

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**Class assemblies:** We have not had any more class assemblies since the last newsletter. We are looking forward to Eagle class assembly next week.

**Author Visit:** We started the term with an energising visit from the author James Campbell who shared how he writes stories and told the children some very funny stories and poems. He signed our copies of the books and the children have enjoyed reading these in class.

**Sporting events:** We have recently hosted a netball tournament and an orienteering tournament this term. Luckily the weather was on our side and the children who participated had a great time. We achieved a 4<sup>th</sup> place in the orienteering.

**Reception Balanceability:** All Reception children have been learning to ride Balance Bikes. They have had great fun learning this new skill and are looking very proficient on their bikes as they have undertaken new challenges each week.

## COMING SOON

- Sports Days
- Year 6 trip to Abbey Gardens
- Year 6 trip to Kingswood
- Year 5 music event at the Apex



### Academy Staffing

Since the last newsletter we have welcomed two new teaching assistants – Mrs Morgan who is working in Reception and Mrs Golding who is working in Year 6. We have also welcomed Mrs Firetto-Smith to our lunchtime team.

### Academy Improvement

Statutory assessments make this a very busy time in school. This week the year 6 children have completed their SATs tests. They have done so with an extremely positive attitude and have made it to the end of the week with smiles on their faces. They have had a well-deserved break today with their post-SATs party. Thank you to all of the parents who supported with these and ensured they had early nights and came to school early for breakfast.

Year Two have started their SATs tests and will finish these next week – they are all looking forward to their celebration disco next Friday. Year One, and some Year Two children, will undertake the phonics screening the week beginning June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The children across the school have really engaged with our new text-led curriculum and, along with the staff, have really enjoyed reading the books that they have been looking at – hopefully they have shared what they have been doing with you!

You may have seen on the news that Ofsted have released their new framework. They will start inspecting schools under this framework from September 2019. There is an increased focus on the wider curriculum. At Great Heath we have been following the International Primary Curriculum for a number of years – we share these with you through our entry and exit points. The children have always spoken positively about the work that they do in their 'topic' sessions and we will continue to ensure we provide the children with a varied and exciting curriculum.

### Academy Premises

Parents of children in Year 3 and 4 will have noticed we have built a partition wall to create an enclosed cloakroom. This will certainly help keep the heat in in the colder weather. Miss Smith and Miss Ramsell are going to be working together to create a mural for our art corridor. Over half term the children will have the opportunity to design part of the mural – more details to follow next week.

### Head Lice

As these very irritating creatures come and go at all times of the year, please find attached to this letter information regarding head lice. It is a good idea to frequently check your child's hair for these so they can be treated as early as possible.

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

### 2019

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** – Please note that **underlined INSET days are set** and those not underlined could change – we will aim to confirm these as well as soon as possible. Apologies for any uncertainty this may cause

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 May 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 ATT.