

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Part of the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust



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Dear Parents and carers,

Please find below our latest news:

IMPORTANT COVID-19

In response to rising cases we continue to minimise risk in school by adjusting measures that are already in place where appropriate.

Please can we remind parents/carers if your child is unwell, please do not to send them into school. If your child has any of the following symptoms: new continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of, or a change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, they **must** have a **PCR test** (not a lateral flow) before they are able to come into school. It is imperative we all follow these steps to keep everyone safe and to ensure we have no further closures within school.

Children In Need



Thank you for all of your kind donations for Children in Need. The school has raised £259.96 which has been sent to the charity to support all of the vital work they carry out.

Christmas Concerts



A letter is included with this newsletter with information about our Christmas concerts and how to obtain tickets. The letter can also be viewed on our website. We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents/carers onto the school site to join us during these festive celebrations.

Chocolate Raffle

During the afternoon of the Christmas Jumper Day (15th December), we will be holding a Christmas Chocolate Raffle within each class. Tickets can be bought from their class teacher from the week beginning the 6th December for 10p per ticket / 50p per strip.

If you are able to help us with prizes for the chocolate raffle please bring these to the office by Friday 10th December so that these can be quarantined before the draws. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day



This year, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day will be held in school on Wednesday 15th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch on this date, please can we ask you to pre order this via the Dolce website as soon as possible.

Reindeer Run

The 'Reindeer Run' will be held on Friday 10th December. This event is to help raise much needed funds to support the crucial work Pontefract Hospice carries out for people in our community.



On the day, every child will be given a pair of antlers to add to the fun of our charity run / walk. We hope that you will support us by donating towards this very worthwhile cause.



We are asking parents/carers/family for cash donations/sponsorship which should be handed in via the classroom on the day of the 'Reindeer Run'. We have been set a challenge to raise more than £500, which we hope to achieve with the generosity of yourselves and family members. If any families would like a sponsor form, you can obtain one from your child's class teacher.



Attendance

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

Class	% Attendance this Week
Nursery am	95.65%
Nursery pm	95.24%
YRM	90.26%
YRN	93.94%
1K	96.28%
1W	95.83%
2C	98.26% 
2S	88.76%
3AB	88.73%
3M	90.80%
4Mc	88.29%
5BW	94.66%
5R	93.29%
6O	97.12% 
Whole School	92.84%

We have two classes this week who have achieved our target percentage of 97%  - well done! A special CONGRATULATIONS to Class 2C  who have the highest percentage in the school.

Come and join the Team – Lunch Time Supervisor 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. We are currently advertising for Lunchtime Supervisors. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in joining our friendly school and Trust, please see the school website (and the advert below) 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 to see school updates. We also celebrate our Star of the Week and Class Dojo Champion winners on this each week.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell

Acting Headteacher



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Mrs S J Vickeman
Chief Executive Officer

Ackton Pastures & Half Acres Primary Academies are looking for Lunchtime Supervisors

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

Both schools were inspected in January 2020 and were rated Good by Ofsted. They each serve central Castleford within the Wakefield 'Five Towns' district.

The schools 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 Lunchtime Supervisors 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.acktonpastures.co.uk or 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, or in hard copy to either of the schools. NB CV's alone will not be accepted and candidates are required to complete a Trust application form.

Closing date for applications is Monday 29th November 9am 2021

Interviews will be held on Thursday 2nd December 2021

Ackton Pastures & Half Acres Primary Academies are 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.