

Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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Recent Events

Class assemblies: We are working our way through each class for their turn to share their learning with the rest of the school and you as parents/carers. Thank you so far this calendar year to Osprey and Pineapple classes for their excellent assemblies.

World Book Day: We had great fun dressing up and it was lovely that so many parents came in to share a story. We are very thankful for your support in hearing your child/ren read and encouraging them to do so. Well done to all of the children who have received certificates and prizes this half term for reading at home. There are a few children close to reading a million words and we are looking forward to having our first Great Heath Millionaire!

Year 2 SATS meeting: Thank you to all who attended. Remember the actual tests are only part of the assessment process. Please continue to do all you can to support the learning your child has done at school.

Comic Relief: Thank you to everyone who supported this. We raised over £400 from our various fundraising activities.

Parent Evenings: We had a fantastic turn out for parent evenings this week. We appreciate all the support you give to the school and to your child/ren.

COMING SOON

- **SATs**
- **Summer!**



Academy Staffing

This term we have said goodbye to Frances Allen who worked in the office and was on the reception desk first thing in the morning and to Kerry MacDonald our Finance Assistant. We wish them both all the best in their new jobs. We are also welcoming back some familiar faces who have been on maternity leave. Miss Smith came back today and after Easter will be teaching Eagle class four days a week, with Mr Hicks teaching on Tuesdays. After Easter Mrs Flack will be teaching Nimrod class three days a week with Mrs Cole teaching Nimrod on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are also welcoming back Mrs Davenport at the end of April who will be teaching in Nursery, Reception and Year 2.

Academy Improvement

After Easter we will be starting our text based literacy curriculum. During the term each class will be developing their book corner and hopefully your child/ren will be able to tell you all about theirs! Later in the term we will hold an open morning for you to come and see the work the children have been doing. KS2 children are speaking enthusiastically about our accelerated reading scheme. Over the summer term we will be rolling it out to Year 2 children. Remember this focuses on comprehension so although it may appear the children can read the book fluently it is the comprehension that will be looked at in the quiz they take at the end so please ask them lots of questions about what they are reading. As well as their school book children should also continue to read for pleasure so please continue to provide them with a variety of books that they want to read – April is Children's Month at all Suffolk libraries with lots of fun activities going on so it's the perfect time to sign up if you are not already a member.

Statutory Assessments

The summer term brings with it a variety of statutory tests for some year groups. Please can you make sure you are aware of the dates and that children are in school during the testing period. Year 6 will sit their SATs starting on Monday 13th May. We are extremely proud of the effort the children have put into preparing for their SATs and the mature attitude they are showing. Year One, and some Year Two children, undertake the phonics screening the week beginning June 10th. Again their positive attitude has impressed us all – keep reading and playing phonics games with them. Year 2 are assessed by their teachers throughout the year. As part of this they do have to take the end of KS1 SATs tests which will be spread out over two weeks this year.

School Money

Thank you to everyone who has successfully used SchoolMoney to pay for dinners and clubs. We do know that some of you are still experiencing issues related to the technology. If this is the case, please do pop into the office to see if we can help get you up and running. We notice that many people are paying for dinners after the pupils have had them. As you can imagine this creates dinner debt, which can be quite substantial, and our office staff have to spend a considerable amount of time chasing payments. We are therefore asking that dinners are paid in full in advance or the same day and have been advised that the caterers will not give food to pupils where there are payment arrears. Clearly we would wish to avoid this at all costs but none of us would do our weekly shop at Sainsbury's and walk out without paying saying we will settle up next week!

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 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.

Important Update to Previous Lists:

Our Academy Trust ATT are seeking to align the term dates and INSET days of all their 22 academies across the country. This work is currently taking place and the final decision made soon. In the meantime please refer to the term dates and INSET days shown below but be aware that they may change slightly after ATT have finalised their decision. Once this has happened we will of course update this list and the web site calendar.

2019

Friday 5th April ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Saturday 20th April ~ Year 6 Easter Booster School (9am – 3pm)

Tuesday 23rd April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Wednesday 24th April ~ SEN Parent Evening

Thursday 25th April ~ SEN Parent Evening

Monday 6th May ~ May Day – **School closed**

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

Friday 24th May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

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

Tuesday 4th June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday

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

Wednesday 24th July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday

New Academic Year (See Important Update Above)

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

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

Wednesday 4th September ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 18th October ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

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

Tuesday 29th October ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Thursday 19th December ~ Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

2020

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

Tuesday 7th January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday

Friday 14th February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 24th February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Thursday 2nd April ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Monday 20th April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Monday 4th May ~ May Day – **School closed**

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

Friday 22nd ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

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

Tuesday 2nd June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday

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

Wednesday 22nd July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday

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