

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**MP Visit:** Our Y3 pupils were excited to meet Matthew Hancock MP who came to reply directly to questions they asked him about plans for the air base as part of their aviation project. Whilst here we also asked him what it is like to be an MP.

**Assemblies and a Trip:** Thank you to the classes that have shared their class assembly since the last newsletter. The children love doing these and it is great to see and hear what they have been learning about. We still have the Y5 trip to Harry Potter World to come and our Y2's recently had a great time in Hunstanton even if their coach did break down on the way home!

**Talented Pupils:** Well done to everyone who shared their talent with us here in school and best of luck to those who have made it to the final selection. It was super to see and hear the wide range of acts on show! We also have some talented sports pupils as was evidenced at the recent cluster cricket, tennis and summer sports events. All the children taking part gave a great performance and competed well.

## COMING SOON

- **Sports Day**
- **Summer Fayre**



**End of Term** – Almost unbelievably we are now very near to the end of another school year. As usual there are a load of things happening here in school – if you need to check any event or time etc. please look at our web site first for current and old news and newsletters and then ring the office if you are still unsure. We are busy finishing off annual reports and other end of year documents that will be sent out to you soon.

**Academy Improvement** – As you know we have been busy with the children in school taking a wide range of statutory and optional tests and checks so that we can give you as clear and accurate a description of what your child can and cannot do compared to what is the average expected for their year group. The children have all worked incredibly hard and I am very proud of all of them. Whilst it is too early to share whole school and even national results with you I can confirm that across the whole academy we have seen our results improve and this is in a year when tests as you will have no doubt heard in the media have been made harder and many schools have seen a decline in their standards. One thing I can share with you though is that children definitely have their progress affected by not being at school for 6 weeks! Whilst I do enjoy my summer holiday and of course I want the children to have a great one too if you can find time to encourage your children to do a little reading, writing and number work over the coming weeks that would be really helpful – even if it is reading a tourist attraction booklet, writing a postcard to someone from holiday or simply working out the cost of 2 Whippy ice creams and a Calypso Lolly and what change would come from £5.00! (If any!)

**Social Media** – Please, please do not use social media to air your views or concerns about the school. We don't always get things right despite that being our intention so if you have feedback for us please come and tell us - comments made on line can sometimes be misinterpreted, are occasionally incorrect and in the worse cases can be in direct contravention of the law. May I also request that you exercise restraint in times of stress, we all occasionally get ourselves worked up about something and I know for example how bad the car park is, but as staff and parents we have a duty to model appropriate behavior to children – thank you.

**Premises Development** – To confirm, in case you had not picked up on earlier newsletters, workmen will begin on site on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July to create the new staff car park in the area where the tennis court is. I have every confidence that this will make life a lot easier for those of you who have no choice but to drive children to and from school and need to use the car park at the front. This should be complete ready for the start of school in September but it may be that we all need to get used to the new system so if you can avoid driving for the first few weeks that would be extremely helpful.

**Headlice!** – Whilst it seems these delightful creatures appear in epidemic proportions and then disappear again for a while the actual reality is that at any given time (both term and holiday) one of our children somewhere will have headlice. The best way to try and reduce this to the absolute minimum is for everyone to follow the advice on the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

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.greathathacademy.attrust.org.uk](http://www.greathathacademy.attrust.org.uk/) for further information about us. You will also find useful links to such sites as our uniform supplier and of course our Twitter Feed!

### 2016

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y5 pupils trip to Harry Potter World  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July ~ Planned Sports Day  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July ~ Planned day for Y6 and Y5 Play  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y6 pupils to their high schools for the day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y6 pupils to their high schools for the day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July ~ Annual school reports sent out (YR to Y5)  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July ~ Summer Fayre!  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July ~ Move up morning – pupils with their new teachers  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July ~ Annual school reports sent out (Y6)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July ~ Optional parent/teacher drop in meeting time (15:30 – 17:00)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y6 pupils (and then Y5) leaving Bar B Q  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday with Y6 Leaving assembly at 2PM

### New Academic Year

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 ~ Last day for pupils before 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 ~ Last day for pupils before 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 6<sup>th</sup> January ~ PANTO (AM)  
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  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May ~ Y6 Statutory Test week (Y6 pupils **MUST** attend school all week – **VERY IMPORTANT**)  
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  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June ~ Y1 and some Y2 Statutory Phonics screening week – all Y1 and Y2 pupils in school this week please - **IMPORTANT**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday

**New Academic Year –Please Note only 2 INSET days shown below – a further 3 will be designated and shown soon.**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September ~ School reopens for pupils after the summer holiday  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December ~ Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

### 2018

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May ~ May Day – school closed  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May ~ Y6 Statutory Test week (Y6 pupils **MUST** attend school all week – **VERY IMPORTANT**)  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June ~ Y1 and some Y2 Statutory Phonics screening week – all Y1 and Y2 pupils in school this week please - **IMPORTANT**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday