City Academy Whitehawk



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Friday 7th October

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

We've had a fantastic opening month here at school and the children have settled in to their new classes and year groups superbly. Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children are present at school and ready for learning each day.

On Monday, we launched our celebration of Black History Month and kicked off with a special focus on being respectful and celebrating difference. Huge thanks to our Year 5 and 6 children and our amazing teachers who made Thursday's celebration of World Poetry Day so successful.

As ever, I hope this newsletter provides you with all the information you need about the running of the school. Please have a good read of this edition to stay up to date with an exciting and busy closing two weeks to the term (including information about our individual photographs and our parental engagement events).

RESPECT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

Teacher's Comments

We launched Black History Month with a special focus on celebrating difference and demonstrating RESPECT. I'm looking forward to awarding our certificates on Monday morning







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



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:

- Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor.
 Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.
- Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.
- 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.
- 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.
- Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.

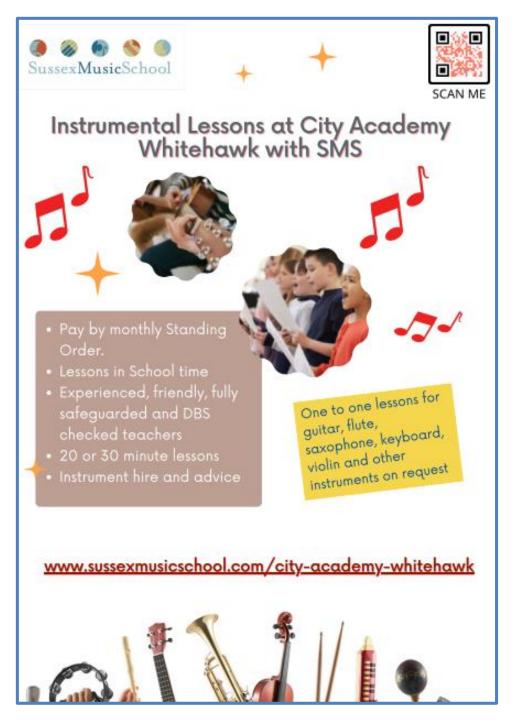


You should have received the activation email, if you are having any problems activating the App please contact the school office.

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

Do you have what it takes to be a CAW Ambassador?

Our amazing ambassador applicants have been very patient these past two weeks. I look forward to announcing the outcomes of our Ambassador 2022 election on Tuesday 11th October. All of our candidates spoke superbly to their peers about how they demonstrate our CAW Qualities and I am enormously proud of every single one of them. To quote one exceptional candidate, 'whether you vote for me or not, I'll still be there for you if you need me.'



Opportunity for Music Lessons

We are in a position to host 1-to-1 music lessons at CAW 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.

We are now also able to offer drum lessons!

School Photographs

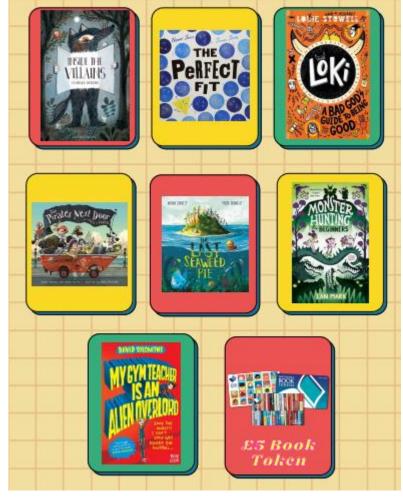
It's that time of year again! We will have photographers on site to take individual photographs on **Thursday 13th October**. If you would like siblings to be photographed together, please check your emails as you will have received a form that you must complete. We will not be able to have photographs with non-school based siblings.

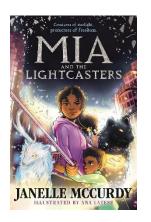
As with everyday, please ensure your children are smartly dressed in their uniform. Please do not wear PE kit on this day – you can pack a PE shirt to change in and out of.

Parents of **Hatchlings 1** are invited in for their photographs at 9:00am. Please come to the main entrance for this and we'll be there to welcome you, children will be then taken to be photographed, then brought straight back to you. You are asked to stay on site during this time.



The Reading Raffle is back in full swing! Well done to all the children and families who have already earned tickets for this. To see more information on the different book titles click here! The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 14th October and prizes awarded in Assembly on Monday 17^{th!}





We also have 3 copies of Mia and The Lightcasters to give away in the raffle as a bonus prize after the author visit last week!

This book is mostly suitable for Year 4, 5 and 6.

Author Visit – Janelle McCurdy

We welcomed Janelle McCurdy to Year 4, 5 and 6 last week to hear all about her amazing new book called Mia and The Lightcasters. Janelle loves video games and uses that as inspiration for her story writing. Janelle taught us that our imaginations are so incredibly powerful and most of all, totally unique!





National Poetry Day

WANTED: WIZARD'S ASSISTANT 🗐

QUALIFICATIONS Candidate must be:

proficient at palm puzzling scroll scribbling and potent potion pondering spiffing at spell spotting good at goblin gobbling a champion at chanting and wonderful with wobsicles

JOB DESCRIPTION

Includes, but not limited to:

magic marshmallow making on Mondays tea leaf translating on Tuesdays wand wobbling on Wednesdays thunder formation on Thursdays frightening frogs on Fridays

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Yesterday

We had a brilliant day on
Thursday celebrating National
Poetry Day! The whole school
learnt about poet Laura Mucha
and enjoyed reading lots of her
poems across the day. At
lunchtime some Year 5 and 6
Poetry Pioneers performed all
sorts of poems to the younger
children. Laura Mucha has some
amazing poems on her website —
check them out!





https://lauramucha.com/poetry/

Whitehawk Poetry Event

Whitehawk Library put on a Poetry Event for Poetry day! Lots of children and families came to explore the library, create poetry, take part in poetry activities and eat biscuits!

My favourite moment was Amaya telling me she'd stashed a book she'd liked the look of during her class visit, hoping it would still be there when she got back...and it was! You can see her here looking very pleased that her plan had worked!

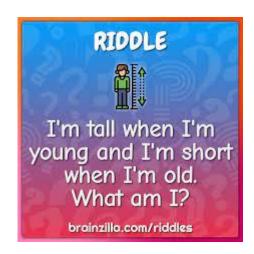


Whitehawk Library Trips

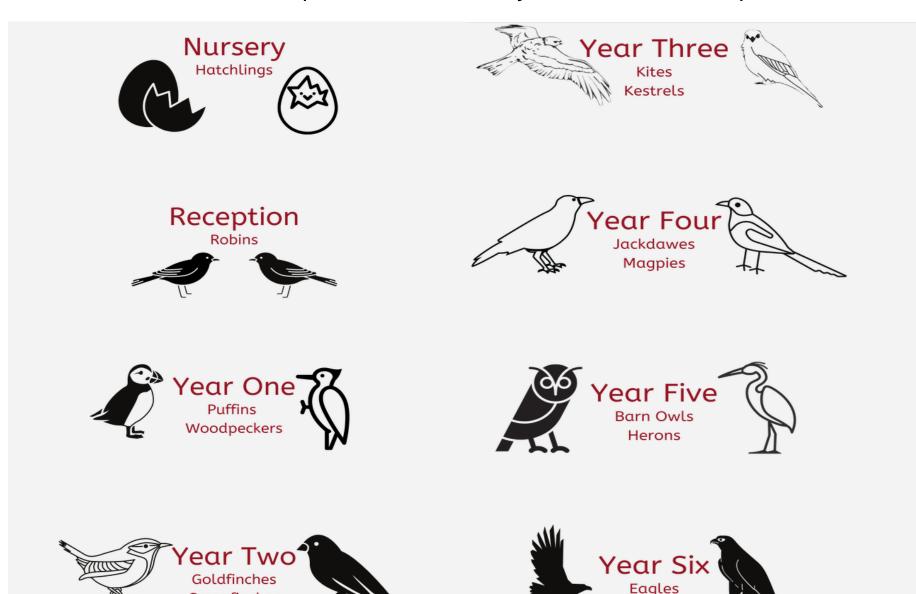
Years 1 – 5 visited the Whitehawk Library this week to celebrate Poetry Day, browse the library's selection and choose some books to bring back to school. Jo from the Brighton Libraries gave us some tricky riddles to solve! Reception will be having a visit from Jo this term and Year 6 will be visiting the Jubilee Library at the very start of next term!

If you've not got a library card, ask for a sign up card from the school office, visit the Whitehawk library or follow this link: https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-arts/libraries/register-library-card-online





Please click here for an update about what your children are up to this term!

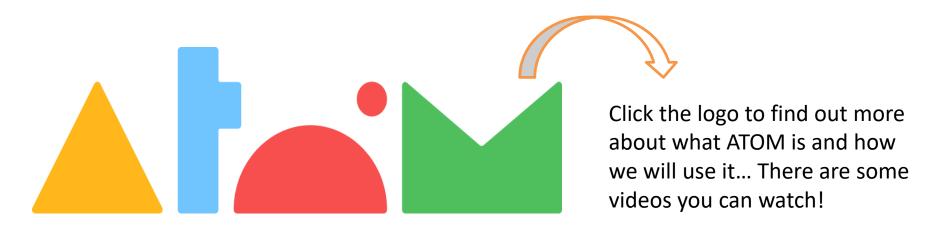


Atom Learning (Year 3-6)

Last year we trialled a homework app in Year 6 called ATOM Prime and we were thrilled with how engaged the children were in their learning.

You should have received an email to activate an account (if not that is fine) and login information will be sent home soon!

There are literally thousands of questions for children to access, last year we answered 12,500 questions, which is amazing!



Afterschool Clubs Autumn Term 2022

Please check for an email sent to you regarding our afterschool club offer for the Autumn Term.



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Dear Parents /Carers,

After School Clubs Autumn Term 2022

We have always had a huge number of children attending after school clubs and we all hope this will We have always had a nuge number of children attending after school clubs and we all nope this will continue this term. Please find the timetable for the autumn term attached. We are delighted to offer a continue this term, prease into the tametable for the automit term attached, are one uniquities while variety of clubs for the children, some led by teachers and some by external coaches. Clubs will start the variety or clubs for the criticien, some ieu by teachers and surine by external cueches. Childs will start the week commencing Tuesday 20th September and run for six weeks up to half term finishing on Friday 21st week commencing Tuesday 20". September and run for six weeks up to hair term missing on Frida October, Clubs start back on Monday 31. October and run for six weeks until Friday 9th December. ALL CLUBS MUST BE BOOKED USING PARENTPAY

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SET UP A PARENTPAY ACCOUNT, PLEASE ASK THE OFFICE FOR

Entry to clubs on ParentPay will "open" at 6.00pm on Wednesday 14th September 2022 – you will not be Entry to cruos on Parentray will open at o outpin on wednesday 14 Deptender 2022 - You will not be able to book your child onto clubs before that time. Most clubs have a limited number of places - if the aune to your your crisis units cruss servere tries time. Prost cruss nove a minites number of places — if the club is full you will not be able to book, but please contact the school office who can add your child to the

The ParentPay system will only allow you to book a place if there is still a space available. All clubs are free

- If your child would like to take part in any of the clubs this term then the process is as follows: -
- Logon to your ParentPay account and book the club following the instructions on screen. 2. We will confirm by text message that your child has a place on their chosen club, and which gate
- 3. Please take note of the club finish time. Your child will be brought out to you by their club tutor. Please note the following: -

- If your child misses two weeks of a club without explanation they will lose their place. If your child is not able to come to their club for any reason it is really important that you phone

Sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, we need to cancel a club. We only do this as a last resort. You will receive a text message confirmation of this so please ensure we have the correct

ase make sure that your child has the correct and appropriate clothing and footwear if doing a ts club. If you are not sure what they need to wear, please check with the school. en do not need to be booked onto the Year 4,5,6 Running club - they can just turn up at 8am

ely popular and successful free Breakfast Club continues every morning this term in the om 8.00am to 8.30am and provides nutritious and delicious breakfasts including cereal, sh fruit, croissants, eggs, beans, waffles and pancakes, followed by a variety of activities ading, colouring and games. There is no need to book a place, just bring your child

many children as possible will take up the opportunities provided with clubs and ent. We are still in discussion with some new external providers and may be able

questions, please do let us know.

Yours sincerely.

Mrs Al-Hattabi

Board Games

Y6 Classroom

Y3-Y6

3:10-4:10

PE Specialist Teacher

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

South Playground



Playgrounds/Hall Multi-Skills Club 3:10-4:10

Chess Club

Y2 Classroom

Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10

Netball Club Y4-Y6 North Playground/Gym



Attendance at City Academy

We are so pleased to report that overall Attendance and Punctuality has been excellent during our first week back at school – thank you!

We have had a number of requests from families for upcoming absences due to term time holidays. Please remember that we are not able to authorise these and parents/carers should expect to receive fines from the Local Authority.

We'll be awarding trophies for the best attending classes on Monday.

Congratulation to our current champions Kestrels and Jackdaws!

As always please speak to Mrs
Storey in the school office every
day before 11.00am if you have
any questions at all about
attendance or absences.

House Points Update

It's been fantastic to see how many Learning Tickets the children have earnt for showing our CAW Qualities! Here's the most recent update on scores. The winning house will get to take part in a special activity in the last week of the half term, working with children from their house from across the year groups.



Air 2773 points

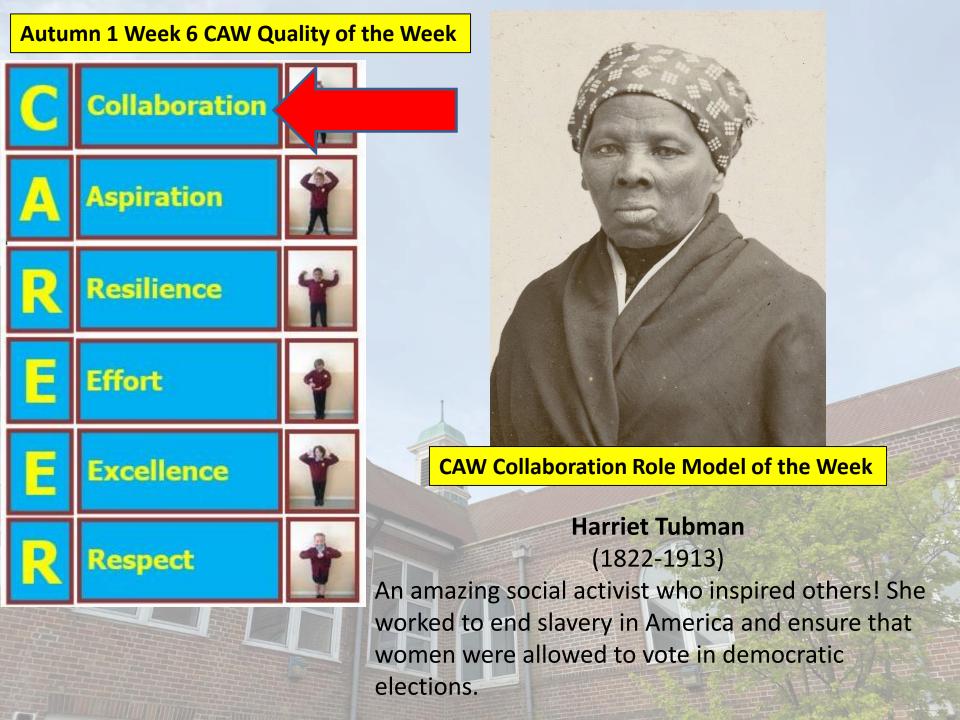
Earth
3426 points

Fire 2260 points

Water 2258 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 3	Puffins	Barn Owls
Week 4	Kites	Herons
Week 5	Goldfinches	Herons



Jeans for Genes Day THANK YOU!



A huge THANK YOU to everyone in the City Academy Whitehawk community for supporting our **Jeans for Genes** charity drive on Friday 23rd September.

We raised an incredible £377.64 which will go towards helping people living with genetic conditions.

Your generosity is really appreciated!

You can find out more information about how your donations will be used here:

https://www.jeansforgenes.org/

CAW Fluency Badge

Please can you join us in helping your children to learn their number bonds to ten (eg. 4 + 6 = 10) and start to learn all single digit addition facts (eg. 5 + 7 = 12). Knowing these facts helps children to be much more successful in all other areas of maths.

Children sit a national times tables assessment at the end of Year 4, by which time they should know all of their times tables facts. Please study these at home – we'll be teaching them at school too. Children in Key Stage 2 can be quizzed by Mr. McAdam to win their Fluency Badge!



If you earned a badge last year, please can you keep proudly wearing it! If you need a new badge – you will need to be quizzed again!

CAW Addition Facts

Our aim is for children to be able to recall all single digit addition facts as quickly as they can tell you their name.

They should also be able to recall their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

+	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

CAW Multiplication Facts

By the end of Year 4 your child is expected to know their times tables. These multiplication facts should be hardwired just like the addition facts.

×	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

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 make sure that you have activated your ParentPay account if you haven't already.

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.

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 you 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.

Uniform

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 (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

- o Put a memorable key chain on your child's book bag.
- o Please don't send your child in with toys from home in case they are lost or damaged.
- o Please have a P.E kit for your child ready for Autumn 2.
- o Please consider sending a spare set of clothes for your child's peg if you think your child may need this.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o Please bring a named water bottle to school.
- o If eating packed lunches, please name your lunchbox.













Lost Property



We have a large amount un-named lost property, please ensure you name all of your child's belongings, including lunchboxes and water bottles.



We will then be able to return these items.



Uniform



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		

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 infomation: pelicanparcels.org.uk

Click here to access the website for Pelican Parcels



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.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:									
YG	Reception	<u>Year 1</u>	Year 2	Year 3	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>		
Day	Mondays	Tues	Weds	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Tues		
	(from Mon 19 th)	Fri	Thurs	Weds	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!





CREW CLUB HAWKS FC

OPEN TRAINING SESSION

7th SEPTEMBER 2022



David Bedding

Crew Club Hawks FC **Development Worker**

Session Time 4:30pm - 6:30pm

For Children Aged

9, 10 or 11 on 31st August (going into years 5, 6 & 7)

for more information contact david@crewclub.co.uk

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

Year 1: Brighton Toy Museum Visit

On Monday 10th October, the Brighton toy Museum are coming to visit Year 1 at school.

All Year 1 children will have the chance to handle and explore toys from the past and toys from the present.

It will be such an exciting opportunity to think about what we have learnt so far in our history lessons.



2020-20 Dates Af Solver THY OUR ED THU DIA WED YES

Our term dates for 22/23 are online: click here to see them.

Week beginning 17th Oct: Parent Engagement Events (see page below)

Tuesday 18th October: Parent/Carer consultation 15:30 – 19:00

Wednesday 19th October: Parent/Carer consultation 15:30-17:00

Friday 22nd October: End of Autumn Term 1

Monday 31st October: Start of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 2nd November: Reception 2023 Open Evening

Friday 11th November: INSET Day

Monday 14th November: INSET Day

Friday 16th December 13:00: End of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 4th January: Start of Spring 1

Parental Engagement Events!

We are so excited to be able to launch our first round of parental engagement events for the year! This is a great chance for you (the adults) to come into school and take part in learning with the children.

We can't wait to see everyone in the final week of this half term! Please come to the main school office. Please remember that while you are on site we ask that you do not use your mobile phones and photography is not permitted.

At the end of the afternoon events, we will ask you to leave the site via the main entrance without your children so that we can assemble all classes ready for a normal end to the school day.

Please see the time table below:

Monday 17 th	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21st
Year 2 @ 14:15	Year 5 @ 14:15	Year 1 @ 09:00 Hatchings 1 @ 09:15 Year 3 @ 14:15	Hatchings 2 @ 09:15 Year 4 @ 14:15	Reception @ 09:15 Year 6 @ 14:15

Thanks again for your support throughout the start to this school year – the children continue to make us all proud. The girls football team represented us superbly this afternoon and Year 5 were a credit to us all during their visit to Roedean on Wednesday. So much to be proud of.

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 <u>previous newsletters</u> catalogued on our website.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend with your loved ones and I'll look forward to seeing you on the gates on Monday morning.

