## City Academy Whitehawk



Headteacher's Newsletter 5
November 4th 2022



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Friday 4th November

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

What a fantastic opening week to the term. We were very proud to host our open evening for new families this week and continue to offer tours for people interested to see the school; I'd like to publicly thank my colleagues and our ambassadors for their commitment to making this such a special event.

Thank you for supporting your children to attend school this week. We had a brilliant start to the term by celebrating Diwali and launching the CAW Quality Resilience. Children have cracked straight in to the term with visits to swimming, the jubilee library and local football matches. A busy school as ever and children are achieving superbly in class.

Please make sure you've read each page of this letter so that you're aware of what's going on here at school, especially our calendar page (which includes our upcoming INSET days).



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023?



#### 'd like to offer a warm welcome to all prospective parents.

Here at City Academy Whitehawk we are immensely proud of our school community. We would love for you to join our 'Outstanding' Reception classes in September 2023. We believe passionately in every child's potential; we support, nurture and challenge all children so that they flourish and become the very best that they can be. We strive to provide exceptional learning opportunities so that every child develops the self-belief, skills and knowledge that they need to live a successful, fulfilling life.

Thomas McMorrin, Headteacher

#### Early Years rated Outstanding by Ofsted (2018)

66 Children make a very strong start to school life in the Reception classes.

Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the start to school life their children make.

Appreciation of the needs of children in this age group has enabled them to provide good quality resources, both indoors and in the well-equipped outdoor area.

#### Why come and see us?

- Our highly skilled Reception team is committed to providing exciting learning experiences of the highest quality.
- Our purpose built Early Years setting is incredibly well resourced. Children have free-access to multiple classrooms and our expansive outdoor area which spans the entire width of our setting.
- We have a high ratio of adults to children in Reception to enable children to have the best possible start to school.
- All children are invited to attend a free Breakfast Club from 8am every day.
- Our whole school assessment results have increased significantly in recent years. Ofsted noted 'Pupils who left Year 6 made better progress than others nationally'.
- Children benefit from high quality and comprehensive Speech & Language provision.
- Play is at the heart of practice. We adopt an experiential approach to learning which immerses children in exciting hooks, problem solving and play-based activities.



Visit our wonderful school and meet our Headteacher and Head of Early Years

**OPEN EVENING**Wednesday 2nd November

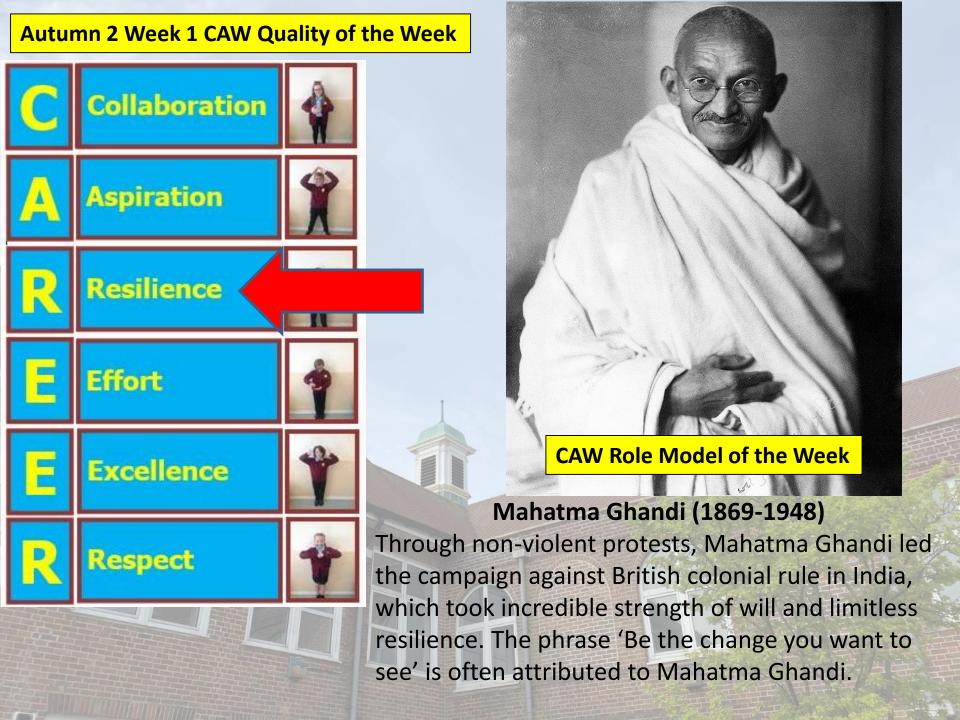
SCHOOL TOUR
Tuesday 8th & 15th November

word to families looking for school spaces for September 2023.

Please spread the

Miss. Rackham and I are offering school tours over the next two Tuesdays!

Please call 01273 681377 or email cawadmin@auroraacademies.org to book. www.caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk



## RESILIENCE

### **AWARDED TO**

Name:

Class:

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

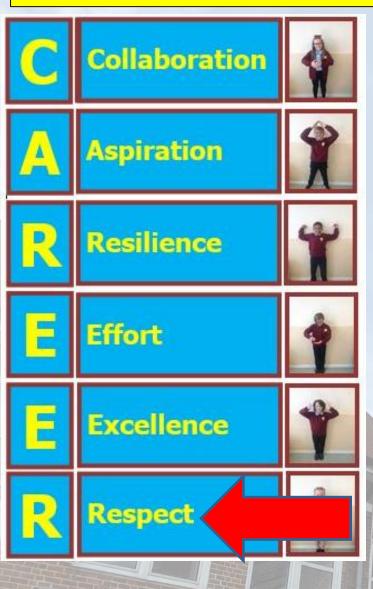
**Teacher's Comments** 

Mr. Wood and I are excited to award our RESILIENCE certificates on Monday!





#### **Autumn 2 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week**





**CAW Respect Role Model of the Week** 

Mary Seacole (1805-1881)

Born in Jamaica, Mary Seacole was an incredibly compassionate woman who supported injured soldiers during the Crimean War. She is often seen as one of the first ever nurse practitioners. She was also a successful businesswoman later in her life.



## Family Support





Amanda Nippard

City Academy Whitehawk would like to invite Parents and Carers to join Amanda for a coffee morning on

Friday 25th November 2022 from 9.15am to 10.15am

Amanda will be happy to discuss any questions you may have regarding sleep routines, eating and managing children's behaviour

If you would like more information please contact - Sally Singh, Welfare Manager on 01273 681377 (option 3) or e-mail the school office cawadmin@auroraacademies.org





#### 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:

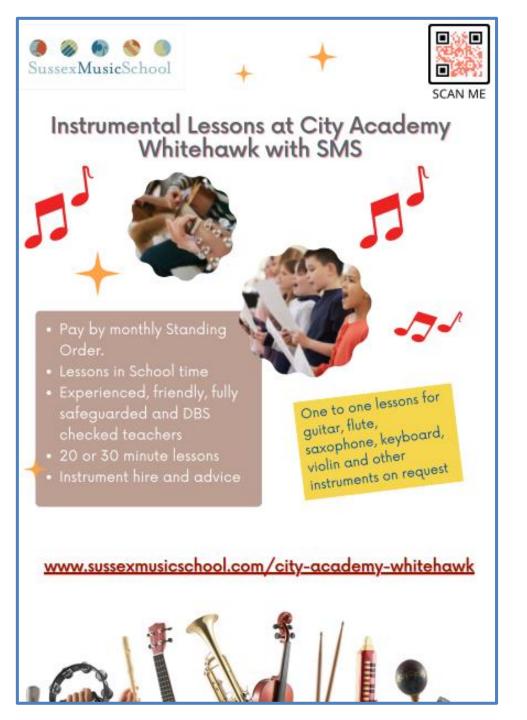
- Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor.
   Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.
- Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.
- If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired. Ask us to send 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.



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.

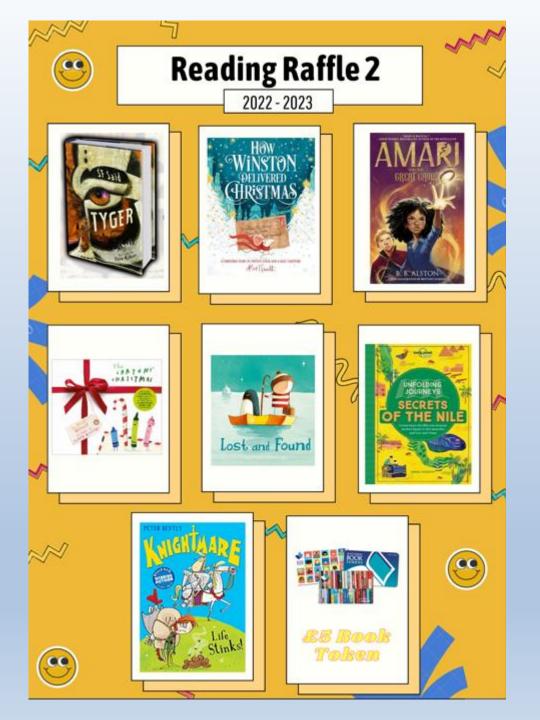
We are aiming to use this Portal as our main Communication channel, to help reduce the amount of paper used in school.



# 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 <a href="here">here</a> to access the online form.

We are now also able to offer drum lessons!



Reading Raffle
2 is well
underway!

See the following slides for links to more information about the books

#### Tyger

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3tq--0zznE

How Winston Delivered Christmas <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY-GlhIlukU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY-GlhIlukU</a>

Amari and the Great Game

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksgpy-3ovQM

The Crayons' Christmas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJXA5q W1l4

Lost and Found

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZD1RDY4Q9w

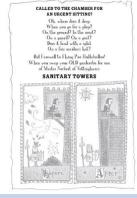
Secrets of the Nile

Knightmare: Life Stinks



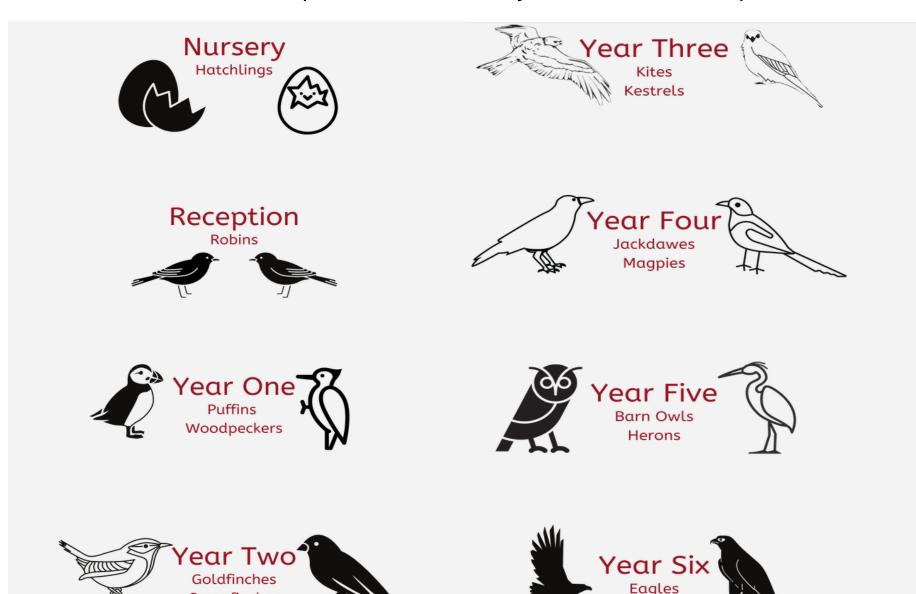
breathe. "You actually work — in there?"

"Aye," said Stinky Bugh proudly, "It's called a Sanitory Tower. It's the lotest posh thing. Not like yer normal old-fashioned gorderobe, where you sit with yer rear end dangling over the outside world in all weathers. In one o' them you does yer business and you never know where it's spoint one only. "Specially if it's a bit windy. And you get a chilly bum into the bargain. Now here" — he nodded at the tower. "It's all self-contained, see. Everything drops to the bottom of the tower. No chance of it blowing in through a downstain window."





Please click <a href="here">here</a> for an update about what your children are up to this term!



## **Updated Christmas Performances**

We're excited to invite you to this term's Parent Engagement event. This term we'll be asking you to come to our Christmas performances in the hall. We'll be sending more specific invitations nearer the time but for now please note that we'll be inviting one or two family members per child to our performances, starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

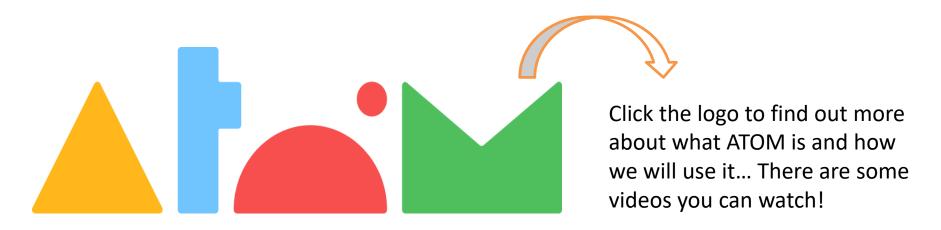
	CAW Christmas Performances 2022								
Monday		14:15 Year 2							
Tuesday	09:15 Year 1	14:15 Year 5							
Wednesd	09:15 Hatchlings & Reception Nativity	14:15 Year 4							
Thursday	09:15 Year 3	14:15 Year 6							

## 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.



City Academy

Whitehawk

Whitehawk Road, Brighton East Sussex, BN2 5FL

City Academy Whitehawk

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 cuedies. 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 cupin 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 time unto cross server time, must cross nove a minute number or 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**

A huge WELL DONE to the 194 children who have achieved over 97% attendance for the first half term

Just a reminder about 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.

Current Attendance Class Champions are the Puffins and the Eagles!

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.

## Children in Need Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



It's Children in Need day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>
November 2022. All children are invited to wear ODD SOCKS and non-uniform to school!

We will be on the school gates with buckets to collect any donations that you might choose to make. This money will go towards helping children across the UK.

You can find more details here:

https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/



## **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 1066 points Earth
1050 points

Fire 1167 points

Water 1018 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	Goldfinches	Herons
Week 6	Kites	Falcons
Week 7	Woodpeckers	Barn Owls

### **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



Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

01273 293497

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after the 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7400 per year

Children, who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, may also get free school meals.

If you think you my be eligible, please call the above number, visit the website or collect a form from the school office.

#### **Working Tax Credit**

If you are in receipt of any Working Tax Credit you will not be eligible to apply for Free School Meals.

## **School Meals**

There has been a change to Monday, Week 3, please see below

City Academy White Weekly me Monday		eek 3 Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Creamy Chicken Korma served with Rice	Burger in a Bun served with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Ham & Cheese Pasta Carbonara	Breaded Fish & Chips
Vegetable Biryani	Veggie Burger in a Bun served with Potato Wedges	Quorn Roast served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Nuggets & Chips
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Fresh Vegetables	Fresh Vegetables	Fresh Vegetables	Fresh Vegetables	Fresh Vegetables
Vanilla Ice Cream	Banana Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Orange Jelly Pots	Chocolate Oatie Cookie
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
Available daily  Freshly Baked Bread  Freshly prepared Salad				HARRISON food with thought

## **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.



### Head lice

There are a number of cases of head lice in school.

Please check all family members carefully. The following method is recommended:

- Wash hair using ordinary shampoo then use a wide toothed comb to straighten and detangle. It is easier to do this with wet hair using hair conditioner.
- Once comb moves freely through the hair, without dragging, switch to a fine tooth comb.
   Make sure the teeth of the comb go into the hair at the roots and draw down to the ends of the hair with every stroke until you combed the whole head.
- Please check and treat regularly this helps everyone.

### **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-laved, 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 2, 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	<u>Year 1</u>	Year 2	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	Year 5	<u>Year 6</u>				
Day	Mondays	Tues	Weds	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Tues				
	(from Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> )	Fri	Thurs	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Thurs				

Children can bring a change of clothes for after school clubs.



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

Monday 31st October: Start of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Reception 2023 Open Evening

Friday 11th November: INSET Day

Monday 14th November: INSET Day

Friday 18th November: Non-Uniform Chairty Day

Monday 12th December: Start of Winter Performances

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

Wednesday 4th January: Start of Spring 1

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.

Have a fantastic weekend with your loved ones, hopefully with a few fireworks to admire!

Thomas McMorrin Headteacher

