

# Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**Class assemblies:** We are looking forward to Vulcan and Apricot class assemblies this week.

**Trips and events:** Year 6 had lots of fun visiting Abbey Gardens and have produced some very interesting writing as a result. Year 4 had a great day at Africa Alive – the rain did not dampen their spirits! Reception had a visit from the USAF fire department which was enjoyed by all.

**Sporting events:** Our KS2 athletic team have made it through to the regional finals – well done to all of them. The cricket teams continue to represent us well in both tournaments.

**Music:** Year 5 did an excellent job performing with other schools at the music event at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds.

## COMING SOON

- **Sports Days – details to follow**
- **Year 1 trip to Lackford Lakes**
- **Year 6 trip to Kingswood**
- **Year 3 Chocolate experience**
- **Year 4 Multisports for Eagle class**
- **Year 5/6 performance**
- **Y5 to MCA for a taster lesson**
- **Y6 transition visit to MCA**

### Academy Staffing

We have welcomed Mrs Davenport back from her maternity leave and she has been teaching in Year 2. This week we welcome Miss Parish back from her maternity leave and she will be teaching in Reception and Nursery.

### Academy Improvement

Since the last newsletter our Year 1 children and some Year 2 children, undertook the phonics check. They approached this with huge enthusiasm and demonstrated their reading skills well. Please do remember to keep on reading regularly with your child – it does make a huge difference. Last Tuesday KS2 had a very successful sports day with a variety of field and track events on offer. What we have realised is that due to the number of children involved this took slightly longer than anticipated so we will look at this for next year. We are hoping the weather is kind to us again for the KS1 sports day this week. Year 5 and 6 are well into their rehearsals for their summer performance. The singing is sounding amazing already and the children are working extremely hard to make this an outstanding performance.

### Academy Premises

Please could we remind parents about parking arrangements? With so many cars coming onto and leaving the site at drop off and pick up time we do need to all work together to ensure this is a smooth operation. At the front of the academy the spaces are marked out for the taxis that drop the children at school. It is important the taxis can park here to drop the children off safely so please do not use these as parking spaces. If the dry weather continues why not park away from the site and walk in?

It has been brought to our attention that there are instances of dog mess being left on the path running along the side of the school. This was an issue some years ago and was resolved at the time. It is such a shame that it has started again. Our premises team are back in contact with the council to see how they can help. In the meantime Mr Myhill our fantastic site supervisor and other school staff have increased the number of checks of the path, especially at the beginning and the end of the day. If you do see any mess left please can you alert school staff via the office and while we are addressing this just be extra vigilant. Not only does dog excrement make an awful mess it can have serious health implications for children.



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.

### 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 which are now set through until July 2020. It is anticipated that dates for 2020/2021 will be shared later this term.

#### 2019

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June ~ KS1 Sports Day

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July ~ A very excited set of Y6 pupils head off to Kingswood Activity Centre in North Norfolk

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y6 pupils transition day at their new secondary school

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y6 pupils transition day at their new secondary school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July ~ Reports, new teacher information and test results (for applicable years) sent out today

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July ~ Optional drop in to discuss report with current class teacher – 3:30 to 5PM

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July ~ Y6 Leaving party

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July ~ Y6 Leaving assembly PM and last day for all pupils before the summer holiday

#### New Academic Year – 2019/2020

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

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May ~ May Day – **School closed** (Please note this is a change from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> for country-wide celebrations of 75 years since VE Day)

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 ATT.