

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another busy week with lots happening at Half Acres.

World Mental Health Day

On Friday 8th October, the children took part in a number of activities during the day to raise awareness of Hello Yellow and World Mental Health Day. The children wrote positive quotes / affirmations on yellow post it notes which were used to create a Well Being Tree.

The 'Hello Yellow' challenge has been shared on Twitter: @IPMATHalf_Acres

National Poetry Day

Thursday 7th October was National Poetry Day. The children fully embraced this special day by reading, writing, acting out, performing and discussing different types of poetry and poems including, Haiku, rhyming pairs, nursery rhymes, traditional poems and themed poems.

Farm Visit

Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils are excited that we will soon be welcoming Ian's Mobile Farm to Half Acres for the day. Ian will be bringing a range of animals including, chickens, ducks, guinea pigs, rabbits, a tortoise, goats, alpacas, sheep, a miniature donkey and a Shetland pony. Throughout the day, the children will be provided with opportunities to learn about the animals and the farm.

School Dinners Theme Day

On Thursday 7th October, our lunch providers, Dolce, treated the children to a space themed menu with a special surprise for one lucky diner - a winning spaceship label on the bottom of the plate. We are pleased to announce that Poppy, in Year 2, picked the prize plate – Well Done! She has won a £5 Amazon voucher.

Drop Off Times and Late Arrivals

Thank you for arriving promptly and attending school every day. 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. We want success for all of our pupils and this is why attendance and arriving on time is so important. We closely monitor attendance, including late arrivals, every day, week and throughout the year. Good attendance means being in school on time at least 97% of the time.

Please be aware that 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.

Risk Assessment

Please can I remind parents that our current Risk Assessment is available to view on the school website. Key points to note are:

- Individuals must not attend school if they are unwell with coronavirus symptoms - new continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of, or a change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.
- Individuals must not attend school within the 10 days following testing positive.
- Individuals who develop symptoms in school will be sent home and advised to take a PCR test in line with Public Health Advice.

Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will take place on Wednesday 13th October. These will be administered by a trained professional to children in Reception to Year 6 whose parents have returned the permission slip.

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. You are now able to book a 10 minute time slot with your child's teacher when you are dropping off / picking up.

Attendance

We are pleased to share the weekly attendance for each class:

Class	% Attendance this Week
Nursery am	94.00%
Nursery pm	92.00%
YRM	93.73%
YRN	95.83%
1K	96.71%
1W	96.67%
2C	97.73% 😊
2S	94.12%
3AB	98.57% ⭐
3M	95.17%
4Mc	97.58% 😊
5BW	96.90%
5R	96.33%
6O	97.31% 😊
Whole School	96.41%

We have four classes this week who have achieved 97% 😊 or above attendance, we hope we can continue to improve on this next week, with even more classes achieving 97% or above. A special congratulations to Class 3AB ⭐ who have the highest percentage this week!

Job Vacancies

We are currently looking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor, Teaching Assistants and Behaviour and Attendance Officer to join our school team. Please see the school website for further information.

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell

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