

Tuesday 29th March 2022

NEWSLETTER – March 2022

SATs and statutory testing

This summer will be the first one since 2019 that we have had statutory tests take place. For Year 1 this will be the phonics screening which takes place the week beginning 6th June. Children have to use their phonics skills to read 40 words, some are real words and some are nonsense words.

Year 2 undertake teacher assessment alongside tests in reading and maths.

Year 4 will be undertaking the Multiplication Check in June to test their multiplication knowledge – you can support children with this by giving them times table questions to answer.

Year 6 will be taking the Key Stage 2 SATs tests in May. The testing week begins on Monday 9th May. Year 6 are working very hard at the moment to prepare for these tests. More details will be sent out nearer the time, including arrangements for the week.

We are looking at running information sessions for parents after Easter, so you have a chance to look at some examples of the phonics screening, KS1 tests and KS2 tests. There is no need for children to feel anxious about these. Please do continue to support by helping your child with their homework and hearing them read regularly.


Please ensure your child is in school every day during the testing periods.

Red Nose Day



We had lots of fun dressing in red last Friday for Red Nose Day. We raised over £430 on the day which is fantastic – thank you everyone for your generosity.

Football

It has been lovely having a return to joining in with sports' competitions. Following on from the success of our swimming and previous football matches we had a great result last night at the Y5/6 tournament with first and third places awarded to Great Heath. Well done to everyone and thank you to those that came to support us. The Year 4 children are participating in their tournament on Thursday (weather permitting!). 

PTA

Over the years many parents have helped us to raise money to purchase shades for our field. The order has gone in for these as well as some more trees. This should help us to continue to use the field on hot days. Our PTA is currently a small group and in order to run events we will need more parents to volunteer. Please have a think about whether you can spare some time to help plan and run events. The PTA will share more information soon on how you can get involved.

Attendance

A polite reminder that holidays and days out must not take place during term time. These will be unauthorised and could incur a penalty fine. It is vital that children attend school regularly.

Goodbyes and hellos

This month we have said goodbye to Mrs Homer and Miss Shipp and we have welcomed Mrs Delgado onto the team.

Mrs. 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 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 11th February ~ **INSET day** (4 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**
Friday 18th February ~ Last day for pupils before the Half Term holiday
Monday 28th February ~ School reopens for pupils after the Half Term holiday
Friday 8th April ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday
Monday 25th April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday
Monday 2nd May ~ May Day – **School closed**
Friday 27th May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday
Monday 6th June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday
Friday 1st July ~ **INSET day** (5 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**
Wednesday 20th July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday

Dates for Academic Year 2022/23

Thursday 1st September ~ **INSET day** (1 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**
Friday 2nd September ~ **INSET day** (2 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**
Monday 5th September ~ First day back for Pupils
Thursday 20th October ~ Last day for pupils
Friday 21st October ~ **INSET day** (3 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**
Monday 31st October ~ Pupils return to school
Friday 16th December ~ Last day for pupils
Tuesday 3rd January ~ Pupils return to school
Thursday 9th February ~ Last day for pupils
Friday 10th February ~ **INSET day** (4 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**
Monday 20th February ~ Pupils return to school
Friday 31st March ~ Last day for pupils
Monday 17th April ~ Pupils return to school
Monday 1st May ~ School closed – May Bank Holiday
Friday 26th May ~ Last day for pupils
Monday 5th June ~ Pupils return to school
Friday 21st July ~ Last day for pupils