

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

### Meet the teacher sessions:

Thank you to all who managed to attend these sessions. Apologies for the short notice in some cases and for those who got shut out – I do hope the staff have managed to meet with you separately. If you have any other queries about your child and their education please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher in the first instance. For those classes who have not yet had these sessions I do hope that you find them useful.

## COMING SOON

- **Vice Principal Newsletters**
- **Class Assemblies**
- **Parent/Teacher Evenings**
- **Sports and other clubs**
- **Y5/6 Football League**
- **Friends of Great Heath (FOGHs) Events**



## Welcome Back and Thank You

A very big welcome back to you all to Great Heath Academy. We officially converted from a school to an academy in the summer holidays and we are all very excited by this new Chapter in the life of Great Heath. Despite the best efforts of our staff and those of the Trust there are a few remaining tasks to be carried out for the conversion to be fully complete. In the main these are administrative such as changing the school web site and signage and I will of course keep you informed of these updates as soon as I know them. In the meantime welcome again to you and in particular all our new families: it is a pleasure to have you all in the school. Welcome also to our new members of staff, Mrs Flack who teaches in year 5, Miss Smith who teaches in year 3, Miss Walshe who teaches in year R and Miss Clarke who teaches in Nursery. Welcome also to Miss Dabbs, Miss Hunt and Mr Gibbs who have joined our teaching assistant team. May I also take this opportunity to say that all of the children have looked extremely smart during their first week in their lovely new uniforms. For those of you who are still waiting for items please accept our apologies – we have been informed by the supplier that there has been a delay in production – we hope that all outstanding uniform orders are dealt with by the end of this week.

May I also thank you all for bearing with us over the problems associated with the start of the term. The decision to delay opening was not an easy one as we fully appreciate the knock on effect to you as parents and carers. Thanks also for your understanding with the works still continuing. The contractors are working hard to complete the project and by the time you read this I have every confidence that another significant section of scaffolding will be removed with the whole lot gone by the end of the week. I know this has not been an ideal start to the term but going forward we will have a building without roofing issues! I would like to extend a special thanks to Ms Ellis who has been volunteering to help with the cleanup in the school grounds and has done an excellent job.

## Working Together

We want to be the best that we can possibly be to ensure your children have the finest primary education and leave with all the knowledge, skills, attitudes and understanding necessary to be successful at high school and beyond. One of our most immediate priorities in achieving this is to improve our overall scores in reading, writing and maths across the school. We are currently devising detailed plans to improve what we do and know that working closely with the Academy Transformation Trust and their staff will help us improve both quickly and for the longer term. We also know that working closely and in partnership with you as parents and carers is vital in bringing about the improvements necessary. Therefore we very much welcome your ideas and involvement and invite you to participate in the work of the school and of course challenge and support your children with their learning.

**Thank You – Steven Vincent - Principal**

### Dates For Your Diary

Please find general dates for the coming year/s below and details of events that have already been finalised. **We will send out additional diary dates for other events during the year once they have been confirmed.**

Also please check our web site [www.greatheathacademy.atrust.org.uk](http://www.greatheathacademy.atrust.org.uk) for further information about us.

#### **2015**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October ~ Parent / Teacher Meetings – 15:30 – 18:30  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October ~ Parent / Teacher Meetings 15:30 – 18:30  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October ~ School closes for the half term holiday  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November ~ INSET day for staff – school closed to pupils  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November ~ School Photographer for individuals/family groups  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December ~ School closes for the Christmas holiday

#### **2016**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January ~ INSET day for staff – school closed to pupils  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February ~ INSET day for staff – school closed to pupils  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March ~ Parent / Teacher Meetings – 15:30 – 18:30  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ Parent / Teacher Meetings – 15:30 – 18:30  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May ~ May Day – school closed  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May ~ Probable Date Y6 Statutory Test week (Y6 pupils **MUST** attend school all week – **VERY IMPORTANT**)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June ~ INSET day for staff – school closed to pupils  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June ~ Probable Y1 and some Y2 Statutory Phonics screening week – all Y1 and Y2 pupils in school this week please - **IMPORTANT**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday

**Below – INSET days and testing week for Y6 pupils and phonics screening week for Y1/some Y2 pupils not yet confirmed and therefore provisional at this time.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September ~ School reopens for pupils after the summer holiday  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October ~ School closes for the half term holiday  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December ~ School closes for the Christmas holiday

#### **2017**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May ~ May Day – school closed  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday

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