



# **KS2 Newsletter**

## 24th September 2021

#### Welcome

Welcome to all our new pupils, parents and staff. It has been great to start the new school year as close to normal as possible, and the teachers have really appreciated being able to meet with you at the end of the day. The children have hit the ground running and are working so hard in their lessons. I am sure that they will have an amazing year and achieve so much. Below are the class teachers for KS2.

Please remember to sign up to Class Dojo to keep up to date on upcoming events and information about your child. You will have received a Dojo message about using Dojo to communicate about your child. Please reply to that message if you are happy to do so. This will allow your child's class teacher to use Dojo as a way of dealing with any issues that relate to your child.

| Y3: Vulcan = Miss Clark              | Y4: Eagle = Mrs Ashford                            |  |
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| Y3: Lightning = Miss Wright          | Y4: Galaxy = Miss Hornsby                          |  |
|                                      | Y4: Nimrod = Mrs Stevenson                         |  |
| Y5: Osprey = Mrs Flack/Miss Saunders | Y6: Typhoon = Miss Oakley                          |  |
| Y5: Meteor = Mrs Brown               | Y6: Hurricane = Mrs Cole/Mr Hicks                  |  |
| Y5: Tornado = Miss Ramsell           | <b>Y6</b> : Spitfire – Mrs Davenport/Mr Wellington |  |

#### School uniform

Unfortunately, the move to a new uniform supplier has not gone as smoothly as planned, and we will be remaining with our existing supplier for a little while, until the Great Heath stock is sold. After that, we will be transferring to a new supplier. Please accept my apologies for the mix up that occurred at the end of term. Any uniform bought form the new supplier, before we switched back, is fine for school.

Please remember that PE kits should be a Great Heath bottle green PE t-shirt and plain black shorts/tracksuit bottoms. Children can wear their school jumper, although will remove this for PE unless the weather is very cold. Please make sure that children do not wear earrings on PE days.

#### The Three Bs

We hope your child will have told you about the Three Bs, our behaviour strategy that streamlines our school rules into three very simple and easy to remember rules.

Be safe Be ready Be respectful

These simple expectations will allow all of our children to achieve their maximum potential whilst at Great Heath.

## **Hello Yellow**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day we will be taking part in this year's #HelloYellow day to support children's mental health. Children can come to school dressed in yellow on that day. All we ask is that they bring in a donation to help raise funds for the #HelloYellow appeal. You can find out more about children's mental health on our website.



#### **School Council**

Our children got the chance to learn a little about democracy, when they voted for their new school council representatives. Congratulations to all those who were voted on to the School Council. Our new school councillors are: *Jessica (Chair), Sabine, Ava, Poppy, Dylan, Olivia, Riley, Summa, Riley, Gracie-Mai & Edward.* Their first project is charity fundraising Christmas cards. Watch this space!



## Before & after school in the playground

When you are waiting with children to go into school, or if you are waiting for a class that has not finished, please can you ensure that any children with you do not run around the playground or go near to classroom windows or doors. It is very distracting for the children who are working in class to have children running around near classrooms, especially as we endeavor to keep doors and windows open wherever possible. Please keep children with you, away from the classrooms.

## Keep up to date

There are many ways to keep up to date on what is happening at Great Heath. Our website should be the first port of call if you are looking for information.

Website: www.greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/GreatHeathAcademy Twitter: @greatheathacad

### **Achievement Awards**

|               | Writing Stars: 17/09/2021 | Maths Stars: 24/09/2021                               | <b>Attendance</b> : Target = 98% |
|---------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Y3: Lightning | Ralf Isaacs               | Megan Greening  | 96.6%                            |
| Y3: Vulcan    | Peter Gilligan            | Onyeka Akindiji                                       | 95.6%                            |
| Y4: Galaxy    | Lily Jukes                |   | 93.9%                            |
| Y4: Nimrod    | Paavan Balrey             | Milo Walston  | 98.3%                            |
| Y4: Eagle     | Lara Izzo                 | Dara Lagunju  | 99.1%                            |
| Y5: Osprey    | Alayna Sellings           | Millie Rayner<br>Kate Peachey<br>Symona Wong          | 90.9%                            |
| Y5: Meteor    | Logan Swan                |   | 96.0%                            |
| Y5: Tornado   | Stanley Ward              |   | 98.0%                            |
| Y6: Typhoon   | Amy Dias                  | Kayne Ray<br>Timothy Kuemerle-Pinillos<br>Oliver Gray | 96.9%                            |
| Y6: Spitfire  | William Greening          |   | 94.6%                            |
| Y6: Hurricane | Amelia Storey             |   | 96.2%                            |

## Attendance & punctuality

Our attendance target for this year is **97%.** To achieve this target, a child would need to be in school for all but 5 days of the school year. It can be easy for a child to need time away from school, so we are making the most of every single day. Congratulations to **Nimrod, Eagle and Tornado** classes who were the only classes to have above **97%** attendance during September.

#### Diary dates

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 Last day for pupils before the Half Term holiday
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 School reopens for pupils after the Half Term holiday
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

You can find all term dates on our website at www.greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Smith Assistant Principal