

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/carers,

Another successful week has been had at Half Acres Primary Academy. Staff and children are working hard and establishing routines. We are enjoying being reunited as a school again - even though we remain in class bubbles!

Follow us on Twitter for news, events and information, and to see posts of wonderful, exciting, engaging and challenging learning at [@IPMATHalf_Acres](https://twitter.com/IPMATHalf_Acres)

Parent/carer consultations

Parent consultations will be held next week. Please ensure you book an appointment with your child's class teacher for a 10 minute Teams or phone call conversation. Staff will be available at drop off and pick up times.

23rd March 2021

23rd March will be one year since the first UK lockdown. Since then, millions of people have been bereaved, both as a result of covid-19 and due to other causes. The restrictions we've all been living under have meant that many of us - including children and young people - have had to grieve without the comfort of having friends and family around them. We will be marking The National Day of Reflection in school as this will give us a time to unite and reflect.

Staggered day

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation with staggered start and finish times to the school day in order to reduce risk and increased numbers of adults/children on site at any one time. Please could we remind you to;

- Arrive as near to the start/finish time as possible
- Be prompt in order to ensure timings of bubble closure/handwashing are maintained
- Wear a face covering on the school site and maintain social distancing
- Take your child/ren to their class bubble and not drop them off at the gates

Class photos

Thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire regarding class photos this year. The vast majority of you indicated that you would be interested in a photograph of your child's class. The photographer will be in on 15th June and undertake taking class photos in a controlled and fully risk assessed manner.

COVID-19

Can we remind parents as per our school's Risk Assessment, if your child is suffering with any illness, they should not attend school until they have fully recovered from their illness. If your child is displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, please follow Government guidelines. We have included the following information from the Government website:

Rapid lateral flow tests - **these are not recommended for primary aged children**

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find these cases.

PCR tests

PCR tests are mainly used to confirm coronavirus cases in people with symptoms who are already self-isolating.

We ask for parents/carers to support school by taking their child for a PCR test if they become symptomatic and share the results of this PCR test with school, either via email or calling into the school office, to help support keeping our class bubbles open.

Red Nose Day

We have had a fun filled day today celebrating Red Nose Day and the children have done a variety of activities, please follow our Twitter page @IPMATHalf_Acres to see what we have been doing.

We have not asked for a voluntary contribution at school, but if you would like to make a donation you can do so online at comicrelief.com/schoolspayin

Red Nose Day are raising funds to help provide safety to families who need support, take action against domestic abuse, help give children a brighter future and very importantly tackle mental health stigma. We understand the importance of these issues and how some of these have been affected by the ongoing pandemic, which is why we feel it is important to support such a great cause.

Competitions

We usually run an Easter competition in school, but this year is slightly different due to the pandemic. We have chosen to participate in the Easter competition Newfield Lodge are running, please see the enclosed poster with all the information on how to enter, along with the closing date.

Northern Rail are running a competition to celebrate World Art Day. Please see the enclosed poster for all information on how to enter, along with the closing date.

Enjoy your weekend

Kind regards

Mrs R Taylor

Headteacher