

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 parking lot. The background shows a flat landscape under a clear sky.

Headteacher's Newsletter 13
March 17th 2023

Friday 17th March

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Thank you for your flexibility and support over the past few weeks.

We've had a really successful fortnight since I wrote to you last – I've been pleased to welcome many curious visitors to the school who have heard about how superbly things are going for the children of CAW.

You may have seen from our Facebook post that we had a superb International Women's Day last Wednesday with a range of teacher and pupil led lessons, activities and celebrations throughout the day. Today we enjoyed a really positive Red Nose Day – the children looked fab in red and it looks like you've raised a lot of money for great causes. I look forward to publishing the total amount of money raised in my next letter.

As ever, please read this newsletter carefully paying careful attention to dates in particular. I have included some information about our upcoming Family Engagement Events!

Updated Family Events

We look forward to seeing you at our family events at the end of this term where you'll learn more about some of the subjects children learn about!

	Monday 27 th March	Tuesday 28 th March	Wednesday 29 th March	Thursday 30 th March	Friday 31 st March
9:00	Hatchlings 1 (8:45)	Reception	Year 2	Year 1	Hatchlings 2 (8:45)
14:15	Year 6	Year 4	Year 5		Year 3

coffee on the gate

Early Years



Hatchlings and Robins Parents and Carers

Weather permitting, we hope you will join us for a coffee and a chat on the gate after the morning drop off.

We hope this will provide an opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how your child is getting on at school and at home.

Promoting relationships between home and school is an essential part of the Early Years curriculum and is something which is very important to us.

Thank you to everyone who joined us last month!

Tuesday 28th March, 8:30 – 9:00am

Running on a Monthly Basis





City Academy
Whitehawk



Attendance at City Academy

Well done to the

**PUFFINS, BARN OWLS and JACKDAWS
Classes**

who enjoyed an amazing Hot Chocolate with Mrs Storey
last week to celebrate having the **BEST** attendance for the
whole of last term



Watch this space for Special Prizes and
certificates at the end of term for great
attendance.

Only 2 weeks to go! 😊



Support your local football team!

Show the voucher below for a child to get FREE entry to see Whitehawk FC playing, as long as they are accompanied by an adult (who only has to pay £5)

The next home game at The TerraPurra Ground is vs. Cray Valley PM on Saturday 25th March

Come on you Hawks!

CITY ACADEMY KIDS GO FREE*

**WHITEHAWK FC, EAST BRIGHTON PARK, 3PM KO
WALK THROUGH THE PARK TO THE GAME**

SATURDAY 11th MARCH SEVENOAKS TOWN

SATURDAY 25th MARCH CRAY VALLEY PM

SATURDAY 8th APRIL CHICHESTER CITY




SATURDAY 22nd APRIL CORINTHIAN

ADULT £5 WITH THIS VOUCHER

***WITH AN ADULT**



Isthmian South East

Club	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1  Ramsgate	31	18	8	5	60	35	25	62
2  Whitehawk	31	17	7	7	53	29	24	58
3  Chatham Town	31	17	7	7	49	30	19	58
4  Beckenham T...	31	17	5	9	51	39	12	56
5  Cray Valley PM	31	15	8	8	56	30	26	53



Choking Prevention

CAPT have issued advice on choking prevention in young children.

It includes information on foods to avoid, foods to cut up, prop feeding, advice on small objects and support on what to do if a young child or baby is choking.

Avoid these foods – for babies and young children

While it's possible for a child to choke on anything, some foods pose more of a risk than others and should be avoided until your child is a more competent eater.



Hard food like **popcorn** can easily get stuck.



Marshmallows get sticky when wet so can seal the airway and may not come out with back blows.



Round hard sweets (including mini-eggs) are slippery so can easily be swallowed and completely block the airway.



Jelly cubes can get sticky when wet so seal the airway.



Peanut butter on its own – globs of peanut butter can seal the airway, so only use it as a spread.



Whole grapes are the perfect size to block the airway and can be difficult to dislodge because of their flexible texture. Always cut them up. [Learn more](https://capt.org.uk/choking-prevention/)



A note about lollipops – if a lollipop comes off a stick, it in effect becomes a hard boiled sweet. So they're best avoided for under-threes.

Follow this link to find out more: <https://capt.org.uk/choking-prevention/>

Children's Parade - Construction Sessions



Our plans for an incredible Children's Parade float are bubbling along amazingly well...all thanks to the wonderful family volunteers! The theme for our parade is going to be **the invention of shampoo.**

Check out the frame taking shape!



If you would like to help with constructing the float, you would be very welcome. We have approximately 40 places for children to join us on the Parade on **Sunday 7th May**, and to keep things fair, we will be giving preference to families who have made a significant contribution to these sessions. Please contact the school office at cawadmin@auroraacademies.org or speak to Mr. Wood on the playground to register your interest! See below for the dates...

Term	Date	Times
Spring 1	Tuesday 21 st March	9-11am in the School Hall
	Thursday 23 rd March	
	Tuesday 28 th March	
	Thursday 30 th March	
Summer 1	Tuesday 18 th April	
	Friday 21 st April	
	Tuesday 25 th April	
	Thursday 27 th April	
	Tuesday 2 nd May	
	Thursday 4 th May	

Children's Parade – Used donations needed



In order to complete our float, we'd love to have donations of the following used materials:

- Cotton T-shirts (black and white)
- Bubble wrap
- Sequins/ribbon
- Milk bottles
- Indian style fabrics
- Black fur (fake, not real!)
- Pool noodles/insulation tubes

It's incredibly important to us as a school that we make the float using recycled/reused/sustainable materials, and absolutely do not want families to spend money on this!

If you have any of the listed materials that you can donate, we'd be incredibly grateful. Please hand them in to the office for Mr. Wood.



Easter Crown Competition!

Enter our Easter Crown Competition!

Packs will come home on Fri 24th March, with all you need to make your crown.

Please bring your finished crown to school by Wed 29th March.

Judges will choose a winner from each class on Thursday 30th March, and a few bonus prizes too!

Tallest crown? Most colourful? Silliest?

Winners receive a prize!

Free to enter!

All children who enter will get a little chocolate egg for participating!

The pack is just to get you started, please decorate with whatever you have at home!

Stretch those creative muscles and good luck!

We can't wait to see your designs!

Huge thanks to our wonderful CAW PTA for organising a truly egg-citing Easter Crown competition!



RED NOSE DAY



**A huge THANK YOU to all of our Whitehawk families
for your incredible generosity on Red Nose Day.**

**We will keep you posted on how much we raised as a school...it's going to take a
long time to count up all of the amazing donations!**

We can feel so proud that our community has been so giving.

Thank you!

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

On Tuesday 14th of March, Year 6 travelled to the Brighton Dome to take part in Let's Dance!

We took 38 children and performed in front of 1,200 people. This took an unbelievable amount of courage and effort from those who decided to take part. A massive thank you to Jubilee library for hosting us in between rehearsals and the performance and also to Franco Manca pizza for feeding us before the show.

The children performed brilliantly and represented the community in a truly amazing manner.

On a side note, sorry to all the times that you have had to listen to "Party in the USA" over the last few weeks...





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?

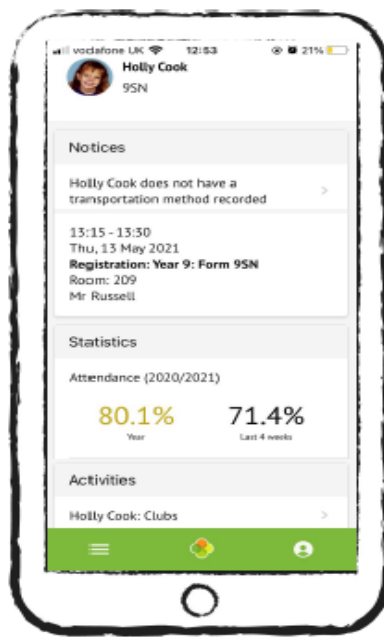
Need help using Arbor?

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.



So far 83% of our parents/carers have signed up to use the App.

You should have received the activation email, if you are having any problems activating the App please contact the school office.
















We are aiming to use this Portal as our main Communication channel, this will help reduce the amount of paper used in school.

Did you know that in our recent Parent Survey, 90% of families reported that they agreed / strongly agreed that their child had 'lots of opportunities to take part in school clubs and activities'? We were very pleased with this feedback and we're pleased to publish our club offer for the Spring Term. Our 'first come, first served' ParentPay sign up process opened at 18:00 on Wednesday 4th of January and we are thrilled with the uptake. With the exception of karate, we are very proud of our commitment to funding all after school clubs for children.



CAW Spring Term Clubs 2023

If your child would like to join one of these clubs, please register on Parent Pay

MONDAY		Girls Football Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 3:10-4:10 Mrs Al-Hattabi South Playground/Gym 	Art Club Rec-Y2 3:10-4:10 Miss Varco Y1 classroom 	Glitter Art Club Y3-Y4 3:10-4:10 Miss Woodward Room 7 	
TUESDAY		Cricket Club Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Liam - Sussex Cricket North Playground/Gym 	Lego Club Y1-Y6 3:10-4:10 Mrs Linehan & Mr Marshall Hall 		
WEDNESDAY		Football Club (RMA) Y1-Y6 3:10-4:10 Josh & Jacob - RMA South Playground/Hall 	Basketball Club Y5-Y6 3:10-4:10 Mr McAdam Gym 	Music Club Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Mrs Elliott Music Room 	Board Games Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Miss Reynolds Y4 Classroom 
THURSDAY		Italian Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 3:10-4:10 Miss Scozzafava Y5 Classroom 	Chess Club Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Mr Wood Y2 Classroom 	Multi-Skills Club Y1-Y2 3:10-4:10 Mr McQuillan Gym 	
FRIDAY	Running Club Y3-Y6 8:00-8:35 Mrs Al-Hattabi South Playground 	Netball Club Y4-Y6 3:10-4:10 Miss Briggs & Mr Issacs North Playground/Gym 	Karate Club (SAMA) R-Y6 3:10-4:10 Charlie - SAMA Hall 		



SALTDEAN UNITED U9 GIRLS



We are excited to announce that we will be starting a brand new U9 girls team next season!

To register your interest in forthcoming training sessions, please visit our website which will have further details:

www.saltdeanunited.co.uk

This opportunity is for current year 3 girls!

Saltdean United FC pride themselves on their dedication to women and girls football and look to continue the pathway all the way up to our senior women's sides.



Hi Everyone,

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be sent home with a sound booklet this week. This contains sound practice sheets which match the sounds they are learning in their Phonics lessons.

These booklets can stay in your child's Reading folder, or stay at home. When your child practises a sound with you, you can record it as a read in their Reading record.

Thank you,
Miss Varco



House Points

Water House have stormed into the lead, but it's all to play for as we head into the final two weeks of the Spring term.

As we always remind the children, every single Learning Ticket makes a difference and contributes to the success of the House!

C	Collaboration	
A	Aspiration	
R	Resilience	
E	Effort	
E	Excellence	
R	Respect	

Air
2097 points

Earth
2004 points

Fire
2229 points

Water
2473 points



Each week there are two classes who win a Class Reward. Congratulations to these previous winners:

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Week 1	Woodpeckers	Magpies
Week 2	Puffins	Jackdaws
Week 3	Goldfinches	Herons

ASPIRATION

AWARDED TO

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

Next week, we will be focusing on ASPIRATION: that means always working hard to achieve your own personal best results, and being the best 'you' you can be.



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect**

Spring 2 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION



[Wild Isles
preview
\(Newsround\)](#)

[Sir David
Attenborough
Q&A
\(Newsround\)](#)

[Sir David
Attenborough
talks about
Climate Change
\(BBC News\)](#)

unicef
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RIGHTS
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SCHOOLS

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Sir David Attenborough

Broadcaster, biologist and author

Sir David Attenborough is famous across the world for the amazing television shows he makes about wildlife. At the age of 96 he is still making incredible documentaries that celebrate the natural world and encourage people to aspire to protect our environment. He's a national treasure!

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Article 3

**All adults
should do
what is best
for you**

**BEST INTERESTS
OF THE CHILD**

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

This week we have been aiming for effective COLLABORATION: this means working together to achieve success! This can be in the form of helping others, but also in *accepting* help from other children and adults. Together we are stronger!



C

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Spring 2 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION

[World Cup final highlights \(10mins\)](#)



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

CAW Significant Figures of the Week

Article 31

You have the
right to play
and rest

England's 1966 World Cup team
Football World Champions

Nearly 57 years ago, the England football team won the World Cup for the first (and, so far, only time). This was made possible through collaboration!



REST, PLAY,
CULTURE, ARTS

PE Kits

For Spring 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Mondays	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday
		Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday	Friday	Thursday

Children should bring an appropriate change of clothes for after school sport clubs.

2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

Our term dates for 22/23 are online: click [here](#) to see them.

Wb. 27th March: Family Engagement Events

Friday 31st March: End of Term 2

Monday 17th April: Start of Summer 1

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May: Start of SATs week

Thursday 25th May: Art Exhibition [tbc]

Friday 26th May: INSET

Monday 5th June: Start of Summer 2

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

I look forward to seeing you on the gates on Monday morning!

Yours sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

