career!

Mrs Handley is leaving us this year as she is retiring to spend more time with her family after a staggering 38 years of working at CAW!

Miss. Jones, the wonderful teacher of Red Robins, is leaving us this year to go travelling in new exciting places like Japan, Fiji and New Zealand.

Miss. Scott, amazing teacher of the Puffins, is leaving us this year to go travelling in Australia!

Garry Allen, who many of you will know as the leader of WASP (Whitehawk After School Project) is moving on to new and exciting things. He will be sorely missed.

We were lucky to find Mr. Newbatt earlier this year as a member of agency support staff in Reception. Mr. Newbatt is going on to explore new horizons. Hopefully we'll welcome him back as a colleague one day!

The fabulous Miss. Cuthill is travelling overseas for a year but we will welcome her back with open arms in September 2023!

We are going to miss everyone and are so grateful for everything these members of staff have done for CAW but are also excited to welcome new members of the CAW team in September!

Welcome to CAW

With every departure comes an opportunity. You'll notice from your children's transition booklets that we are very proud and excited to welcome:



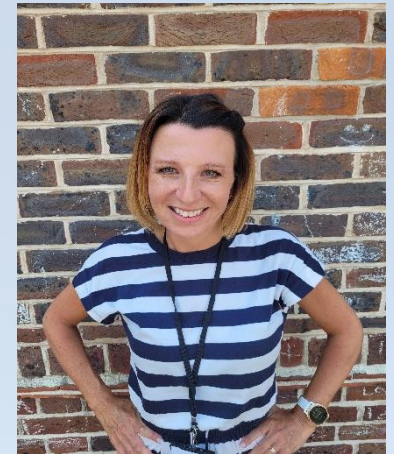
Mr Wood



Miss Sampayo



Mr McQuillan



Mrs Halls



Miss McGann



Mrs Gill



Mrs Al-Hattabi



Miss Layton

Uniform



This year we are once again working with local charity, Pelican Parcels, to support families in having plenty of clean, well-fitting uniform for school.

If there are any families who are on a low income and would like some support with school uniform, please complete the Pelican Parcels order form. Forms have been emailed to all families, or a paper copy can be collected from the school office. There is no charge for uniform ordered through Pelican Parcels.

Forms can be returned electronically to cawadmin@auroraacademies.org or paper copies can be returned to the school office.

Once your form has been returned, Pelican Parcels will contact you directly about your order. You can collect your Pelican Parcel orders from the locations below:

- Whitehawk Foodbank
- CHOMP
- East Brighton Food Co-operative
- Roundabout Children's Centre



If you have any unwanted uniform previously given to you by Pelican Parcels, please leave it in the box in the front office. Pelican Parcels will then redistribute it to any families in need.

Uniform

Please visit [Logo Sports](#) to purchase your uniform.



blue polo shirt
with academy
logo

burgundy
sweatshirt or
cardigan with
academy logo

burgundy fleece
with academy
logo

black trousers,
skirts or pinafore
dresses

plain black shoes
(we recommend
avoiding laces)

plain socks or
tights

In warm weather,
black school
shorts or blue
and white check
school dresses
can be worn

Additional Information

- Put a memorable key chain on your child's book bag.
- Please don't send your child in with toys from home in case they are lost or damaged.
- Please have a P.E kit for your child ready for Autumn term.
- Please consider sending a spare set of clothes for your child's peg if you think your child may need this.
- Please name all of your child's items. We recommend displaying their name in the collar and also writing it on the back of the item's academy logo badge.
- If you would like to buy logo free blue polo shirts please do so. Some children like to keep their logo blue shirts for special occasions such as, school photos/events.
- Please bring a named water bottle to school.
- If eating packed lunches, please name your lunchbox.



Reading Raffle

6 Books!

Click the link below to learn more about all the books in the raffle. This can also be found on the school website under: Pupils, Reading.

<https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/city-academy-whitehawk/UploadedDocument/c89ef6bd-d83d-412e-86d7-3069dad81452/reading-raffle-book-blurbs-summer-2.pdf>

Closes on Friday 15th July

Reading Raffle 6

Which will you vote for?



YEAR

2 0 2 2 L E A V E R S

SIX

We are so excited to celebrate how amazing our Year children are! This term, we have an array of experiences that we are thrilled to offer...

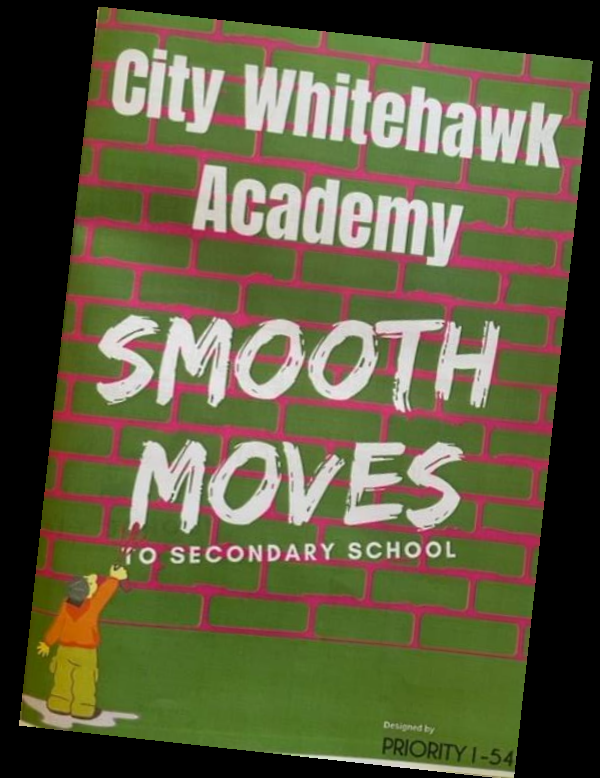
We are looking forward to Wednesday evening's barbecue and Thursday morning's leavers' assembly.

Mrs Luna and Mr McAdam

Smooth Moves with John Kahn!

We had such a good day working with Priority 1-54 and John Kahn! John is a secondary school transition expert and offered our leavers a great day of preparation, goal setting and conversation surrounding next year!

We are really grateful for the time and wisdom John imparted on us and we hope to welcome him back next year!



Leavers Trip

July 13th

We had such a wonderful day and had the opportunity to do SO much!

Here is a quick breakdown...

10am – i360



11:30 – Brighton Pier



12:30 - Beach



1pm – Volleyball



Year 6 Football Match!

- In our 2nd annual Y6 match Team Luna and Team McAdam battled hard to a well earned 2 – 2 draw. For the second year in a row there has been no defined winner, with the exception of fun!
- We brought 44 children and spectators were amazed by the feats of athleticism on display!
- Thanks to all the fans for coming out and watching!



Leavers Assembly

- Year 6 families are invited to attend the Leavers Assembly on **Thursday July 21st at 9:30am**. This is a great opportunity to celebrate all the Y6 children for such a fantastic year. We are hoping to hold the assembly outside on our trim trail (weather dependent). We hope to see you all there!
- Mr McAdam and Mrs Luna

Wednesday is Bouncy Castle Day!

Once again, we have hired a Bouncy Castle for our end of Summer Term House Celebration!

Please can the children come to school in non-school uniform and bring a long-sleeved top and long trousers to wear on the Bouncy Castle, to avoid friction burns.



If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school office by 3pm on Tuesday.



CREW CLUB HAWKS FC

STARTS
18th May
2022



UNDER 7's OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS

COME AND JOIN
CREW CLUB HAWKS
U7's TEAM
for
2022/23 SEASON

for more information contact
our sports development officer
noah@crewclub.co.uk

WEDNESDAY
3:30pm to 4:30pm
Crew Club Football Pitches



The Crew Club, 26 Coolham Drive, BN2 5QW, Tel: 01273 608607

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.

WHAT DOES 'MAY CONTAIN' MEAN?

The label simply means that while the labelled product isn't supposed to contain the allergen, the manufacturer can't be sure it doesn't. They can't be sure there hasn't been cross-contamination during preparation. Foods with this label might not contain any allergens at all, but there is also a chance they do. You should always take this label seriously.

You might have come into contact with a product which 'may contain' an allergen without suffering an allergic reaction. But you could buy the same product again and have an allergic reaction. So it is best to avoid these products altogether.

Staying Healthy

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.**

Hats and Suncream

Please ensure your child comes to school with suncream applied and a named hat.

Awareness Is Power – Support Team Sarah!



I was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer last year. Myself and my two sons, Sam and Isaac, have signed up for the Brighton 10k 'Night Shine Walk' in August, to raise money for Cancer Research UK. I received a great deal of support from this charity and it played a vital part in the way I was able to manage my treatment and the situation in general. We would be hugely grateful if you would sponsor us and support a worthwhile charity that means a great deal to me.

Thank you, Sarah (Ms Orchard), Sam and Isaac
xx



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sarahs-giving-page-2710928>

2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

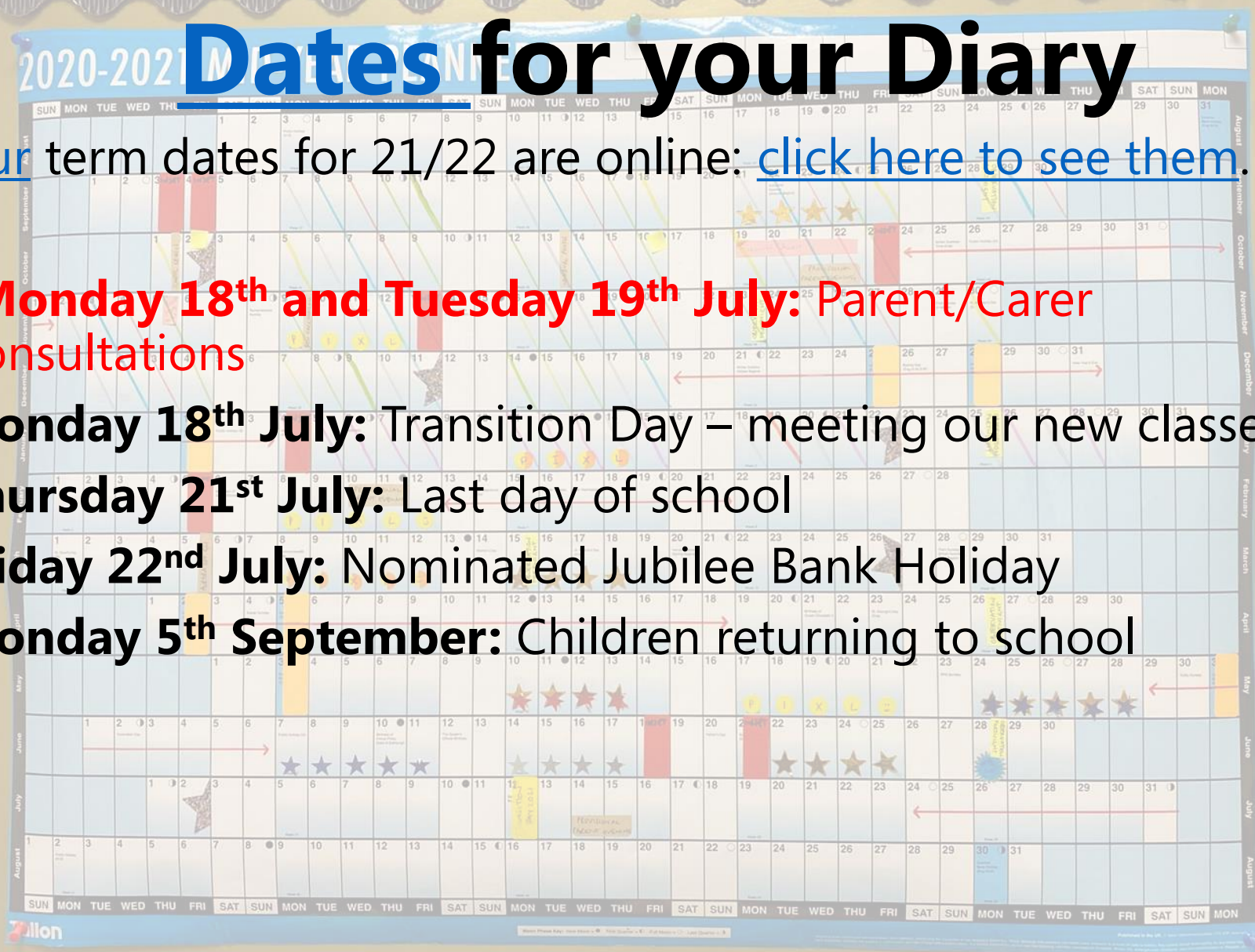
***Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July: Parent/Carer Consultations**

Monday 18th July: Transition Day – meeting our new classes

Thursday 21st July: Last day of school

Friday 22nd July: Nominated Jubilee Bank Holiday

Monday 5th September: Children returning to school



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

You will receive a newsletter on Thursday evening that will help you prepare for September, and another newsletter on September 2nd ahead of the first day of school on **Monday 5th September.**

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

Enjoy the hot weather,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

