

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

### Football:

A huge well done to all the boys in our football team who travelled recently to Newmarket for the cluster finals. After playing exceptionally well they eventually finished a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 14 schools. Well done too to all the girls in our football team who finished a very encouraging 7<sup>th</sup> overall in their local tournament.

### FOGHS Disco:

Massive thanks to all the people involved in planning and delivering this event. The children all seemed to have a great time and a very impressive £740 was raised which will be added to the funds already banked which ultimately will be used to develop the outside space to make play and lunchtimes better for all the pupils.

### Remembrance:

Thank you so much for all the donations for poppies – the collected money has now been sent to the British Legion and will be used to support their work.

## COMING SOON

- **Children In Need**
- **More class assemblies**
- **School Photos**
- **Christmas Decorations/Post Box!**
- **Christmas Plays – YN to Y2**



## Staffing

As you may have been aware we have unfortunately experienced some significant staff absence in recent weeks. I am very pleased to say that Mr. Jeffery is now feeling considerably better after his long hospital stay and is now back at school. However Mrs. Barber is still not able to return and Mrs. Ruttle is also going to be away for the foreseeable future too due to issues with her health that have significantly affected her speech. I know you will join me in wishing them a speedy recovery and I thank you for your understanding when these events occur and we have to make staffing alterations sometimes at very short notice and usually with limited resources.

## School Expansion

As you will know the local authority, who have overall control for finding school places for children, have begun a feasibility study into expanding our site to accommodate 3 forms of entry and that a pre planning event took place here in school recently. Essentially this means that they are proposing to build 8 new classrooms to add to the existing class bases to house what could be up to 90 children in each year group. For those of you who are good at maths and know that when full we have 104 pupils just in nursery this could mean a total number of children on roll of 734! One very positive outcome of this is that plans include a dedicated staff car park on what is currently a tennis court and therefore access for you to drop off and pick up at the start and end of the day should be considerably easier than it is now. Work on the car park is scheduled for the spring with the plan for all of the works to be finished in time for the start of the new school year in September 2017. In the meantime plans are available in school should you like to see what has been proposed and were unable to view them at the planning event recently. I can also now confirm that the solar panels for the current roof are set to be installed later this month – I have been assured there will be minimal disruption to the school.

## Events Information

With Christmas fast approaching I would like to give you some additional information about events coming up over the coming weeks. Firstly today is Children in Need and we hope that the children have enjoyed raising money by dressing as per the instructions and/or bringing in their teddies! This event is a very important opportunity for money to be raised just for children so thank you all for your very kind donations. Next we have the school photographer (you should have received a separate letter about this) visiting us – we very much hope that the finished pictures will be available soon and certainly in time for Christmas as no doubt they will make a very good gift for family members! Finally on the subject of Christmas a quick reminder about how we organise plays. Basically due to the number of pupils in school and the limitations this puts on space we only plan and deliver Christmas plays/nativities to parents of children in Nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2. Exact details of these will be sent out soon. For those of you with children in years 3 and 4 they will be putting on a performance at Easter and years 5 and 6 in the summer. As previously there will be a range of other events going on in school during the festive period and again specific details will be sent out separately.

## Thank You

Just a quick thank you as our overall attendance percentage continues to hover in the acceptable zone. I know that this time of year in particular brings a wide range of health issues but we really do appreciate the efforts you are making with ensuring your children attend school as often as is possible and that they arrive promptly. Thank you once again too for making sure the children look so smart in their uniforms. It really is a privilege to stand before them all in assembly and see so many smartly dressed children.

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

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

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