

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **Welcome back**

Welcome back to all our returning families and a big welcome to our new families. The start of the new year has gone brilliantly and the children are working hard and have settled into their new classes. The new timings are working well. Please remember **the day officially starts at 8.55am for children in YR to Y6. Please ensure your child is in school on time** as late children need to be admitted through the office. This is disruptive and is also not the best way for children to start the day as they have to enter class once all their friends are settled and working.

### **Staff**

As well as welcoming our new staff, we have been joined by Mrs Ashby in Year 6 who is working predominantly in Typhoon, teaching on some days, and also across Y6 doing interventions and other cover across the school.

### **SEND**

Mrs Mitchinson has taken on the role of SENCO. She will be writing to parents of pupils with SEN shortly. If you have concerns about your child that relate to SEN please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. One exciting development is we will be using an online programme for School Based Plans. We are in the process of setting this up and, once we are up and running, parents will be able to log on to see the school based plan and updates on objectives. While we are in the transition process we will not be sending home the school based plans weekly. Please speak to your child's teacher for any updates on targets.

### **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.



We are allowing children to wear their PE kits on PE days. This must be the PE kit and not other sports clothing. 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.



### **Play Equipment**

This week the children had new playtime equipment to play with at lunchtime. Each year group will have a different bag of equipment on a 6 week rota. This will allow them to learn new skills and have fun with their friends. Next month we will be having two trim trails installed on the grass. Children will be able to use these at playtime and lunchtime on a rota basis. When these are up we will reopen the other playground climbing equipment. This equipment should not be used before and after school.



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.greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk](http://www.greatheathacademy.attrust.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 21<sup>st</sup> October ~ Last day for pupils before the Half Term holiday

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November ~ School reopens for pupils after the Half Term holiday

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**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday