

Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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Recent Events

Class assemblies: We have enjoyed hearing about the learning that has gone on in Hercules class and look forward to the assemblies this term

Behaviour Awards: Our end of term assembly celebrated the pupils who had followed all of our school rules all of the time. It was amazing to see how many were nominated by the staff.

The Bug Man: Year 1 met a range of bugs (including a tarantula) as part of their introduction to their new topic.

Gifted and Talented workshop: Some Year 5 children attended a Sports Gifted and Talented workshop with other local schools yesterday.

Assembly theme: our assembly theme this half term is resilience and we have been finding out about Stephen Hawking's

COMING SOON

- **Safer Internet Day**
- **Valentines Disco – still time to get your tickets**



Academy Staffing

We have welcomed Mrs Kermanshahi to our teaching team. We also said goodbye to Mrs Slack this week. Not only did she support the children in the classes she worked in but she has helped to make sure our Accelerated Reader program runs smoothly.

Academy Improvement

This term we are continuing to promote our literacy and reading. Our children are really enthusiastic about reading their accelerated reader books. We have introduced a new reward for this whereby each time a child gets 100% in their quiz they put their name in a box. Every Friday during assembly we will draw a name and that lucky child will win a book. You can help your child by asking them lots of questions about the book they are reading.

We are continuing to evaluate and develop our curriculum and this will be shared via the website once it is finalised so please do regularly check our website. You can also find information on what your child is learning and how you can help them. We continue to have lots of opportunities to share the learning through our entry and exit points for our topics. This term already we have had Year 2 dress up as famous people, a visit from the bug man and our Year 6 classes are full of boats the children have designed and made. Thank you to you all for the support you give to make these events possible.

It will soon be Safer Internet Day on February 11th. The theme will be 'together for a better internet'. Over the course of the week we will be sharing lots of ways to keep your child safe on the internet. As the internet changes so quickly it is important we all keep up to date with what children are using and we would always encourage you to investigate new apps before allowing children to use them. If you do have any questions relating to being safe on the internet you can ask your child's teacher or Mr Hicks, our e-safety lead. On that note we have noticed that some children are wearing watches that allow phone calls and messages. Please do not send these into school as they do not follow our digital use policy.

Academy Premises

Our eco champions are in post and have been busy collecting and emptying the recycling throughout the week. We are continuing to look at the fencing around the school in light of the recent incident. Thank you to everyone for your support with this and most importantly for reassuring the children that they are safe at school. It provided the opportunity for lots of discussion around keeping safe.

Thank you for your ongoing help and support – we very much appreciate it.
Naomi Brown (Principal) and Steven Vincent (Executive Principal)

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.

2020

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

Friday 8th May ~ May Day – **School closed** (please note change to Bank Holiday)

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

Friday 22nd May ~ 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)

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

New Academic Year

2020

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

Wednesday 2nd September ~ School reopens to pupils after the summer holiday

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

Friday 23rd October ~ **INSET day** (2 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Monday 2nd November ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 18th December ~ Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

2021

Monday 4th January ~ **INSET day** (3 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 5th January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday

Thursday 11th February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Friday 12th February ~ **INSET day** (4 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Monday 22nd February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 26th March ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Monday 12th April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Monday 3rd May ~ May Day – **School closed**

Monday 10th May ~ Y6 Statutory Test week (Y6 pupils **MUST** attend school all week – **VERY IMPORTANT**)

Friday 28th May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 7th June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday

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

Tuesday 20th July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday