

Friday 15th October 2021

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2021

Hello Yellow and keeping safe

Last Friday, we had another successful Hello Yellow day, raising over £370 for Young Minds. Children learnt about ways they can support their own wellbeing and ways to promote positive mental health. Last week Mr Hicks' assembly also looked at how children can ask for help, using resources from the NSPCC. One thing you may have seen in the news is around children playing games based on the Netflix show, Squid Game. We have had incidents of that at school and have spoken to parents and children about why this is not a suitable program to watch. Attached you will find a guide for parents on Netflix. If you would like any further advice on this please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the start or end of the day or you can find out more about keeping children safe online here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents-and-carers>



Football



Well done to our Y5/6 football team who came 4th in the tournament last week. This is amazing given we have not been able to hold tournaments for 18 months and therefore the team is very new. We hope this continues as the season progresses.

Parent/teacher meetings

Our parent and teacher meetings are taking place for pupils with SEND next week and will be taking place for all other pupils after half term – more details to follow on how to book a slot. Due to the increase in cases of Covid across the county we have opted to hold these on TEAMS. Hopefully, by the spring meetings we will be able to hold face-to-face meetings. In the meantime, please do speak to the class teacher if you have any questions. The year group emails and dojo should not be used for this purpose as we would hate for there to be a delay in responding to something.

Uniform



Uniform is still available through the link on the website. We will be switching suppliers but cannot do so until the current stock has been sold. It is lovely to see the children looking so smart, especially in their ties. Children should wear a shirt, not a polo shirt, so that the tie can clip on easily. Please remember that for PE children should wear a green school PE T-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers and wear their school jumper. **Please do not send your child into school in other clothes on PE days.** If you are experiencing difficulties sourcing uniform please speak to a member of staff.



Covid

As we head into winter it seems cases are rising locally. Please help us by checking the NHS website for the latest guidance. If your child has any Covid symptoms please remember to undertake a PCR test.

Play Equipment

You will see that our new equipment has been installed and the children have started using it this week. As tempting as it is, **please ensure that the equipment is not used before and after school by any child.**



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 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

Thursday 21st October ~ Last day for pupils before the Half Term holiday

Friday 22nd October ~ **INSET day** (2 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Monday 1st November ~ School reopens for pupils after the Half Term holiday

Friday 17th December ~ Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

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

Wednesday 5th January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday

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**

Thursday 21st July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday