

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**Uniform:** May I take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and bearing with us as our current supplier School Trends experiences difficulty in processing orders and supplying goods. We have been trying to source a new supplier and should have some information about this for you all soon.

**Pantomime:** Thank you so much to those who sent their child/ren to school with a donation for the recent pantomime. We really couldn't manage this event without your help as it does cost quite a lot of money to put on. We believe that it is very important for our children to experience live theatre and that despite the cost being relatively high as I have already said, having the theatre company come to us is still the cheapest option. We have booked next year but sadly may not be able to continue this tradition should the donations not go a significant way to covering the bill. So thank you once again to those who did contribute – we very much appreciate it and so of course did the children!

**Sport:** We continue to take part in a wide range of competitive cluster sporting events and most recently sent a group of our most sport talented older pupils to a super workshop about which the lead teacher said the children were a credit to themselves and their school – well done to them!

## COMING SOON

- **SNOW!??**
- **Half Term**



## Snow!

With it having been so cold recently and forecasters indicating some significant snow for Tuesday night, we thought this would be a good time to remind you all about what would happen if the academy had to close. We would only close if absolutely necessary, for example if we were short staffed and could not maintain adequate staff/pupil ratios or the grounds were particularly unsafe due to ice etc. If we did have to make the decision to close for snow or indeed any other reason beyond our control (broken heating etc.) we would inform the local authority who would pass on the details to local radio and the county council website - see below. It can take some time for the local authority and radio stations to update their systems and therefore the first place you will find information would be our own school home page (scrolling banner at the top of the page) which is shown below too and we will also try to ensure those of you who have parent mail receive an email as soon as a decision has been made. Hopefully through a combination of these methods you will all receive sufficient notice to make your own plans for the day.

**County Council Website** - <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/>

**Great Heath Web Site** - <https://www.greathathacademy.atrust.org.uk/>

**Radio Stations** - Heart FM ~ 97.1 or 96.4 FM / Radio Suffolk ~ 95.5, 95.9, 103.9 or 104.6 FM

## Headlice

As these horrible creatures stubbornly seem to find their way regularly into every school including ours we would encourage you to find time to read the very informative leaflet we are sending home with this newsletter. Thank You.

## Academy Improvement

As we head at a pace towards the half term holiday and the half way mark of the school year, we begin to focus significantly on assessing our pupils and starting the process of preparing them for the statutory tests that some of them take. You may have heard Ofsted and others explaining that too many schools including primary have narrowed their curriculum and focus far too much on cramming children with facts or exam technique to try and improve their results and therefore standing in league tables. We have never taken this approach here at Great Heath and try very hard to make sure all the children learn through a wide range of subjects and experiences, regardless of which year they are in. Of course, we hope that our children achieve all that they are capable of, especially those about to begin their learning journey at secondary school and do help where we can with booster classes and targeted support but we continue to celebrate the wide range of learning and knowledge that comes with our wider curriculum.

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.greatheathacademy.atrust.org.uk](http://www.greatheathacademy.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.

### 2019

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April ~ Spring Term Parent/Teacher Evening 1

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April ~ Spring Term Parent/Teacher Evening 2

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

Thursday 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

Term dates for 2020/2021 will be shared as soon as we receive confirmation from the local authority.