

# KS2 Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Dropping off and collecting

Thank you all so much for supporting the measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe during the morning and afternoon drop-off/collection times. We have made a couple of amendments to our systems.

- Only **one adult** to come on to the school site to drop-off/collect.
- Please don't arrive too far ahead of time as this leads to lengthened queues. However, please don't be late as we close the gates promptly.
- Please observe social distancing and keep in lines, rather than in groups. If waiting at the front entrance, please use the 2m yellow lines.
- Please do not use the office unless absolutely necessary. Please take late children to the classroom and phone/email in messages. Each year-group has an email address that is checked regularly; e.g. [year3@greatheathacademy.atrust.org.uk](mailto:year3@greatheathacademy.atrust.org.uk)

## Parents' Evenings

At this point in the year we would normally be holding our first parent/teacher meeting. Due to the current situation this is not possible. In place of this we will be sending out an interim report to let you know how your child has settled into their new class. You will receive this later this half term.

## Children in Need

This year, CIN is on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. Next week, the children will take part in the daily '*Five to Thrive*' activities which are centered around wellbeing. On Friday we will be holding a '*Feel Good Friday*' and are inviting everyone to wear their own clothes. There is not a set theme but children may wear their favourite outfit or clothing that makes them feel good. Please ensure your child will be comfortable all day and is dressed appropriately for the weather. If they are doing PE they will need to wear clothes suitable for taking part in PE. We are requesting a donation of £1 – please have the money ready to go in the bucket on the gate.



## Anti-bullying week

The week beginning November 16<sup>th</sup> November is anti-bullying week. As such we will be taking time in lessons and assemblies to consider bullying and how to develop strategies to deal with it. We will be reminding our pupils about STOP which is an easy way to remember the definition of bullying:

Several  
Times  
On  
Purpose



The theme of anti-bullying week is 'United Against Bullying' and the week starts with an '*odd socks day*' where children can wear odd socks on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to celebrate the fact that we are all different and unique. <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

## Home Learning

Please remember that in the case of any closure, we will continue to use the Home Learning site at [bit.ly/ghaclosure](http://bit.ly/ghaclosure)

## Birthday Treats

Some parents have asked if their children can bring in birthday sweets or cakes to share with their friends. So that we do not unwittingly put the children at risk of infection, we are currently unable to hand out any treats from home at the end of the school day.

## Attendance

Thank you for recognising how important good attendance is and the impact this has on our children's learning, especially in the current climate. I would like to congratulate **Hercules, Lightning, Tornado, Osprey** and **Hurricane** who all have over **98%** attendance. In fact, Lightning have over 99% so well done Lightning!

## Diary dates

Please find below, general dates for the coming year. **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](http://www.greatheathacademy.atrust.org.uk) for further information about us. You can also follow us on Twitter (@greatheathacad) and Facebook.

## 2020

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December ~ Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

## 2021

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

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February ~ School reopens to pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May ~ May Day – **School closed**

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

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday

Yours faithfully

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