

Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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Recent Events

Book Day: Thank you for your business at our book fair and for the help given to the children with their super outfits. As usual we will have over £300 to spend on books which is amazing!

Sports Relief: The children loved taking part in sports activities and dressing up. I was trapped in my office all day with meetings but did see some super outfits walk past my window – it seems we have a lot of horse riders amongst us!

Easter Bingo: Thank you so much for the very generous donations of chocolate eggs which meant the FOGHS and Mr Jeffery were able to plan and run the recent Easter Bingo event. We hope that you had a great evening despite the bingo caller not actually knowing how to play bingo to start with! We were very lucky to have a proper machine though which was very kindly donated for the evening by Mildenhall Social Club – so thanks to them and all who helped with the event.

COMING SOON

- **FOGHS Disco – 14th April**
- **Tests and checks for Y1, 2 & 6**
- **Summer!**



Happy Easter

As we break up here for the Easter holiday I would like to wish you all an enjoyable Easter weekend and longer break for any of you taking holiday. With Easter being so early this year we can't guarantee great weather but certainly as I write this the sun is shining so fingers crossed! We look forward to seeing everyone again in April for what will no doubt be another very busy term.

Academy Improvement

As an organisation we are self-reflective and constantly look to ways to work better on behalf of your children. We also welcome feedback as sometimes we think we have made a good decision and it turns out that maybe it wasn't when you tell us so. Therefore I have been pleased in recent days to receive both positive and negative feedback by way of email and anonymous letter. In both cases some interesting points were raised which confirm and dispute in equal measure the effectiveness of some of the things we do. Of course catering to such a large number of families as we do we are unlikely to please everybody all of the time despite that being our intention, but it would be really helpful to be able to discuss these issues fully as sometimes there may be a misunderstanding on both sides so do please come in to speak to us if you have points to raise.

Premises Development

As you may know we have been selected by the local authority for expansion due to an overall rise in pupil numbers locally and some of you may have been able to attend the consultation event back here in school before Christmas and seen the proposed plans. Since then things have continued to develop and I am now able to give you some definite news. Firstly I am very pleased to tell you that contractors will be on site as soon as we break up for the summer holiday to create the new staff car park where one of our tennis courts is – finishing I am told before we all come back! An access road will be created through the bottom of what was the caretaker's garden and the vast majority of space at the front currently used by staff will be free for you to use for drop on and off purposes each day. I am confident that this will help considerably with what I know is a very congested area currently. Then in January 2017 contractors will again return to start building the 8 new classrooms necessary to allow the school to ultimately take 3 forms of entry into every year group. Six of these class bases will be built out from where our art room is and are set to be for Y5 and Y6 pupils and the other 2 at the end of the corridor where Y1 and Mango classes now are. Further work will be undertaken internally to move the third YR class closer to the 2 existing ones. This work is earmarked for completion in August 2017 ready for our pupils in September at which point we will also have all 3 tennis courts returned to us in a much improved state. A significant amount of my time at the moment is spent liaising with contractors, architects and so on to ensure that all of this takes place with as minimum disruption to the children, staff and you as possible. I will keep you fully informed of things as they develop from here.

FOGHS Disco

The Friends of Great Heath School have organised another disco for the first week back after Easter. It will be on Thursday 14th April – posters are up around school with further details.

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 for further information about us.

2016

Thursday 24th March ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Monday 11th April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Thursday 14th April – FOGHS Disco

Monday 2nd May ~ May Day – school closed

Monday 9th May ~ 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 ~ 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

New Academic Year

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 6th January ~ PANTO (AM)

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

Monday 8th May ~ Y6 Statutory Test week (Y6 pupils **MUST** attend school all week – **VERY IMPORTANT**)

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

Monday 12th June ~ Y1 and some Y2 Statutory Phonics screening week – all Y1 and Y2 pupils in school this week please - **IMPORTANT**

Friday 21st July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday
