

Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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Recent Events

Clubs / Class Assembly:

Thank you to those who have booked up to join the clubs we currently offer. I know there is a huge take up for Mr Barker's daily sports club and that Miss Fowler's choir club and Mr Langford's basketball club are also well subscribed. We hope to offer more clubs over the coming weeks and months so do encourage your child to listen carefully to announcements in assembly. Well done to Apricot class for their lovely assembly – it was great to see so many parents and carers who were able to come and watch too.

COMING SOON

- **Blueberry Class Assembly**
- **Y5/6 Football League Day 2**
- **Parent/Teacher Evenings**
- **FOGHs Disco**



The School Roof

As you have seen the contractors eventually took down their scaffolding and left our site leaving behind our new roof. Despite this we do seem to have some persistent internal leaks which I am currently busy trying to rectify. We do appreciate you bearing with us through this period. As a heads up though some new scaffolding (albeit at roof level only) is set to return in November. This is to enable different contractors to begin the installation of solar panels which will bring considerable cost savings to the school which can be utilised for other educational resources. I have been reliably informed that this work will take approximately 2 weeks with the end result being a dry roof that feeds energy to the National Grid!

Parking

You will no doubt be very pleased to hear that work has started on creating a dedicated staff parking area thus freeing up the majority of spaces at the front of the school for parents to drop off and pick up. Plans have been drawn, areas surveyed and planning permission sought. I will keep you updated on this development as I get new information. **In the meantime can I please urge you all to be considerate to the local residents and our fleet of taxi drivers. I know how hard it is to find space but I am dealing with a barrage of complaints and would very much appreciate it if everyone could exercise a little courtesy to others. Thank You.**

Well Done

A quick well done to our Year 6 football team who recently took part in the first matches of the local cluster league. This event is ongoing over the next few weeks here on Thursdays (apologies if this creates any further parking issues) and our team played exceptionally well beating local rivals St Mary's as well as Beck Row. This puts them at the top of the league! We wish them well for their next set of matches

Working Together

As you know we want to be the most successful academy we can be to provide you and your children with the very best education possible in the local area and beyond. To this aim you also know that we need to ensure more children attain what is expected for them for their age in tests especially by the end of year 6 and that we believe your help in developing learning for your children is vital for this to happen. Therefore it was very pleasing to see so many of you who were able to come to the maths information session led by our maths leader Mrs Cole and then visit the classrooms to see the children learning. We really hope you found this session useful and we aim to plan many more information sessions and class visits in future. We do appreciate that not all of you will have been able to come along so please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is more you would like to know about how you can support your child with their learning effectively at home. If in doubt though it is ALWAYS useful to read with your child as often as possible trying to ask questions about the story and helping them with simple calculations – especially times tables which are as important now as they have always been! Thanks too for ensuring the children come in uniform – overall virtually all the children are still wearing the correct shoes, skirts/trousers etc. and look extremely smart doing so.

Headlice

As you know these irritating creatures love schools! Therefore may I remind everyone please to "Check-Treat-Complete" and if you can visit this web site:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Please also see the information sheet attached.

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 for further information about us.

2015

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

2016

Monday 4th January ~ INSET day for staff – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5th January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday
Thursday 11th February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday
Friday 12th February ~ INSET day for staff – school closed to pupils
Monday 22nd February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday
Tuesday 22nd March ~ Parent / Teacher Meetings – 15:30 – 18:30
Wednesday 23rd March ~ Parent / Teacher Meetings – 15:30 – 18:30
Thursday 24th March ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday
Monday 11th April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday
Monday 2nd May ~ May Day – school closed
Monday 9th May ~ Probable Date Y6 Statutory Test week (Y6 pupils **MUST** attend school all week – **VERY IMPORTANT**)
Friday 27th May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday
Monday 6th June ~ INSET day for staff – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7th June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday
Monday 13th June ~ Probable Y1 and some Y2 Statutory Phonics screening week – all Y1 and Y2 pupils in school this week please - **IMPORTANT**
Thursday 21st 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 1st September ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils
Friday 2nd September ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils
Monday 5th September ~ School reopens for pupils after the summer holiday
Friday 21st October ~ School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 31st October ~ INSET day for staff – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 1st November ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday
Tuesday 20th December ~ School closes for the Christmas holiday

2017

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