

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**Royal Wedding:** Thank you for helping the children dress up for this event and thank you to our excellent kitchen staff who made more than 500 pieces of Union Jack Cake!

**Assemblies, Trips and Visits:** We know that trips and visits cost money and sometimes quite a lot but we firmly believe that they are an important part of school and learning, being able to bring to life things that have been covered in class – so thank you for your support with this. Most recently, our Y3 children went to the West Midlands to Cadbury's World and our Reception children a bit closer to home at Church Farm. I know that they all had a great time even if the journey to Cadbury World was a bit long! It is days like these we remember fondly from school as adults – I can recall every single school trip I went on and I bet you all can too!

**Sport:** We also believe that giving our pupils the chance to take part in organised competitive sports events is very important and most recently children have represented the school at Quad Kids, Kwik Cricket and Mini Tennis. We didn't come first in any but we did come in the top half of schools and are improving fast!

## COMING SOON

- **Sports Days (Weather Permitting!)**
- **Y6 (with Y5 help) Performance**
- **More class assemblies**
- **England win!**



## Academy Staffing

As we near the end of the academic year we have said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Davenport who has begun her maternity leave and get ready to welcome back Mrs Mitchinson and Miss Clarke from theirs. You will find out the staffing structure along with which class your child is in for September in the annual report which we will send out later this term but I can tell you now we will have some changes to the teaching team as we will be saying goodbye to Mr Lee who is relocating to Dorset, Miss Kim who is relocating to South Korea and Mrs Kirkham who will be working in Soham - I know you will join me in wishing them well for the future and thank them for their work here at Great Heath. We will therefore be saying hello to some new teachers and they will be in and around school towards the end of the term and on our move up morning to meet their new children. I will formally introduce you to them in the first newsletter in September.

## Academy Improvement

As you may know this time of year is when we start to make summary assessments of the children to gauge their attainment and progress over time and receive back scores from SAT tests that they have taken in year 6. All individual pupil results and/or an indication of their attainment relative to their age and peers will be available with the annual report along with National data where it has already been published for children in YR, Y2 and Y6 where the assessments are statutory. All national and school data for 2017 and then 2018 will appear on our web site where there is also a link from which you can look up scores for other UK schools. Over the summer I will be analysing how well our children have achieved this year and looking to identify any areas in which we could do better to add to the development points we were left with by Ofsted. One feature of the school I know that we do wish to develop next year is that of our 'Friends' Association the **FOGHS or Friends of Great Heath School**. You may know that for the past few years the majority of the fundraising events in school have been organised in the main by just a very few volunteer parents along with another group who have helped on the day. Due to other commitments recently, their capacity to organise has been reduced and as such, we unfortunately will not be able to run a summer fayre this year. We do however have a sizeable sum of money that has been raised over the past few years from discos etc. and I believe this is being spent on creating additional shade areas on our field and purchasing extra outside equipment. We would really **like to re-launch our Friends group from September** and bring along new members – if you think you may be able to commit some time to a few meetings a year and help plan and run events such as the discos and Christmas/Summer Fayre **please contact the school office and leave your details** and we will get back to you. Thank You!

## Academy Premises

Apart from ongoing maintenance and new markings on our tennis courts, we have not had any significant works to the school building

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.greathacademy.trust.org.uk](http://www.greathacademy.trust.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

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June ~ Y6 Girl's cricket tournament at Exning Cricket Club

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June ~ Y4 trip to Africa Alive

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June ~ YR to Y2 Sports Morning on school field

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y6 pupils to Kingswood Activity Centre North Norfolk for their week long residential trip

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July / Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y6 secondary school transition days – mostly to MCA

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y1 trip to Lackford Lakes

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July ~ Annual reports and other data/information for new classes etc. sent out

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July ~ Move up morning (Pupils with their new teachers)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July ~ Y6 pupils leaving Bar B Q

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