

# Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

This week has seen many successes. The children have all settled in their new classes and are enjoying their learning. It is always a joy to spend time in classes and to hear about and see all of the new learning that is going on across the school. We are very proud of the children as there has been such a positive atmosphere in every Key Stage.

## **Photographs – 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Individual photographs will be taken of each child on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please can all children wear school uniform on this day. If your child's class usually has PE on this day (Reception, 3AB, 5R), please can they wear their uniform to school on that day and not their PE kit. Many thanks.

## **Visits**

It seems to have been a long time since we were able to plan visits and trips. Now that restrictions have eased, we are pleased to be starting to plan visits that will support the children with their learning. We will keep you informed about any trips and visits.

## **Year 5 Swimming**

Year 5 children were very excited to start their swimming lessons this week. We are so proud of how sensible they were during their first session. Well done Year 5!

## **Coats**

Now that we are approaching Autumn and the weather is starting to change, please can we ask that you send your child/children to school with a coat. This will ensure that the children stay warm (and dry) whilst also enabling us to use the outdoor area as much as possible during the day. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Water Bottles**

Water and milk are the best drinks for children as they do not contain free sugars (British Nutrition Foundation). At Half Acres, we encourage our children to regularly drink water as this ensures they stay hydrated, reduces fatigue and helps them to learn. To ensure every child has access to water throughout the day, we have given everyone a Half Acres water bottle. These are sent home at the end of the week so that they can be cleaned at home. It is important that the children bring their bottles back to school each week on a Monday morning as we do not have any bottles / cups if these are forgotten.

## **PE Arrangements**

A reminder that 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.

### **PE Days:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Days</b>
EY2M	Thursday & Friday
EY2N	Thursday & Friday
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**


Reading is a vital skill that opens the world to us. At school, we encourage the children to read throughout the school day. We ask that parents and carers continue to read with their children at least three times per week. Reading books will be sent home and reading records will be provided by school in the near future.

### **Staffing**

I know that you will join me in wishing Miss Cawthorne and Mrs Foster all the very best as they leave us for a short time to start their maternity leave. We look forward to meeting their new arrivals and welcoming them back later in the academic year.

### **Attendance**

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance this Week</b>
Nursery am	96.74%
Nursery pm	95.12%
YRM	93.57%
YRN	98.47%
1K	93.60%
1W	98.73% 
2C	94.88%
2S	85.23%
3AB	98.19%
3M	87.50%
4Mc	95.67%
5BW	89.00%
5R	91.33%
6O	95.27%
Whole School	93.39%

**Congratulations to 1W for achieving the highest attendance percentage this week.**

We want success for all of our pupils and this is why attendance is so important. We closely monitor attendance every day, week and throughout the year. Good attendance means being in school at least 97% of the time.

### **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](mailto:ha-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk).

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

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell

Acting Headteacher