

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

Reindeer Run



On Friday 10th December the children had great fun taking part in our 'Reindeer Run'. This event was held to raise funds for Pontefract Hospice to support the vital work they do for our community. All of the children were given a pair of reindeer antlers, which were kindly donated by the Hospice, to help them get in the Christmas mood and we even had our very own Santa Claus who joined us in the run too! Great fun was had by everyone. Please see our Twitter page for pictures.

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your generous donations! Once all donations have been collected in we will update you on the total amount raised.

Christmas Concerts



Thank you to parents, carers and family members who were able to join us for our Christmas concerts this week. The children and staff really enjoyed being able to perform for you and we hope that you enjoyed joining us. Videos of all concerts will be added onto SeeSaw for parents / carers / family members to watch.

Christmas Parties



Thursday 16th December will be Christmas party day for all classes. This will be a non-uniform day and the children will have party food in their classes supplied by school. The children can wear suitable festive / party clothes (no high heels, make up, jewellery, belly tops etc). As the children will be taking part in different activities, we ask that any expensive items of clothing are kept at home. Thank you!

Chocolate Raffle



We are continuing to collect chocolate / sweets for our chocolate raffle next week. Any donations will be gratefully received, please take these to the office. Many thanks in advance. The chocolate raffle will take place during the afternoon of the Christmas Jumper Day (15th December). A raffle will be held for each class. Class teachers / support staff are giving out tickets for a suggested donation of 10p per ticket / 50p per strip.

Christmas Orders



If you would like to order any Christmas cards, Reindeer Food or Nursery / Reception memento carol concert programmes, please complete and return the order form which was emailed out last Friday. This can also be found on the school website or with your child's class teacher. We will get any orders to you by the final day of this term, Friday 17th December.

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.

Christmas Break

Just a reminder to say that we break up for Christmas on Friday 17th December at 3:15pm. The school will reopen on Tuesday 4th January at 8:50am.

Attendance

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

Class	% Attendance this Week
Nursery am	91.36%
Nursery pm	90.49%
YRM	96.28% 
YRN	95.92%
1K	95.60%
1W	95.00%
2C	94.51%
2S	96.01%
3AB	86.05%
3M	93.78%
4Mc	85.25%
5BW	92.40%
5R	94.61%
6O	91.61%
Whole School	93.07%

Unfortunately, no classes achieved our target percentage of 97% this week. However, a special CONGRATULATIONS to Class Reception M  who have the highest percentage this week!

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