

## Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/carers,

Wow! Another 10 Twitter followers this week taking us to 251! Follow us for news, events, information, and to see posts of wonderful, exciting, engaging and challenging learning at [@IPMATHalf\\_Acres](https://twitter.com/IPMATHalf_Acres)

### Attendance

Thank you for arriving promptly and attending school every day.  
We are pleased to share the weekly attendance for each class.

Class	% attendance this week
Nursery am	96.72%
Nursery pm	89.84%
YRM	98.80%
YRF	96.51%
Y1K	97.38%
Y1N	96.90%
Y2C	95.17%
Y2S	98.86%
Y3AB	96.44%
Y4M	96.59%
Y4R	97.21%
Y5WO	96%
Y6B	94.63%
Whole school (Reception-Y6)	96.57%

Congratulations to YRM for achieving the highest % this week.....and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week running!!!!  
We can't wait to see which class wins next week!

A number of children are arriving late and unfortunately some on a regular basis. It is important to arrive on time and enter through the classroom door to minimise the risk of crossing bubbles and adhere to our COVID19 risk assessment.

It is important to arrive on time because **lateness = lost learning time**. 10 minutes per day is 50 minutes over the week and that is almost a whole lesson missed. Teaching and learning begins promptly after the register is completed. Staff are working hard to address gaps in learning that may have arisen over lockdown. Missing the beginning of a lesson means missing the 'revisit/review' where children tune in to their previous learning in preparation for the next step.

### Start times

Nursery am	8.30
Nursery pm	12.25
Reception	8.40
Year 1K	8.50
Year 1N	8.50
Year 2C	8.40
Year 2S	8.30
Year 3	9
Year 4M	8.50
Year 4R	9
Year 5	8.40
Year 6	8.30

### School Rules

We have 3 school rules which we call the '3 As'

**Always keep everyone learning**

**Always keep everyone safe**

**Always respect people and property**

Children are supported to understand and maintain the school rules because it is their responsibility to do so.

It is also their right to be in a school where others keep the school rules. It is a delight to see children acknowledged and praised for demonstrating our school rules by receiving Dojo's and a place on the class recognition board.

Children are thoroughly enjoying taking books home to share with families. Unfortunately, some of our lovely books are not coming back to school in a condition to be taken by another child. Some books are not being returned at all. Please can we ask that our books are treated in line with our school rule **Always respect people and property** and our values **Respect** and **Responsibility**. We understand and appreciate that accidents happen and books don't last for ever however, our budget for books is not limitless.

### Diary dates

21<sup>st</sup> May - Spring bank Holiday for 2 weeks

7<sup>th</sup> June - Return to school

15<sup>th</sup> June - Class photos

6<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 to visit Castleford Academy to support transition

28<sup>th</sup> July - Summer holidays

Please make use of our 2 week spring bank holiday to enjoy days out and make appointments for haircuts and dentist visits. A number of children are having days off for such things and Friday attendance is often lower. We need your children in school everyday to ensure they have the best education.

### Face coverings

Adults are expected to wear a face covering on site in line with government guidance. This is to ensure we continue to keep everyone safe and our class bubbles open to children for teaching and learning. A face covering must be worn when entering the vestibule at main reception for any reason. We have received complaints regarding group gatherings outside of school and would request that this remains in line with government guidance.

Many thanks as always for your continued support during these unprecedeted times.

Kind regards

Mrs R Taylor  
Headteacher