

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government's announcement this week that schools will not fully reopen after the February half term, we would like to take the opportunity to say a huge **WELL DONE** and **THANK YOU** to all our children and families for how well you have adapted to this new way of working. It is so reassuring to see the fantastic learning that is still able to take place and we are confident that the lessons, which the staff are working so hard to deliver remotely, will ensure that the children continue to make progress.

Don't be hard on yourself

Juggling all of the things we are all facing at the moment is really hard. Many of us are working, or trying to work, managing home schooling and also caring for others. All of this against the very difficult and uncertain backdrop of the pandemic. Please be assured that we all understand how difficult this is. We are all also facing these challenges too in various ways. Please remember, whatever you can do to support home learning is just fine. Sometimes you may not manage to do everything. That is ok. We have enough to worry about without worrying about that too. It is our job to make sure that, once school reopens, we support your child to catch up and fill any gaps that may have opened over this period.

Twitter

Please follow our Twitter page @IPMATHalf_Acres and see examples of great learning, tasks, events, stories, challenges and much more!

Star of the Week

Beginning today, each class team will nominate a 'Star of the Week'. Names will be announced on our Twitter page and each child will receive a personal message on their seesaw page so keep a look out!



Mental Health Week

To support all of our families, next week we are holding Mental Health week. We are going to focus our afternoon lessons all week on mental and physical wellbeing. This will be for the children, but also for all of the family. We hope that every family is able to join in with this and finds it really useful and supportive. We look forward to seeing posts of everything you have enjoyed doing together.



Staff Testing

All primary schools in England are taking part in the NHS testing programme and staff at Half Acres will begin this weekend. This does not affect the children, but involves our staff members in taking a Lateral Flow Test, at home, twice each week. The idea of this process is to pick up those people who have Covid-19, but have no symptoms. The hope is that this will help to reduce the spread of the virus. Staff will report the outcome of their test to NHS Track and Trace and also to the school. If they test positive, any pupils or other staff members in their bubble will be asked to self-isolate in the same way as previously done. Any families involved in any possible bubble closure will be informed as soon as possible in order to minimise any inconvenience.

As always, please do contact us directly at ha-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk with any questions you may have or regarding support you may need.

Kind regards

Mrs R Taylor
Headteacher

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