



# Headteacher's Welcome

**Welcome to our new City Academy Whitehawk Newsletter! We will be publishing these newsletters at the end of every half term. It's a new way for us to provide important information and news updates.**

We've had a brilliant Autumn 1 term that's been filled with so much great effort from the wonderful CAW students. As well as the really broad and developed curriculum we take such pride in, there have been many opportunities for children to engage in sport tournaments, and to take part in our range of after school clubs. Running the Chess Club each Friday is one of the highlights of my week!

In this Newsletter you will find:

- Information about our priorities as a school
- Our responses to the Family Survey we ran in the summer
- Details of our new Family Communication Guide

We've loved sharing lots of great photos of the students enjoying their experiences at CAW on our Facebook and new Instagram pages. Please subscribe to these so that you see many of the great things that are happening here at school:

**Facebook:**

[facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063736852579](https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063736852579)

**Instagram:**

[instagram.com/cityacademywhitehawk](https://instagram.com/cityacademywhitehawk)

You'll have seen that I am posting a Headteacher's Update on our website every week, as well as a Weekly Bulletin, to keep you up to date with all of the important dates and information you need.

**Headteacher's Update:**

[caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/news/?pid=195&nid=1](https://caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/news/?pid=195&nid=1)

**CAW Weekly Bulletins:**

[caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Bulletins&pid=265](https://caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Bulletins&pid=265)

I hope you have a wonderful half term, and I'll look forward to seeing you on the gate after the break!



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# Our School Priorities

## Reading

Promoting a love of reading lies at the heart of what we believe in as a school. Enabling the children to become fluent and enthusiastic readers is a huge privilege, and one we take very seriously.

Please continue to support your children in reading at home by completing their Reading Records. For every five entries they have, they earn a Reading Raffle ticket which gives them a chance to win a book! Early Reading and phonics is one of our key priorities: we know that the more confident children are at reading, the more success they will have in every area of their learning.

## Attendance

The more children are in school, the more they learn! We work hard to make City Academy Whitehawk a place that children want to come to, and we're grateful to families for supporting children to come to school every day.

If you have concerns about attendance, please speak to any member of staff and we will do everything we can to support you.



## Mathematics

Maths is our other main academic priority. We've seen huge progress in this over recent years, and we continue to provide lots of training for the staff to equip them to teach really successful lessons.

Each week, class teachers choose a Mathematician of the Week: their hard work is celebrated with a certificate and Mr. McAdam adds their name to our Maths Wall at the front of the school: it's wonderful to see children aspiring to grow as mathematicians! Our famous Fluency Badges are awarded to children who have shown that they have learnt key number skills, and the children wear them with pride.

Year Four children take the national Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term. Knowing the times tables up to 12 x 12 is important knowledge that supports them in all of their maths lessons. We were incredibly proud to see that 67% of last year's Year Four children scored full marks in their Multiplication Tables Check. This is almost double the national average of 34%: an incredible achievement. The Times Tables Rockstars website is a really fun and competitive way for the children to practise these skills in school and at home.



# Family Survey response

**A big thank you to everyone who completed our Family Survey in the Summer Term. Involving families in what we do here at City Academy Whitehawk is incredibly important to me, and I value all of the feedback.**

Our new Communication Guide has taken into consideration your responses and requests, and I hope that you have found the ways we communicate to be even clearer this year.

We continue to have very high expectations for behaviour at City Academy Whitehawk. Our Behaviour Policy is designed to reward children who make the right choices, and put firm sanctions in place for challenging behaviour. We are adding to this offer this year in three key areas:

- All classes are now being taught a Behaviour Curriculum lesson each week. These lessons are based around carefully chosen books, helping the children understand how to interact with each other, and what to do if they are feeling dysregulated
- We will be launching a new certificate reward system after half term to celebrate children who have shown great behaviour and attendance. I'm grateful to the families who joined us at the recent drop in to discuss how this will look
- Keith Kelsey has been appointed as our Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Personal Development. Many of you will have met him already. He is always available on the main gate in the morning or on the playground after school if you would like to discuss anything related to behaviour



I am always keen to discuss ways we can improve the school, so please do come and say hello, or email the School Office on [admin@cawhitehawk.org.uk](mailto:admin@cawhitehawk.org.uk), if you would like to talk through any of our systems.



# Family Communication Guide



## How you can get in touch with us

Topic	Who to contact
<b>Your child is unwell or will be absent from school...</b>	Please notify the school office as soon as possible each morning of the absence by calling the main school office on 01273 681377 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk">admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk</a> .
<b>If you have a message for your child's teacher about collection arrangements, health concerns, home learning...</b>	Messages may be left at the school office by phone 01273 681377 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk">admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk</a> and will be passed to the Class Teacher.
<b>If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club or an WASP After-School Club...</b>	Breakfast Club is free and does not need to be booked. Please arrive between 8:00 and 8:10am at the Canteen Gate. Please contact the School Office by phone 01273 681377 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk">admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk</a> if you are interested in a WASP session.
<b>If you have a question about your child's learning progress...</b>	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher by phone on 01273 681377 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk">admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk</a> . If, following your discussion, you would like more information, make an appointment through the School Office to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
<b>If you would like to talk about child protection/safeguarding concerns...</b>	Contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Russell Wood as soon as possible – no prior appointment is required. Dora Rackham (Assistant Headteacher for Early Years) is our Deputy DSL.
<b>If you are concerned about behaviour or bullying...</b>	Make an appointment to meet with Keith Kelsey Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Personal Development by phone on 01273 681377 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk">admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk</a> . If, following your discussion, you would like more information, make an appointment through the school office to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
<b>If you would like to discuss something related to your child's teacher...</b>	Make an appointment through the School Office by phone on 01273 681377 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk">admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk</a> to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
<b>If you would like to discuss your child's special educational needs....</b>	Make an appointment to meet with the Gabby Gosztanyi Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion (SENCo) by phone on 01273 681377 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk">admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk</a>
<b>If you would like to discuss payments for school dinners, clubs, school trips, etc.....</b>	Please contact the School Office by phone on 01273 681377 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk">admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk</a>

Download the full Family Communication Guide here: [caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=24&type=pdf](http://caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=24&type=pdf)



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If, having followed previous steps, your question or concern is not resolved, please make an appointment with the School Office (by phone on **01273 681377** or emailing **[admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk](mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk)**) to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.