

Great Heath Academy Newsletter



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Recent Events

Class assemblies: We have enjoyed hearing about the learning that has gone on in Hurricane, Eagle and Strawberry classes.

Trips and events We had a very successful Hello Yellow day where we focused on looking after our mental health. This is such an important thing to do and you can find more information at www.youngminds.org.uk The children enjoyed learning about keeping themselves safe in the assemblies led by the NSPCC and had great fun in the sponsored wake and shake this week. Sponsorship money needs to be in by Friday 15th please – we are trying to beat the amount we raised last time!

Sporting events: Although our football teams did not reach the finals this year we are very proud of how hard they worked. Our next event is the hockey tournament.

Stay and Play: Our Early Years' classes have held their first stay and play sessions of the year. Thank you to all those who came and joined in with all the activities. If you weren't able to make this one we hope to see you at a future one

SATS meeting: Thank you to all the Year 6 parents and carers who came to find out more about the Year 6 SATs. We hope that you went away with lots of ideas of how to help your child.

COMING SOON

- Christmas – more details coming soon
- Anti-bullying week/ Children in Need – wear blue and/or yellow on Friday 15th November

Academy Staffing

Since the last newsletter we have welcomed Miss Harvey to Reception and Mrs Whalley to Year 3.

Academy Improvement

This half term we are looking at how we can build on our children's vocabulary. A greater vocabulary helps children with all areas of the curriculum and particularly supports their development in reading and writing. Sometimes in our fast-paced world that is dominated by technology it is easy to forget to make time to talk. The children are busy looking for new and exciting words in the books they read. You can help by discussing new words with your child and challenging them to think of synonyms (words that mean the same thing) and antonyms (words that mean the opposite).

We are constantly looking at new approaches and refining the approaches that we use to give all of our children the best education we can. At this time of year we gather the views of the children, parents and staff relating to the academy. We are inviting all parents and carers to take part in a survey that is asking for feedback about the academy. The link to this can be found below and the survey closes on November 22nd. Please can we ask all parents and carers to take a few minutes to complete this:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6CRMJYR>

Our assembly theme up until Christmas is thoughtfulness and our inspirational person is Mother Theresa. Perhaps you could spend some time discussing with your child how we can think about our actions and the feelings of others – skills that are vital in a community as large as ours. Next week is Anti-bullying week so there will be lots of activities relating to this. It is also Children In Need on Friday 15th. As we have just had a sponsored event we will not be asking for donations however to mark both events we are inviting the children to dress in blue and/or yellow on Friday 15th.

We recently welcomed visitors from other academies within ATT who undertook an Academy Review. They were extremely impressed with the behaviour of the children among other things. We are constantly monitoring our behaviour and the School Council have contributed to changes made to the behaviour guide. This can be found on our website and explains our rewards and consequences system.

Academy Premises

We have not had any changes to our premises since the last newsletter.

We are still experiencing an issue with children turning up for Sports club without a permission slip. Please note that permission slips and payment must be completed prior to the start of Sports club. If your child is not attending an afterschool club on a particular day please ensure your child's teacher knows. In order to ensure all children are safe we will call if your child is due to attend and does not turn up.

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.
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.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

Monday 11th November ~ Remembrance Day and the start of Anti-bullying week

Friday 15th November ~ Wear blue and/or yellow for anti-bullying and Children in Need

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

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