

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**Class Photos:** You should by now have had a separate letter and 'mini' photo proof of our new class photographs. We have not done these before and hope that you like them and therefore of course – buy them!

**Assemblies:** Thank you to Vulcan and Pineapple classes who have recently presented their excellent class assemblies. They were very well put together and the children did a fantastic job.

**Trips and Visits:** Since the last newsletter we have seen three year groups go out of school on a trip or visit. Firstly our very excited reception children went to the zoo and had a thoroughly great time. Next our year 3 children went to Duxford as part of their topic on air travel and got to build a scale model of a bi-plane, walk through Concord and no doubt have a fun picnic lunch together! Finally our year 1 children took the short bus journey to nearby Lackford Lakes where they had a really fun time looking for all sorts of wild creatures both big and small. Thanks to you all for your contributions towards these invaluable shared learning experiences.

## COMING SOON

- Visit from MP Matthew Hancock
- More Trips



**Summer** – Now that summer seems to have at last arrived please may I remind you all about sun safety? Caps and hats are recommended for outdoor play and of course short grey trousers for boys and summer dresses for girls are very welcome. Water is readily available in school to keep all the children hydrated but it would be a challenge for staff to have to apply sun cream to up to 30 pupils prior to going outside so do please make sure this is put on before school should you deem this necessary. Thank You.

**Academy Improvement** – Last month I shared with you examples of questions that were in the recent year 6 tests. Since then our year 2 pupils have also been working through some questions to enable the teachers to accurately assess where they are with their learning. As with Y6, the expectation of what children should be able to do now is higher than ever before. For example, take a look at this Y2 sample question:

31 Complete the number sentence below.

$$3 \times 8 = 2 \times \square$$

Remember the children are only 6 or 7 years old.  
I don't think I could have solved this problem when I was that age!

Next week our year 1 pupils along with some Y2's will be doing the Phonics screening test for which Miss Saunders and Miss Brett are busy making final preparations. I am sure the children will be very glad when the tests are over! We are currently working on how best to communicate to you early next year what the general expectations are for children in each year group and will share this information with you as soon as it is completed so that you can support your child as best you can with their learning. In the meantime as always – if you have any questions or queries about your child's education here please do not hesitate to ask.

**Premises Development** – Work on developing our new staff car park to free up the space in front of school for you all to drop off and pick up moves ever closer and is still on schedule to start as soon as the children finish school for the summer holiday. As I understand it there will be different areas marked so that those of you who will want to park briefly to walk your (most probably younger) child to class can do so whilst those who are happy to pull up and let their children walk in alone thus setting off again almost immediately can do so too without hopefully anyone getting hemmed in. Of course until we return in September and start using it we will not know how smoothly things will go so if we do have any teething problems then please bear with us! Also during the summer we are planning to make improvements to the interior of the school too by replacing some of the very tired looking doors and creating some professional displays of pupils and their work.

**Staffing Update** – I am currently trying to finalise my staffing structure for September and have already informed you that Mr Nick Cuff will be joining us as our new Upper Key Stage 2 Leader. I can also confirm that Miss Lydia Clough will be starting with us as a year 2 teacher then too. You will receive confirmation of who will be teaching where along with details of the new class for your child/ren when we send out the annual reports later this term.

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.atrust.org.uk](http://www.greathathacademy.atrust.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**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June ~ Y1 and some Y2 Statutory Phonics screening week – all Y1 and Y2 pupils in school this week please – **IMPORTANT**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June ~ Boys cricket tournament in Mildenhall (selected pupils only – letter to follow)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June ~ Matthew Hancock (MP) to talk to Y3 pupils in response to letters they sent him  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Girls cricket tournament in Exning (selected pupils only – letter to follow)  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June ~ Y2 pupils trip to Hunstanton  
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