

City Academy Whitehawk



Headteacher's Newsletter 8
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Friday 16th December

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

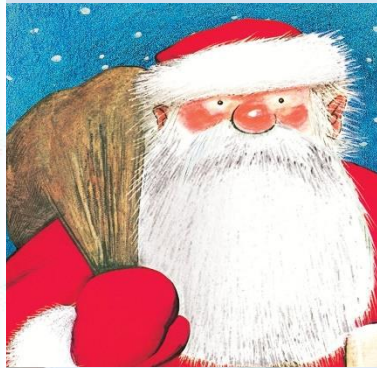
Over this Autumn Term we've achieved a great deal, with children going from strength to strength within and beyond the curriculum. We have such high expectations for our children and are very proud of how we support them to achieve their personal best. I have been asked to share our expertise in a number of other settings, taking our children's exercise books with us to demonstrate excellence across the curriculum. How cool. There's lots to be proud of so I'm confident that we're going to have a very successful Spring Term.

It was amazing to see so many of you at our winter performances this week. Every single year group performed to an audience of families, staff and visitors this week. I was blown away by the children's resilience and excellence. Each show offered something truly special and was a real advert for how inclusive and exceptional our school is. I'd like to thank you, our audiences, for being so supportive and respectful; I'd also like to thank school staff for aspiring to produce such excellent shows. Mrs. Burnige (Aurora Academies, Interim CEO), Mr. Benton-Stace and Mrs Taylor (CAW Local Academy Board members) came to watch a some of the shows and were absolutely blown away.

Please make sure you've read each page of this letter so that you're aware of what's going on here at school over the Spring Term, including new information about our After School Club offer, PE Kit Days and key dates.

House Points

Huge congratulations to **EARTH HOUSE** for their triumph in the Autumn 2 Learning Ticket competition. Children from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a festive party with SNOWBALL (similar to DODGEBALL!) and some Christmas crafts, all to a wintry soundtrack. A very merry time was had by all!



Air
5239 points

Earth
5526 points



Fire
5458 points

Water
5281 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 5	Greenfinches	Barn Owls
Week 6	Goldfinches	Magpies
Week 7	Goldfinches	Falcons

Staffing Update

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you of two retirements.

Sally Singh, our exceptional Welfare Manager, and Tina Reynolds, our amazing SENDCo, will be retiring later this school year. I owe them both personal and professional thanks for their excellence and kindness and look forward to continuing to work together for the next few terms.

I've included a letter from each of them on the following pages. After a combined 35 years working in Whitehawk, Sally and Tina are very much part of the fabric; they will both be sorely missed but are now ready for life after work! I'm sure you'll join me later in the year to celebrate their time in Whitehawk.

They will both support me in recruitment processes in coming months so that we can find brilliant successors, while we continue to work so happily together over the coming months.

Staffing Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

After almost 36 years working in schools, (with 20 of them at City Academy Whitehawk) I have finally decided to retire at Easter.

I have had such amazing times at City Academy Whitehawk and, for those who know me well, have laughed and cried excessively - probably in equal measures! In fact, I am shedding a few tears whilst typing this! City Academy Whitehawk is a very special place and I will always hold it close to my heart.

It has been an absolute privilege to have worked in this brilliant school and in this great community. I am so lucky that I will be taking with me so many cherished memories of children, parents and carers and staff (past and present).

I shall be moving on to new adventures in my retirement. I hope to travel more and take up new hobbies, whilst resuming existing ones that I have neglected whilst working. Who knows, I may even try sky diving? - watch this space!

I wish you all health, happiness and success in all that you do and thank you all sincerely for making me feel so at home at CAW over the years.

With very best wishes

Tina Reynolds, SENDCo

Staffing Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

After 15 wonderful years working at Whitehawk Primary School/City Academy Whitehawk, with an amazing team, children and families, I have decided to retire in July at the end of the academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all for this amazing period in my life, I am really excited and looking forward to what comes next.

Mr McMorris, my senior leader colleagues and I, will be involved in the recruitment of the new Welfare Manager, who will work alongside me in the summer term.

Sally Singh, Welfare Manager



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?

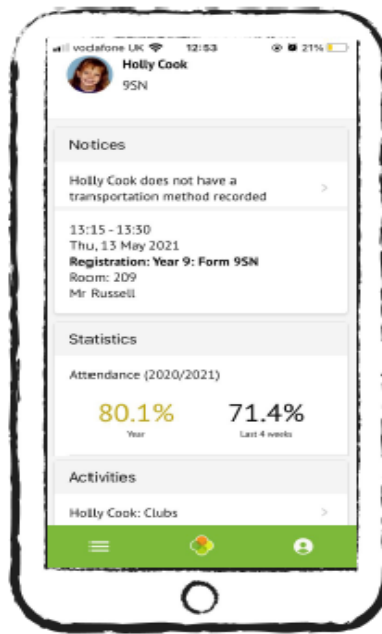
Need help using Arbor?

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 57% 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, to help reduce the amount of paper used in school.

We hope to use the app for next term's parent consultations.

Hi Everyone,

Thank you again to everyone who has been engaging in home reading and recording it in their journal.

All Year 1 and 2 children have been sent home with an Oxford Owl letter today. This will allow them to log into their Reading group's page and choose a story to read and take a quiz on.

This information will also be accessible on the school's website. [Click Pupils / Reading / Oxford Owl.](#)

Thank you for supporting your child to read!

Miss Varco

Home reading Oxford owl log in

Pink group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Pinkgroup
Password: Pinkgroup
Class: Colour groups

Orange group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Orangegroup
Password: Orangegroup
Class: Colour groups

Yellow group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Yellowgroup
Password: Yellowgroup
Class: Colour groups

Green group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Greengroup
Password: Greengroup
Class: Colour groups

Purple group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Purplegroup
Password: Purplegroup
Class: Colour groups

Oxford owl help sheet

The Oxford Owl website is an amazing resource for home reading. Your child has a personalised log in that links to the story books they read at school during Read Write Inc sessions. Your child's log in is their group colour, followed by the word 'group'. For example, Username: **Pinkgroup**, Password: **Pinkgroup**.

1. Visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk
2. Click log in
3. Type in class log in details. Please use a capital letter.
4. Select Homework
5. Select the book your child has been reading at school that week.
6. Read the story, then take the quiz.

Pink Set 3 Storybook 2 Tab the cat
Due on Friday 19th December
28 days left

Practice reading at home with this phonically decodable eBook from Read Write Inc. Phonics. Speed Sounds: all of Set 1. Focus: a e i o u.


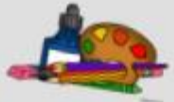











[Read the eBook](#) [Take the quiz](#)

This can be recorded in your child's reading record if you have it ☺

CAW Spring Term Clubs 2023

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

We're pleased to announce our club offer for the Spring Term. With the exception of karate, we are very proud of our commitment to funding all after school clubs for children. Our 'first come, first served' ParentPay sign up process will open at 18:00 on Wednesday 4th of January ready for a start in the week beginning 09.01.22.

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 		
TUESDAY		Cricket Club Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Liam - Sussex Cricket North Playground/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 		

Autumn 2 Week 7 CAW Quality of the Week

C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



[A look back
at Nelson
Mandela's
life
\(Newsround\)](#)

[Animation
of Madiba's
life](#)

CAW Resilience Role Model of the Week

Nelson Mandela

Civil rights campaigner and politician

Nelson Mandela was a South African who worked tirelessly to end Apartheid, a system from the white government that kept black and white people apart. He was sent to prison by the racist government, and stayed there for TWENTY SEVEN YEARS. It is hard to believe he showed such resilience. Following his release, he became President of South Africa.

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RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

Article 19

You have the
right to be
protected from
being hurt and
mistreated



19

PROTECTION FROM
VIOLENCE

ASPIRATION

AWARDED TO

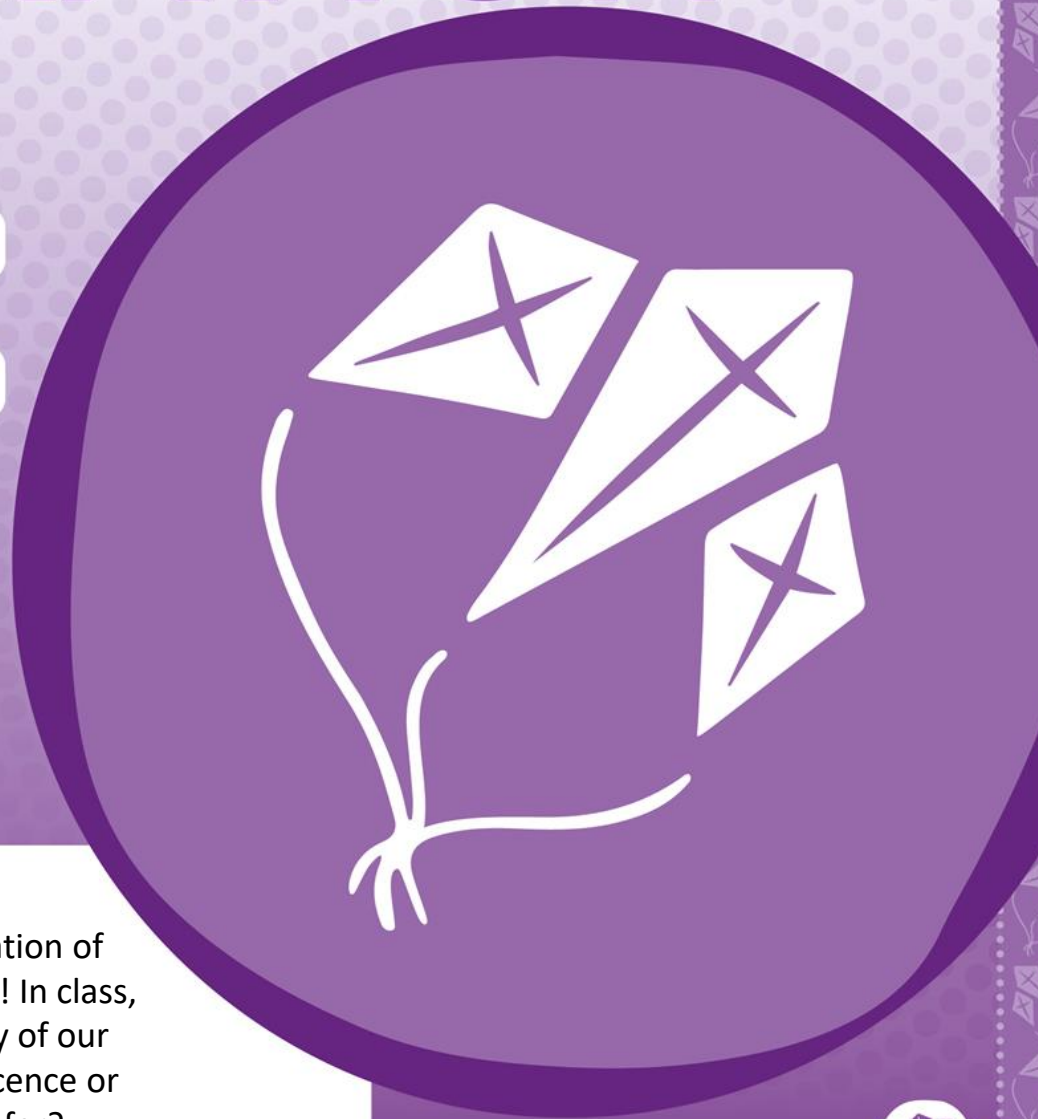
Name:

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

Mr. Wood and I are excited to launch our celebration of ASPIRATION certificates on Wednesday 4th January! In class, ASPIRATION looks like 'aiming for the top' – many of our children aspire to earn their sparkly pencil, pen licence or their fluency badge. Which will you be aiming for?



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Collaboration



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Aspiration



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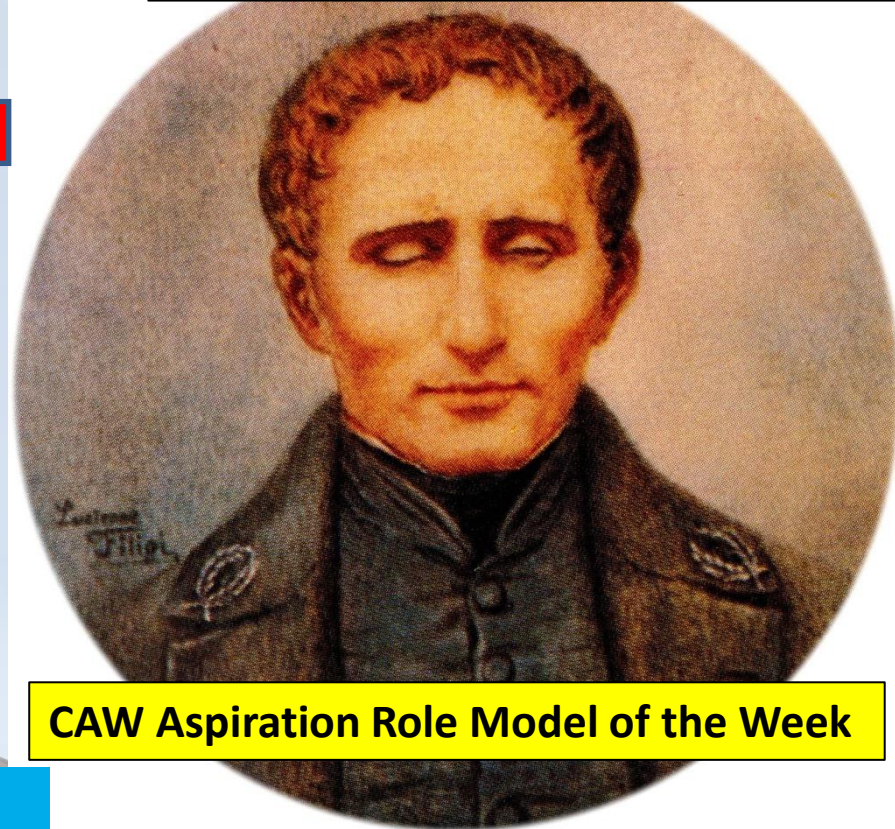


R

Respect



Spring 1 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week



Invention of
Braille
animation

Great
Inventors:
Louis Braille

CAW Aspiration Role Model of the Week



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

Article 30

You have the right to use your own language, culture and religion

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MINORITY CULTURE,
LANGUAGE AND
RELIGION

Louis Braille (1809 - 1852)

Inventor of the Braille system of reading and writing
At the age of 5, an accident in his father's workshop ended with Louis becoming blind. By the age of 15, he had developed a way for blind people to read and write by using raised dots on paper that blind people could feel instead of seeing. This Braille system is still used today!



Healthy Start



If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops.

You can use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

Click this link to find out if you are eligible and to apply: <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

Safer Sleep in Winter



Keeping your baby safe when the weather gets cold

The Lullaby Trust has issued information around safe sleep for babies during the winter in response to rising energy costs. Please see below:

The recommended room temperature is 16-20 degrees, this may be difficult to maintain in the colder months. It can be tempting to wrap your baby up to keep them warm, however we know that overheating a baby increases the chances of SIDS (also known as cot death). Research shows babies are better to be cooler than too hot.

Follow the link below to find out more information on:

- Bedding
- Bed sharing
- Things to avoid
- How to check if a baby is too hot
- How to check if a baby is unwell
- Finding support for energy bills



<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/safer-sleep-advice/safer-sleep-winter/>

Reception and Nursery Book Trust Parent Event

All Reception and Nursery parents and carers are invited to attend a special story time! This will be either led by Nancy from The Book Trust or Miss Scozzafava. You'll get to listen to a great story time and then have time to explore a brilliant selection of books in your child's classroom. At the end of the session, your child will come home with a special Book Box filled with lots of goodies just for them!

We hope to see you there!

	Monday 9th January	Tuesday 10th January		Thursday 12th January
9:00 – 9:30	Hatchlings 1 date and time to be confirmed in week 1 but it will be early in week beginning 9th January			Hatchlings 2
14:20 – 14:50				Reception

Reading Raffle 2 Winners

Congratulations to...

Darcie from Kestrels and Adam from Puffins who both won
a copy of How Winston Delivered Christmas

Malachy from Magpies and Albert from Hatchlings who
both won a copy of The Crayons' Christmas

Annie and Leeson from Blue Robins who both won a copy
of Lost and Found

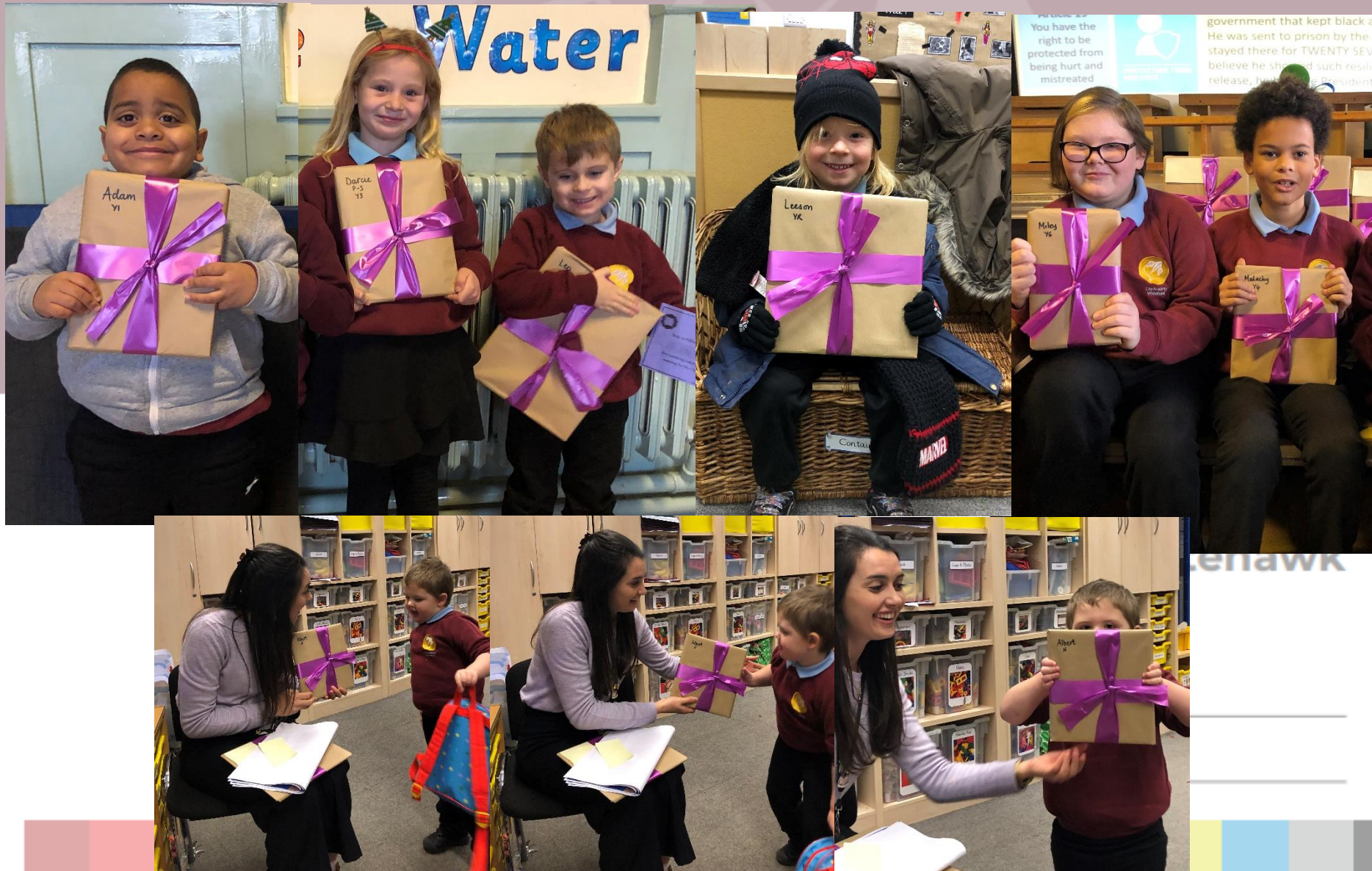
Jaden from Greenfinches who won Knightmare: Life stinks!

Leo from Woodpeckers who won Secrets of the Nile

Miley from Eagles who won Tyger

Isabelle from Barn Owls who won Amari and The Great
Game

Reading Raffle 2 Winners



Reading Raffle 2 Results

RR2 Highest ticket-earning classes were...

1. Barn Owls (73)
2. Woodpeckers (70)
3. Kestrels (66)

Huge well done to Woodpeckers being the youngest class to get onto the top 3 ever! There's not much in it... who can knock Barn Owls off the top spot next term?

Well done you!

Book Votes

Book	Total
Amari and the Great Game	106
Lost and Found	73
How Winston Delivered Christmas	75
Tyger	71
Secrets of the River Nile	36
The Crayons' Christmas	211
Knightmare: Life Stinks	45
£5 book token	73

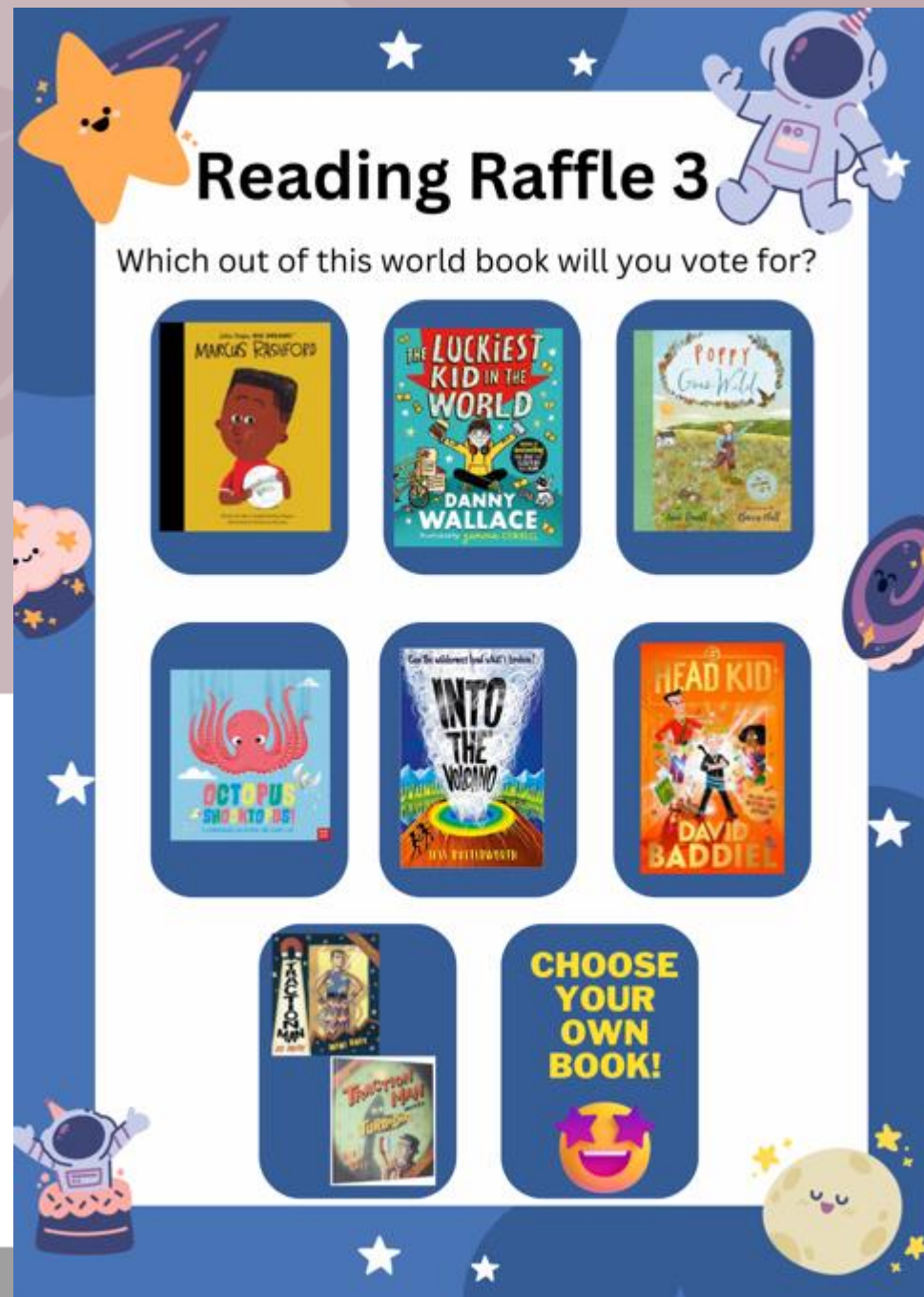
Record Breaking Votes! This is the most tickets any book has ever got!

690 tickets were entered into reading raffle 2 ... that's a huge **3,450** reads!

Reading Raffle 3 started this week!

Click this [link](#) (or visit the Reading page of the school website (under the Pupils Tab) to learn more about each prize and reminder of how the Raffle works.

books4schools
www.books4schools.co.uk



New Books in the Library



Word is spreading about how much children of City Academy Whitehawk are enjoying reading! We have kindly been donated a range of diverse books from Sussex University and a huge collection for KS2 from someone who wanted to support our library in getting even more of a range of books. Many new graphic novels have been bought with this donation.





City Academy
Whitehawk



Attendance at City Academy

A huge **WELL DONE** to the 135 children who have achieved **over 97%** attendance for the whole term since September and have earned a certificate from Mrs Storey today



EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



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



Thank you to all parents and carers for your support
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.

Year 5 Trip To Newhaven Fort

To end our topic on World War 2, we visited Newhaven Fort and had an incredible time handling war artefacts, experiencing an air raid, exploring the battlements and having fun on their playground! We all had an amazing time and impressed the staff with our knowledge – they couldn't believe how much we knew about the decisions of leaders in the war!



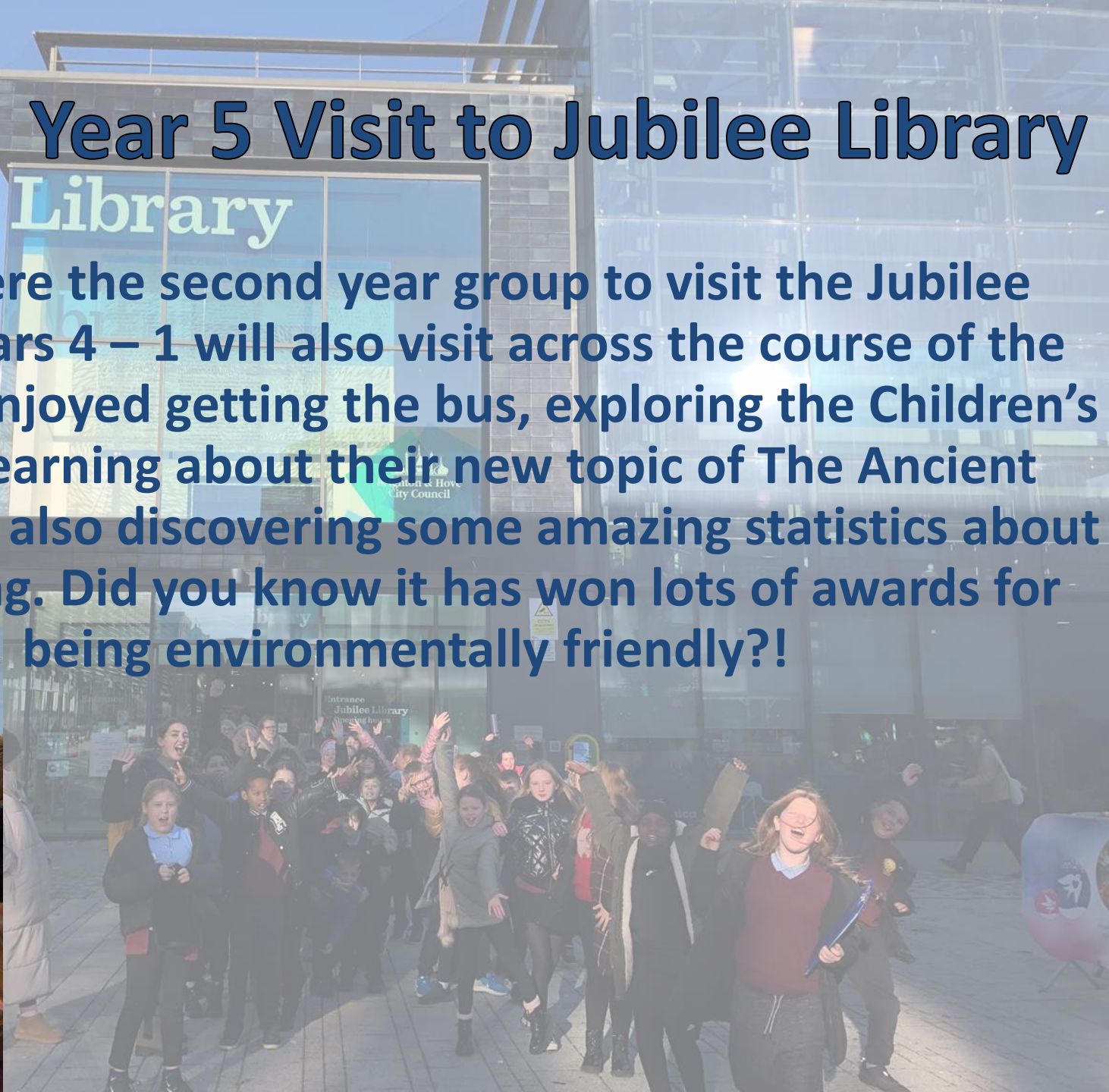
Year 5 Trip To Newhaven Fort





Year 5 Visit to Jubilee Library

Year 5 were the second year group to visit the Jubilee Library. Years 4 – 1 will also visit across the course of the year. They enjoyed getting the bus, exploring the Children's section, learning about their new topic of The Ancient Mayans and also discovering some amazing statistics about the building. Did you know it has won lots of awards for being environmentally friendly?!



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:

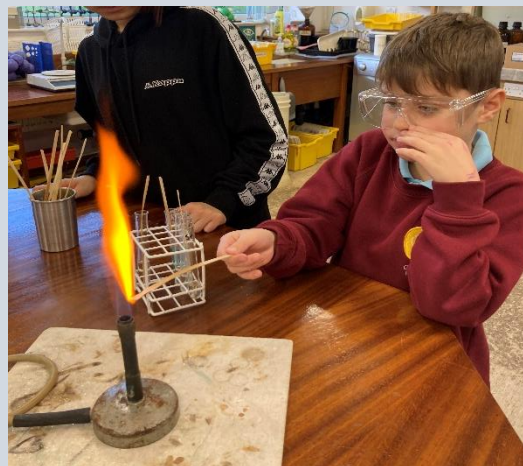
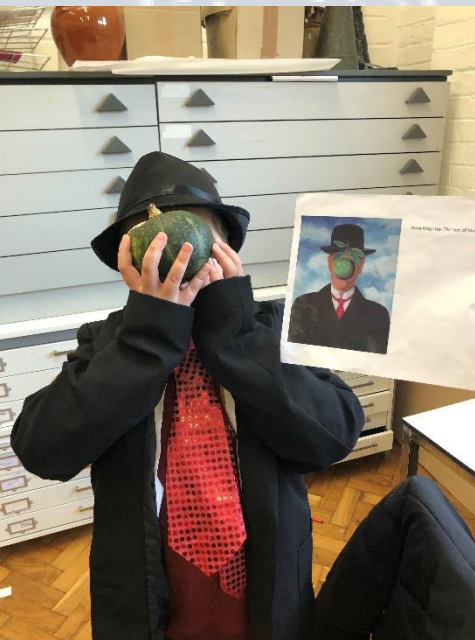
YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Mondays	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday
		Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday	Friday	Thursday

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



Thank you
to the
Roedean
Team!

Year 5 completed
their Junior
Roedean Academy
Experience with
some amazing
lessons on
Chemistry and Art
History



2020-2021 Term Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 4th January: Start of Spring 1

Wb 6th February: Spring 1 Family Engagement Events (time tbc)

Tues 7th and Weds 8th February: Family/Teacher Consultations

Friday 10th February: End of Spring 1

Monday 20th February: Start of Spring 2

Friday 24th February: Rare Disease Day (wearing Jeans 4 Genes)

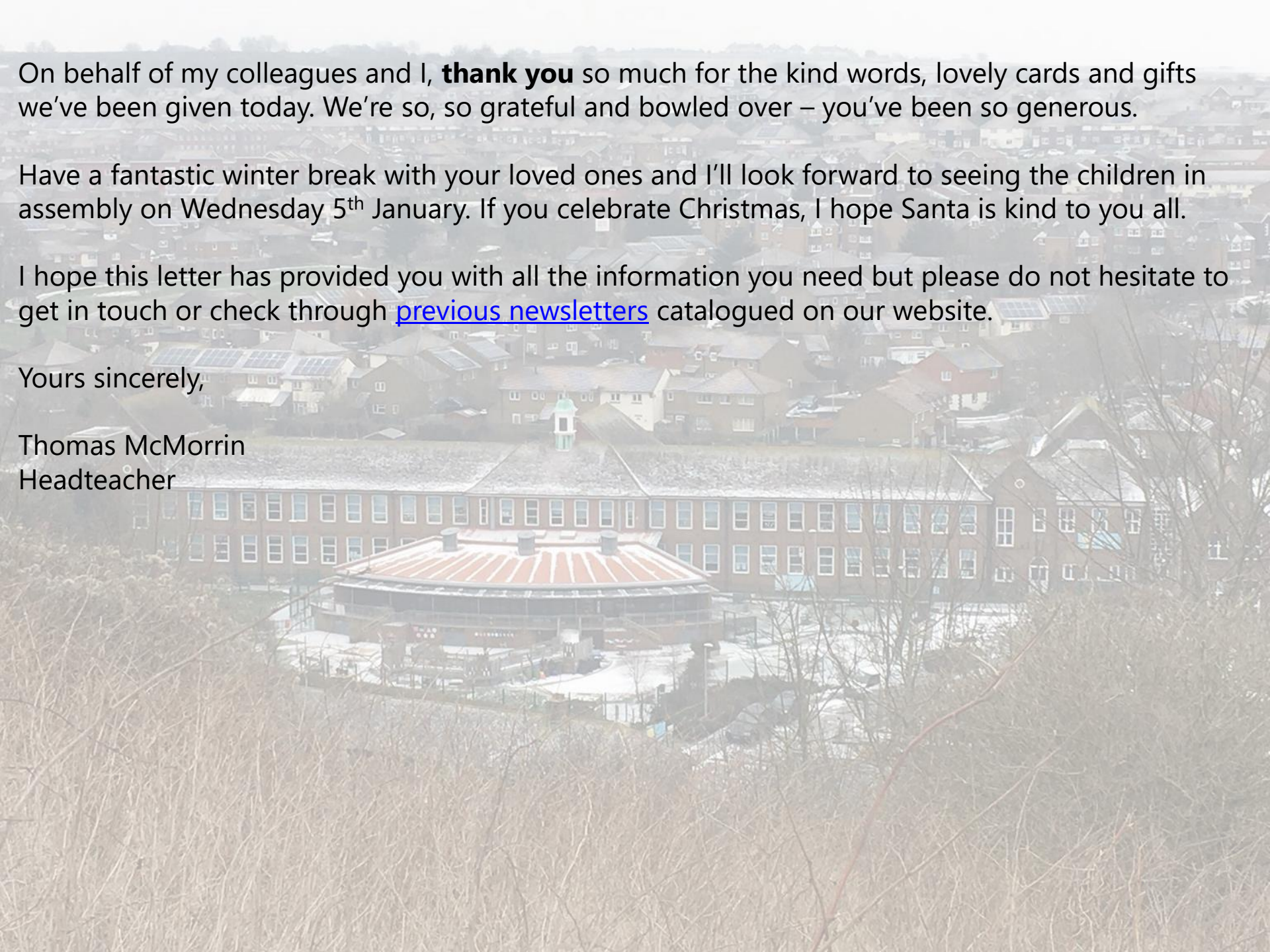
Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Friday 3rd March: INSET Day

Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day

Friday 31st March: End of Term 2

Monday 17th April: Start of Summer 1



On behalf of my colleagues and I, **thank you** so much for the kind words, lovely cards and gifts we've been given today. We're so, so grateful and bowled over – you've been so generous.

Have a fantastic winter break with your loved ones and I'll look forward to seeing the children in assembly on Wednesday 5th January. If you celebrate Christmas, I hope Santa is kind to you all.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher