

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Part of the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust



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Dear Parents and carers,

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all the students for coming to school ready to learn and looking fantastic and smart in their uniforms. Of course, thanks must also be given to you, the parents and carers, for ensuring your child is at school on time and wearing the correct uniform.

Heroes Stamp Design Competition

This week, we received some exciting news! Before the summer, many of our pupils took part in a competition 'Honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic... on stamps'. Every child who entered a design contributed towards a Guinness World Records title for the largest postage stamp design competition and we have now received a certificate for all of the children who helped to achieve this. Well done to everyone who took the time and effort to create a stamp.



Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: *"It is of great credit to the children of this country that in world record breaking numbers they picked up their paintbrushes, pens and paints and paid artistic tribute to the heroes of our coronavirus response. Their brilliant efforts represent the collective gratitude of the nation to everyone who went above and beyond during the pandemic. Congratulations to all those who have made it to the next round and thank you to everyone who has taken part."*

Simon Thompson, Royal Mail CEO, said: *"We would like to thank all of the 606,049 children who submitted such brilliant designs to the competition. We have been humbled by the sheer volume of entries. And to have achieved a Guinness World Records title in the process shows how much the UK's children value those heroes who have kept the nation moving during such a difficult period. To the 120 Regional Finalists - Well Done! We are really looking forward to seeing the winning eight designs!"*

Lunchtime Ambassadors

Many children in Year 6 applied to become 'Lunchtime Ambassadors' in our school, with 16 children being selected. They have already begun their role, supporting the younger children in our school both in the dining hall and corridors. We have been so proud of the commitment they have already shown and cannot wait to see how this continues across the term.

Library Visits

Over the coming weeks, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be visiting Castleford library where they will participate in activities including listening to stories read by a local author and librarians. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to learn about our local library. Please look out for the letters we will be sending out.

Labelling Packed Lunch Boxes

Thank you for ensuring that your child's packed lunch box is labelled with their name and class. This has really helped lunchtimes to run smoothly.

Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisation letters have been sent home alongside a form that is required to be completed and returned. Thank you to the families who have already done this promptly. Please be reminded that the form needs to be in school by Monday 4th October.

Parent/carer consultations

This term, we will be carrying out parent/carer consultations via telephone calls. These meetings are important so that teachers can communicate to you how your child has settled back into school, how they are achieving and to share their next steps. Calls will be during the week commencing 18th October. From next week, you will be able to book a 10 minute time slot with your child's teacher when you are dropping off / picking up.

Job Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisor Role

We are currently looking to appoint 1 new lunchtime supervisor to join our school team. Please see the attached advert attached or the school website for further information.

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 | 88% |
| Nursery pm | 91.11% |
| YRM | 82.13% |
| YRN | 91.07% |
| 1K | 94.67% |
| 1W | 91.67% |
| 2C | 97.69%   |
| 2S | 92.59% |
| 3AB | 94.14% |
| 3M | 89.93% |
| 4Mc | 89.70% |
| 5BW | 92.41% |
| 5R | 90.67% |
| 6O | 94.67% |
| Whole School | 91.74% |

Unfortunately, this week we only have one class above our target percentage of 97%  . A special congratulations to Class 2C  who have the highest percentage for the second week running!

Twitter



Please follow our Twitter page on @IPMATHalf_Acres or https://twitter.com/IPMATHalf_Acres to see school updates. We also celebrate our Star of the Week and Class Dojo Champion winners on this each week.

Important information about Office Contact

Thank you for using email or phone contact as the main way to communicate with the school office. This is helping to keep face to face visits to reception to a minimum and is supporting us with ensuring that the office runs smoothly.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell

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Half Acres Primary Academy

Lunchtime Supervisor

Permanent – Term Time Only

Part Time – 6.25 hours per week (1.25 hours Monday – Friday)

Grade 2 SCP 2 - £18,444.00 – Actual Salary £2,599.12

Half Acres Primary Academy (rated good by Ofsted) is a growing two form entry primary school serving a catchment in central Castleford within the Wakefield 'Five Towns' district. Our vision statement is "Aspiring to achieve – enriching lives" and is at the heart of everything we do.

The school joined the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust in March 2017. The vision of the Inspire Trust is to develop a community of schools working together to achieve excellent outcomes for all.

We are seeking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor to supervise our children and organise safe, purposeful and creative play during the lunchtime break which will help support positive behaviour over the lunchtime period. Experience is desirable but not essential as training will be provided. You will be competent in ICT and be willing to attend Safeguarding and First Aid Training.

For an application pack (including application form and job description) please visit www.halfacres.ipmat.co.uk or www.ipmat.co.uk

Please return completed applications by email to Julie Wassell, School Business Officer at JWassell@ipmat.co.uk, Half Acres Primary Academy, Temple Street, Castleford, WF10 5RE. NB CV's alone will not be accepted and candidates are required to complete a Trust application form.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 12:00 noon.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 20th October 2021.

Half Acres Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check as well as successful completion of a probationary period. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide details of all unspent convictions and those that would not be filtered, prior to the date of interview. You may be asked for further information about your criminal history during the recruitment process. If your application is successful, this self-disclosure information will be checked against information from the Disclosure and Barring Service before your appointment is confirmed.