

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## **NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2021**

### **Christmas celebrations**

Over the past month the school has been filled with children singing Christmas songs as Reception and KS1 prepared for their performances. All of the hard work paid off and we were so pleased to welcome an audience back into school. The children performed brilliantly and made us all feel extremely festive. A huge thank you to all the parents who followed our Covid requirements to ensure everyone could perform and watch safely. We are looking forward to having more opportunities to have parents back into school.



As you know staff shortages meant the Christmas Dinner was postponed (twice). I am pleased to say we have all enjoyed our dinner today and would like to extend a huge thank you and well done to the team from Chartwells who have worked tirelessly this week to make this happen. We were also very touched by the parents who offered to come in and help us with Christmas Dinner. Although Covid regulations meant we weren't able to accept the offers, it was incredibly kind of everyone and shows what a great community we have. It was all hands on deck today with all staff helping to make the event a fun experience and was a lovely way to end the term.



### **Behaviour Awards**

Today in assembly we had our Bronze behaviour awards. This award goes to children identified as following all of the rules, all of the time, without being reminded. Well done to those who achieved this – we look forward to seeing them achieve their silver and more children achieving a bronze next term.

### **Attendance**

Today, we also had our attendance awards for children with 100%. Well done to all those who achieved this. We appreciate that Covid has impacted on attendance for some pupils and overall we have seen a drop in our attendance. Please do not request unnecessary time off in school time, including holidays, as it is vital that children attend school every day that they can. Holidays will not be authorised and can incur a penalty fine.

### **Farewells and welcomes**

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Davenport, Miss Walshe and Mr Wellington and wish all of them well in their next adventure. We have recently welcomed Miss Magee into our KS1 team and Mrs Martin-Smith into our KS2 team.

As we head to the end of 2021, another year of unpredictable events and new experiences, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

From everyone at Great Heath Academy we wish you a very happy Christmas and we will see you in 2022!

Kind regards

Naomi Brown  
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.greathathacademy.atrust.org.uk](http://www.greathathacademy.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.

### **Dates for Academic Year 2021/22**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December ~ Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

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

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

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February ~ **INSET day** (4 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February ~ Last day for pupils before the Half Term holiday

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February ~ School reopens for pupils after the Half Term holiday

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May ~ May Day – **School closed**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July ~ **INSET day** (5 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

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