

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**World Book Day and Sport Relief:** Thank you for helping the children dress up for these events and for bearing with us as we had to reschedule Book Day due to the snow! As always thank you so much for all the very generous contributions too.

**Assemblies, Trips and Visits:** We continue to work through the class assemblies (it is lovely to see you at these – we appreciate you cannot always come due to work commitments and will try to make sure we give you as much advance notice of these as we can to help) and have taken the children on number of visits including to the local church and for the Y6 pupils, to the track at West Row where they joined other Y6 pupils locally for the annual 'Crucial Crew' event hosted by the emergency services.

**Sport:** We continue to take part in most of the local organised sports competitions and our pupils have continued to do us proud. We haven't yet finished outright first but are getting closer in a range of events. Perhaps 2018-19 will be our year! Thank you to all staff who have helped organise and run these (usually) after school experiences.

## COMING SOON

- **Y6 SAT Tests** – 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May
- **Y2 SAT Tests** – 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May
- **Y1 (Part Y2) Phonics Check** – 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May
- **Summer!** – Let's hope the sun shines and we can enjoy the busy end of year activities – more information to follow and on web site.



## Academy Staffing

With the Easter break, it seems a long while since my last newsletter. In that time we have had some staffing changes: We said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Mitchinson who left to have her baby (I am pleased to report that Florence was born fit and healthy and has already visited the school!), wished Miss Lambert and Miss Kinnair from our teaching assistant team well as they left for new challenges and welcomed their replacements Mrs Elgar and Mrs Scott. Finally, we have welcomed Mr Myhil to our team as our site manager. He has already began working through a series of 'odd-jobs' and is liaising with the regional premises managers at ATT to map out longer term improvement priorities to the premises.

## Academy Improvement

As you will know, the school had a two-day Ofsted Inspection last week on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The inspection is now finished and a full report outlining grades given and a full commentary of findings will be sent to all of you in a few weeks when it is published and up-loaded to the Ofsted web site. Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed the on-line questionnaire and/or who passed on comments to the inspectors on the playground. As you may know, in addition to the visit from Ofsted, we are also held to account for how well our children do in national assessments. To that end, over the coming weeks our Y6 and Y2 children will be doing a series of tests, the Y1 pupils will be checked on how well they have made progress with phonics and the reception children judged by their teachers against a wide range of development goals. Your support in reassuring the children about the assessments but explaining to them the importance of a positive, persevering attitude along with clear routines (which include early bedtimes!) is most welcome and guaranteed to make a difference – thank you. If you have any questions at all about how we assess the children and/or how you can support their learning at home please see the class teacher in the first instance.

## Academy Premises

ATT our academy sponsor have been busy making further improvements to our premises. Firstly, if you have been recently to one of our Tuesday coffee mornings you will have noticed a lovely new dining hall floor. This has really brightened the room up and is a massive improvement on what was there before! We have also had some grounds work carried out which has included some long overdue tree management and had brighter and more efficient lighting installed in our corridors. We still have some darker areas around school which are the remaining legacy of it being once a middle school building but plans are set for new brighter doors and a few coats of bright paint!

Thank you for your ongoing help and support – we very much appreciate it. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or comments.  
Steven Vincent (Executive Principal) and Naomi Brown (Head of School)

## 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 as well as have access to our calendar.

## 2018

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 ~ **INSET day** (5 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 5<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

**New Academic Year – Please note that all Inset Days have now been set – see below.**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September ~ **INSET day** (1 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September ~ School reopens for pupils after the summer holiday

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October ~ **INSET day** (2 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December ~ Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

## 2019

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January ~ **INSET day** (3 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February ~ **INSET day** (4 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May ~ May Day – **School closed**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May ~ Y6 Statutory Test week (Y6 pupils **MUST** attend school all week – **VERY IMPORTANT**)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June ~ **INSET day** (5 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June ~ Y1 and some Y2 Statutory Phonics screening week – all Y1 and Y2 pupils in school this week please - **IMPORTANT**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday