

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable time with family and friends during the summer break. It has been lovely to welcome you back for what we are sure will be a successful year. The children have all returned to school looking very smart; thank you for continuing to support us by following our uniform dress code. This week, it has been wonderful to see all of our children enjoying their new classes and their learning. There have been lots of smiling faces!

Risk Assessment

The Trust and school Risk Assessment has been updated in line with current guidance and has been added to the school website. Please take some time to read this.

Drop Off and Pick Up times

It was lovely to see everyone on the first day back. We are continuing to monitor the drop off and pick up times and ask that parents/carers whose entrance points are located at the back of the school use the main playground areas to wait in. This will help to keep the side access area clear. Thank you for your support with this.

Please be aware that school doors are open from 8:50am for a 'rolling entry' into classes until 9:00am for all children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. At 9:00am, classroom doors are locked and children must then enter school via the school office, where a reason will be required for their late arrival.

Children arriving between 9:00am and 9:10am will be marked as late; arrival after 9:10am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, where the school team will begin their attendance follow up. For more information, please visit our school website at www.halfacres.ipmat.co.uk.

Lunchtime Arrangements

We are really pleased that school dinners are now being served again in the hall, where a selection of hot and cold choices are available to pre-order using the agreed school system. Children are free to continue to bring packed lunches if that is their preferred choice. If you require support with the ordering of school dinners, please contact the school office on 01977 802325 or ha-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk.

Please can we ask that lunch boxes are clearly labelled. This helps the children and staff to identify their lunch boxes quickly. We appreciate your support with this.

PE Arrangements

Children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will continue to attend school in their PE kits on the day/days they have PE. This term, some classes have two slots of PE across the week whereas other classes have an extended PE lesson across one afternoon; this equates to a consistent amount of time for all children.

The Head of School is the designated person for all child protection issues

PE Days:

Class	Days
EY2M	Thursday
EY2N	Thursday
1K	Monday & Wednesday
1W	Monday & Wednesday
2C	Tuesday & Friday
2S	Tuesday & Friday
3AB	Tuesday & Thursday
3M	Tuesday & Friday
4Mc	Tuesday & Friday
5BW	Wednesday – swimming & Friday
5R	Wednesday – swimming & Thursday
6O	Tuesday & Friday

Reading Books

Children will be bringing reading books home again from school. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will continue to bring home relevant 'Read, Write, Inc.' books that reflect the individual phonic sounds that they know and are learning about. They will also continue to bring home additional picture and story books for their own pleasure. KS2 pupils will continue to bring home banded books.

We ask that parents and carers continue to read with their children at least three times per week. Reading records will be provided by school in the near future.

I would like to take this moment to remind our entire school community of the importance of reading. This skill enables children to access and achieve within all other curriculum areas and helps to bring joy to learning.

Date to note: Photographs

23rd September – individual photographs will be taken of each child. Please remember to wear school uniform on that day. If your child's class has PE on Thursday 23rd September (Reception, 3AB, 5R), we ask that they wear their uniform on that day. Many thanks.

The staff at Half Acres wish you a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell

Acting Headteacher