

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**School Money:** Thanks to you and the staff for making the change to school money reasonably smooth – I had imagined complete carnage but after a few early teething troubles it does seem to be working well – fingers crossed it remains that way!

**Assemblies, Trips and Visits:** No trips or visits as yet although two are planned in the next few days for Y3 and Y5. We have welcomed our MP Matthew Hancock to an assembly where he very honestly answered the wide range of questions our pupils wanted to ask him and our friends from Open the Book have presented two lovely assemblies thus far. We have also had YR and YN stay and play sessions which were very well attended by parents – it was lovely to see you all in class with the children. It is also lovely to see so many of you support the winners of the writing and maths certificates on Fridays in our assembly.

**Sport:** We have had great success with sporting events coming second overall in the Forest Heath area competition for boys and reaching the finals of the same competition for girls. One of our pupils also qualified for the county cross-country finals and did exceptionally well – congratulations to Liam Powell for this magnificent achievement.

## COMING SOON

- 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- Christmas Dinner/Plays/Parties etc.
- New Year – Where on Earth did 2018 go?!



## Academy Staffing

As I am sure you will appreciate, we work very hard to try to ensure that your children have as much consistency in terms of the staff that work with them as we can. Therefore, I am pleased to be able to report that there has been very little change since the last newsletter in October. Miss Smith did go off to begin her maternity leave – thanks to Mr Hicks and Mrs Cole for covering the class in her absence and Miss Atkins returned to do some work again in Y4. Finally, congratulations to Miss Parish who has given birth to baby Barnaby.

## Academy Improvement

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the recent parent/teacher evenings before and after the half term. We try to make sure that these slots are as informative as they can be so that you know how your child is getting on both in terms of their social and academic development. We do appreciate that by their very nature they are time limited, therefore please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any outstanding queries and/or concerns. Similarly, despite running until 6:30 across two evenings there may be some of you who were still unable to come due to work commitments, again if this is the case please contact us. As you know, we really do value your involvement in the education of your children and see significant gains when you are able to help with home learning. To this end, we have produced some parent guides which should have been sent out to you – if you have not yet seen these they are available for downloading on our web site: <http://www.greatheathacademy.atrust.org.uk/about-us/parent-guides/>

## Academy Premises

We continue to benefit from money that our Trust has secured for premises improvements and the hard work of our estates and cleaning team. We have nearly finished replacing all the old and dark wooden internal doors with new lighter ones and have had some very high tech ovens installed in the kitchen – they even clean themselves! I am now trying to arrange for some better external windows and doors where we still have old ones that are far from being effectively energy efficient.

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.attrust.org.uk](http://www.greathathacademy.attrust.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 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Staff putting up the Christmas Tree and Christmas Post Box (please put your cards for other children in here for delivery to each class – remember the name and class is VERY important on the front!)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration day – more details to follow in another letter

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December AM – Planned date for **Y1** singing performance – more details to follow

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December PM – Planned date for **Y2** singing performance – more details to follow

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December AM – Planned date for **Y2** singing performance – more details to follow

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December PM – Planned date for **Y1** singing performance – more details to follow

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December PM – YR performance “Wriggly Nativity” – more details to follow

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December AM – YR performance “Wriggly Nativity” – more details to follow

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

**New Academic Year - INSET days shown below have yet to be formally set and as such may change.**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September ~ **INSET day** (1 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September ~ **INSET day** (2 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October ~ **INSET day** (3 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

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

### **2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January ~ **INSET day** (4 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May ~ May Day – **School closed**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May ~ Y6 Statutory Test week (Y6 pupils **MUST** attend school all week – **VERY IMPORTANT**)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June ~ **INSET day** (5 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June ~ Y1 plus some Y2 Phonics screening (All Y1 and Y2 pupils in school this week please - **IMPORTANT**)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday