

City Academy Whitehawk



Starting School
2023-24



1st September 2023

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope you have had an amazing summer break.

We are really excited to welcome the children back to school and to welcome our new Robins! We've had a very busy time here with building work and improvements to our technology. We had a superbly productive INSET day today so we're all raring to go on Monday morning!

This letter contains some of what I sent you on the 21st of July but includes the menu for school dinners and a reminder of drop off and collection arrangements – please read these carefully.

ASPIRATION

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- 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

We are going to launch our first week by focussing on our CAW Quality of ASPIRATION, setting ambitious targets for the Autumn Term. We'll also be inviting Year 5 and 6 to apply for the role of school ambassador.



C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



Autumn 1 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION



[Ella Toone discusses the World Cup and her new book \(Newsround\)](#)

[Newsround Quiz: Which Lioness are you?](#)

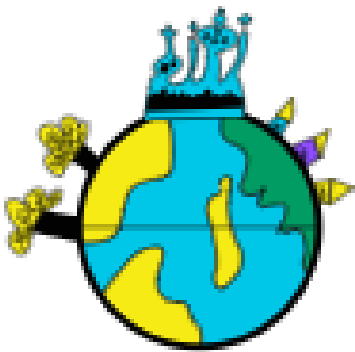
[Women's World Cup final highlights](#)

CAW Significant Figures of the Week

England Women's National Football Team

The Lionesses!

Fresh from winning Euro 2022, the England Women's team went on to perform superbly in the summer World Cup. They reached the final, losing 1-0 to a brilliant Spain. To represent your country at any sport is amazing, and is only made possible through real **ASPIRATION**. Here's hoping they can go on to win the next Women's World Cup in 2027!



**Our City,
Our World**

School Drop Off and Collection Hatchlings (Nursery)

- Paddock Entrance will open to Hatchlings at 08:40 and close at 08:50
- Families who arrive at school after 08:50 will need to 'buzz' their gate to be welcomed by a member of staff and will be marked as late.
- Siblings in Years 1 – 6 can be dropped off at either the Canteen Gate or the Main Gate from 8:30 – 8:45



School Drop Off and Collection

Robins (Reception)

- Orchard Gate (see map below) will open to Robins at 08:30 and close at 08:45 (please note that Robins will be welcomed from 08:30 but siblings in Hatchlings can also use this entrance but will be welcomed from 08:40 – 8:45)
- Families who arrive at school after 08:45 will need to 'buzz' their gate to be welcomed by a member of staff and will be marked as late.
- Siblings in Years 1 – 6 can be dropped off at the Main Gate or the Canteen Gate from 8:30 – 8:45



Year 1 – 6 Drop Off

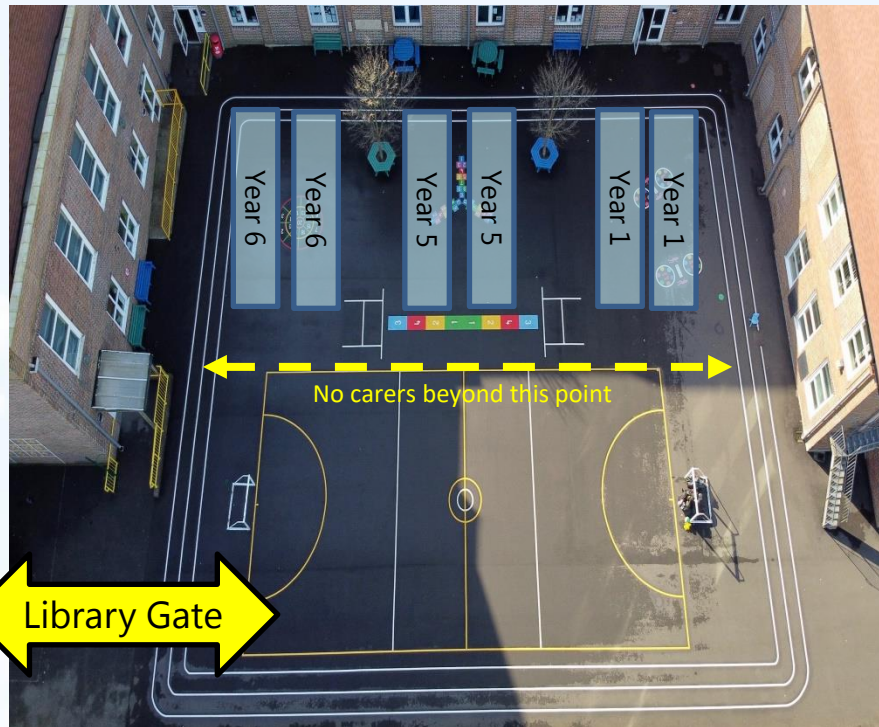
The 'main' school gate and 'canteen' school gates will open at 08:30 to admit children to school. The gate will close at 08:45. Families who arrive after this time will need to 'buzz' to be admitted and will receive a late mark.



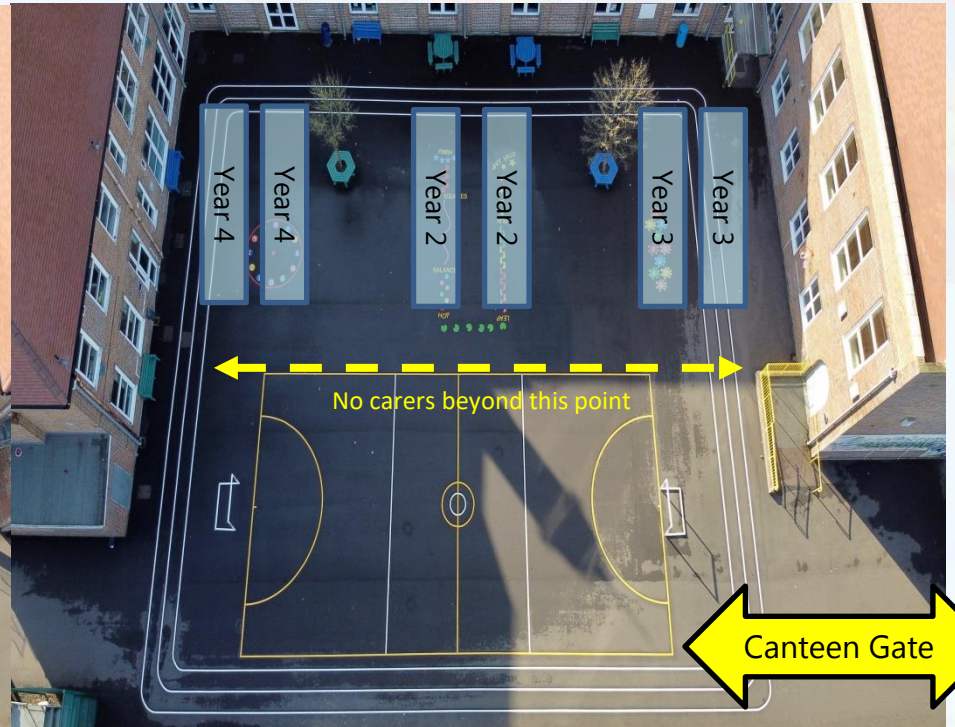
Year 1- 6 Home Time 2022/23

- The library exit and canteen exit will be unlocked at 15:10
- Children will be waiting with their teacher to be collected from their carer/nominated adult
- Lost Property will be available on the North Playground – parents are not permitted to enter the building to look for lost items
- Carers will not be admitted to the school building from the playground at all (this enables us to keep all children who need to be in the building safe)
- Please be mindful of the scaffolding on the Northern wing as you enter school over the next few weeks as we are having some work done to improve our external walls.

South Playground



North Playground



Breakfast Club Drop Off 2022/23

We are proud to announce that all children from Year 1 to Year 6 are eligible to come to school early for a free breakfast. Reception children are invited to join us from Monday 18th September and thereafter.

The Canteen Gate will be opened promptly at 08:00 and closed at 08:10 to admit children for breakfast.

Children are offered a wonderful range of breakfast foods and play opportunities. Our Breakfast Club team escort the children to class for 08:30.



School Dinners Week 1

City Academy Whitehawk - Autumn/Winter - Week 1

Weekly menu



Monday

Pork Sausage & Mashed Potato served with Gravy

Veggie Sausage & Mashed Potato served with Gravy

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Chocolate Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Meat Pizza served with Potato Wedges

Cheese Pizza served with Potato Wedges

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Vanilla Sponge with Custard

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Gammon served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Veggie Parcel served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Strawberry Jelly

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday

Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread

Veggie Lasagne served with Garlic Bread

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Homemade Cookie

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday

Battered Fish & Chips

Quorn Nuggets & Chips

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Carrot Cake

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

School Meals and Payments

Please don't forget that Year 2s moving to Year 3 are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals. Please download the Arbor App to make payments.

You may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please don't hesitate to contact the FSM team who are really friendly and helpful; they're available to support you on 01273 293497 or at this [web address](#).



Uniform in September

Please visit [Logo Sports](#) to purchase your uniform or see the next page about Pelican Parcels.

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 or
trainers (no
crocs)

plain socks or
tights

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

Additional Information

- For now, P.E kit will be worn on your child's P.E. days (see P.E. day slide) apart from Reception who will wear their normal school uniform every day until half term.
- Please consider sending a spare set of clothes/underwear 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. We do lots of messy play in Reception and we can get dirty sometimes. 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.



Naming Uniform

Please ensure all of your child's uniform and items are named.

We highly recommend using sharpie to write their name on the back of the school logo as well as on the label.

If children attend school with unnamed uniform we will write their name in Sharpie pen on the items for them. We hope this will help avoid children losing their lovely uniforms.

Uniform in September



School Uniform Order Form

Family name: _____

Child Age: _____

Child year group (eg Reception, Yr4): _____

School name: _____

Organisation / Collection Point: _____

Requested items:	Size/Age:	Quantity:
white polo shirt		
sky blue polo shirt		
black or grey trousers		
black or grey shorts		
black or grey skirt / pinafore		
blue gingham dress		
red gingham dress		
burgandy jumper		
burgandy cardigan		
red jumper		
red cardigan		
navy jumper		
navy cardigan		
black/blue PE shorts		
black/blue joggers/tracksuit bottoms		
white PE t-shirt		
grey socks		
white socks		
grey tights		
white tights		
black shoes		
PE trainers		

A PE bag / backpack, with some stationary and other items, will be provided for every child's order.

Pelican Parcels is a charity that takes donations of good quality items from families for passing on to another family. Please note that some of the uniform provided will be pre-loved, but in excellent condition. All shoes provided will be new.

Visit our website for more information: pelicanparcels.org.uk

[Click here to access
the website for
Pelican Parcels](http://pelicanparcels.org.uk)

PE Kits

For Autumn 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. We plan to return to getting changed at school after the October half term break. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather but that these should be in line with our uniform policy.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Fridays (from Oct)	Tues	Mon	Weds	Weds	Tue	Tue
		Thurs	Thurs	Fri	Thurs	Fri	Thurs

Children can bring a change of clothes for after school clubs. An announcement about clubs will be shared with you via email on Wednesday 7th September. A huge selection on offer, as usual!

Please remember to hunt around for your child's Reading Record and bring that back to school on Monday. Children will continue to use up empty pages in their Reading Record from last year until it is full!

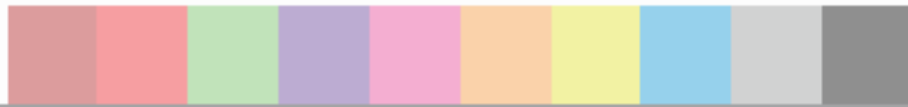


City Academy Whitehawk Reading Record


books4schools
www.books4schools.co.uk
0845 470 2001

Name: _____

Class: _____



Autumn Term: Hot Weather in September

You might choose to still 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 but please remember that we can not apply this sun cream and children will have to manage the responsibility for their own cream. We will, of course, do our best to support them with this.

Please make sure your children bring their 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 bottle.

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.

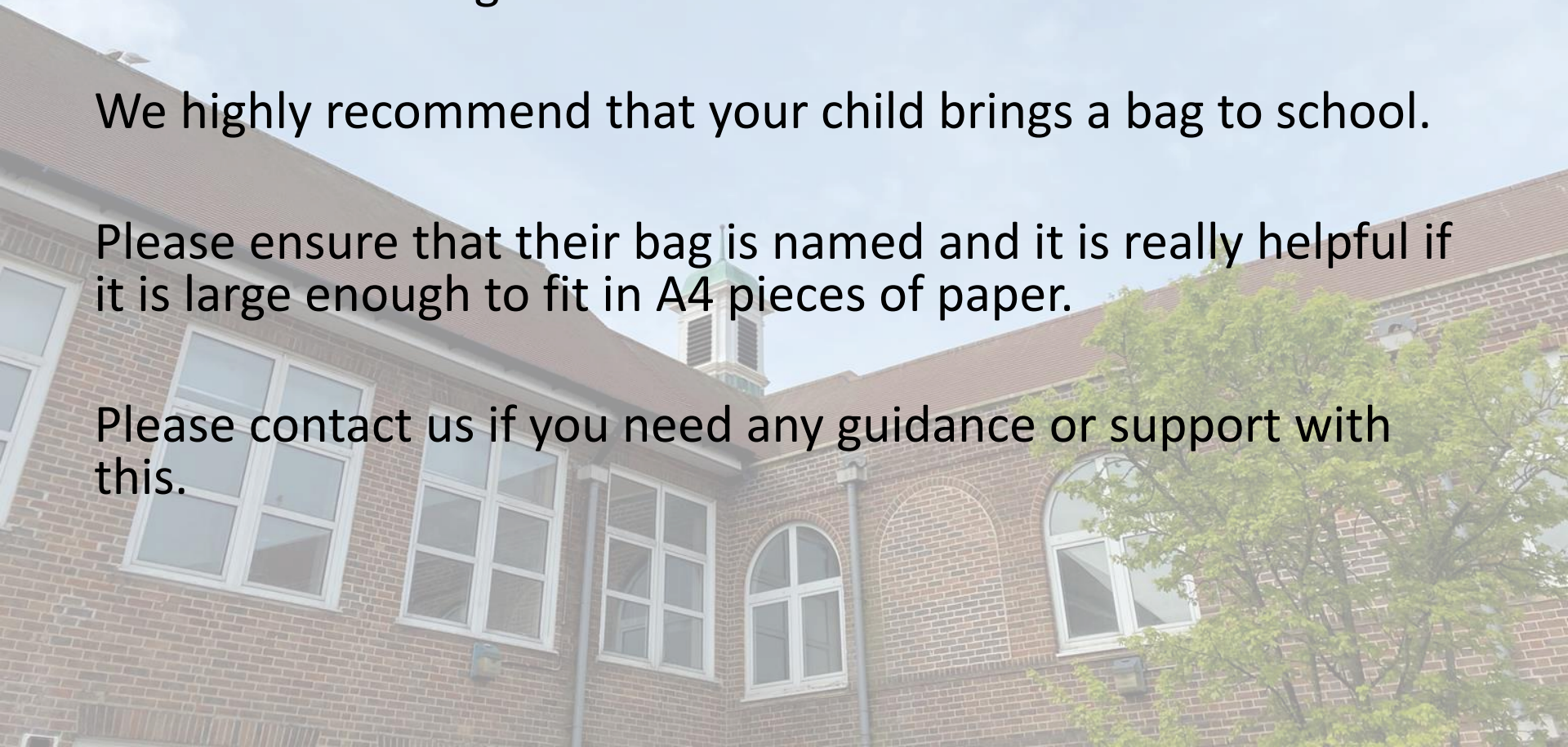
School Bags

Over the year, your child will receive resources and letters to take home. We will be sending them home with their reading books and reading record too.

We highly recommend that your child brings a bag to school.

Please ensure that their bag is named and it is really helpful if it is large enough to fit in A4 pieces of paper.

Please contact us if you need any guidance or support with this.



Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 4th September: Years 1 – 6 and Hatchlings Start school.

(Reception starters have received personalised letters with details for their start to school.)

Friday 25th September: Jeans for Genes Day

Week beginning 16th October: Family Engagement Events

Tuesday 17th October: Family/Teacher consultation 15:30 – 19:00

Wednesday 18th October: Family/Teacher consultation 15:30-17:00

Thursday 19th October: End of Autumn Term 1 for children

Friday 20th October: INSET

Monday 30th October: Start of Autumn Term 2

Friday 10th November: INSET Day

Monday 11th November: Family Engagement Events

Friday 15th December 13:00: End of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 2nd January: INSET

Wednesday 4th January: Start of Spring 1 for children

I hope this letter has provided you with all the information you need to feel confident about Monday morning but please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#) catalogued on our website.

I'm so excited to welcome the children back on Monday morning so that we can kick off another super successful year. I'll look forward to seeing you on the gates!

Enjoy your weekend,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

