

# Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

What an exciting week this has been, filled with some fabulous experiences for the children.

## 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 some really inspiring quotes / affirmations on yellow post it notes and these have been used to create a Well Being Tree which is on display in our reception area.



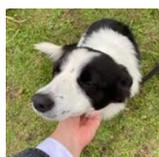
I think you will agree that the messages the children have written are uplifting – here are a selection:

- Be kind**                      **You're important! It's going to be okay.**                      **It's ok not to be ok!**
- Always believe!**                      **Nothing is impossible. Stay strong!**                      **Start your day with a smile.**
- Colour the world in kindness!**                      **I can do hard things!**                      **Relax, you've got this!**
- You may be different, but that means you are unique!**                      **Be yourself!**
- Keep calm and believe in yourself!**                      **Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.**

## Farm Visit



We would like to say a huge thank you to Ian's Mobile Farm who visited our school yesterday with an array of different farm animals for our children to experience. All the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as a farmer for the day and learning about the different animals that may live on a Farm.



During the sessions, the children learnt about how to look after the different animals. They were allowed to stroke the animals and they even had the opportunity to brush them! Thank you to all parents and carers who provided a small donation, we hope you will agree that it was definitely a worthwhile event that put a smile on everyone's face and stimulated the children's joy for learning.

### Castleford Library

This week, children from Years 2, 3 and 4 have had the opportunity to visit Castleford Library. All children showed respect and we are very proud of how they represented our school. The children met an author, sang songs, listened to stories and learnt about how to access the Library out of school. Lots of children expressed an interest in becoming members of the library and we would like to promote the use of the library to our families. Castleford Library is a free service and children can loan up to 12 books at a time once they have become a member. Please do make use of this service if you feel it would benefit your child / family and continue to promote a love of reading out of school.

### School Dinners Theme Day

Following the success of the space themed lunch menu, please look out for a Bonfire themed menu on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Parent/carer consultations

Parent/carer consultations will take place next week (week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October) via telephone calls. Please be aware that most calls will appear as a withheld number rather than the school telephone number. If you are unable to make the time you have booked, please can you let staff or the school office know as soon as possible so that this can be rearranged.

### Names in Jumpers and Coats

Please can we ask that all jumpers and coats are labelled with your child's name. At times, children forget to keep these items of clothing with them when going into the lunch hall or outside. We always endeavour to reunite stray items with their owners, but this can be very difficult if they are not labelled with a name. Thank you for your support!

### Attendance

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

Class	% Attendance this Week
Nursery am	93.55%
Nursery pm	84.01%
YRM	89.93%
YRN	94.14%
1K	94.96%
1W	97.59% 😊
2C	97.04% 😊
2S	95.98%
3AB	98.60% 😊
3M	94.48%
4Mc	98.74% 🌟 😊
5BW	92.55%
5R	96.62%
6O	95.10%
Whole School	95.53%

We have four classes this week who have achieved our target percentage of 97% 😊 - well done! A special CONGRATULATIONS to Class 4Mc 🌟 who have the highest percentage this week.

### **Come and join the Team - Job Vacancies**



As our pupil numbers are continuing to grow, we are looking to appoint new staff to join our ever expanding Half Acres team. The positions we are currently advertising are Lunchtime Supervisor, 2 Teaching Assistants and a Behaviour and Attendance Officer to support children across the school. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in joining our friendly school and Trust, please see the school website for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Twitter**



Please follow our Twitter page on @IPMATHalf\_Acres or [https://twitter.com/IPMATHalf\\_Acres](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.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell

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