

# Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your vigilance, support and understanding regarding your child's health this term. As numbers of Covid cases have risen in the local area and across the country, so have cases increased within the school. This has been an unpredictable time during which we have seen pupils and staff having to test, isolate and some classes being re-bubbled. Although these challenges have tested us all, the school community have been fantastic, really pulling together to ensure that the education and safety of our children has been the priority. I would like to thank everyone for this.

As the term and year draw to a close, on behalf of all staff here at Half Acres Academy and within the Trust we wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2022.

## January reopening

The school reopens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8:50am.

## Reindeer Run

Last week, the children and staff took part in the 'Reindeer Run' to help raise funds to support the crucial work The Prince of Wales Hospice carries out for people in our community. Although we were set a challenge to raise more than £500, we have been absolutely blown away by the generosity of yourselves, family members and friends. The total amount raised by the school far exceeded the target that was set and we are pleased to announce that a staggering £6447 has been donated to The Prince of Wales Hospice. This amount will also be added to with gift aid which will increase the donations given. I know you will agree that this is an absolutely fantastic amount. We would like to thank you for all of your incredible support for this extremely worthy cause.



## Christmas Activities



This week, the children have enjoyed taking part in a range of festive activities. These have included Christmas dinner / Christmas jumper day and the Chocolate Raffle on Wednesday, parties on Thursday, and watching the virtual live panto, Cinderella. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying themselves during this festive time.

### **Chocolate Raffle**

Thank you for all of your donations towards our Chocolate Raffle. We were really pleased to be able to hold this this year. Well done to all of the children who were the lucky winners!

### **Christmas Orders**

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards, reindeer food and / or Early Years memento concert programmes. The money raised will help us to provide experiences that will enrich the curriculum for the children.



### **Scooters and Bike Safety on the School Site**





Recently, we have had a number of incidents of children riding scooters and bikes on the school grounds in the morning and at the end of the day. Please can we ask that all scooters and bikes are dismantled and pushed when on school grounds. This will help to ensure that everyone can walk to and from the reception and drop off / pick up points safely. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### **Attendance**

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

Class	% Attendance this Week
Nursery am	91.39%
Nursery pm	90.02%
YRM	93.37%
YRN	94.87%
1K	94.25%
1W	95.87%
2C	97.15%  
2S	93.91%
3AB	93.95%
3M	92.57%
4Mc	92.51%
5BW	94.33%
5R	95.27%
6O	94.35%
Whole School	94.35%

A special CONGRATULATIONS to Class 2C  who have achieved our target percentage of 97%  and the highest percentage this week.

### **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.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell  
Acting Headteacher

