

# Half Acres Primary Academy

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14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a busy week at Half Acres and wonderful to see children across the school demonstrating very positive learning attitudes. We are proud of our Year 5 and 6 pupils who have volunteered to take on lunch time monitor jobs. These are very responsible roles which help the lunch period to run smoothly.

## Covid-19



As you will know, the Omicron variant of Coronavirus is continuing to spread rapidly across the country and the region. We politely ask everyone who enters the school building, including the reception area, to wear a mask. This will help to protect us all! Thank you for your support with this.

Our school risk assessment has been updated this week to reflect the latest government guidance. This document has been shared with parents and carers and can be found on our school website.

## “Winter Olympics” Themed Dinners for School Census Day - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January** is school census day. On this day, the number of pupils staying for hot dinners, particularly in Early Years and Key Stage 1, is used to calculate the funding the school receives for universal free school meals. It is therefore important that as many children as possible stay for a school lunch on this day so that we receive the funding needed to support all of our families. We encourage your child to join us on this day to enjoy an exciting “Winter Olympic” themed menu provided by Dolce.

Children will be able to choose a main course from one of the competing countries, and a dessert fit for a champion! The full menu is attached at the end of this newsletter.

The lunch options will be:

- **Chicken popcorn bites (bbq sauce is optional) with seasoned potato wedges,**
- **Vegetarian lasagne with garlic bread,**
- **Crusty French baguette with a choice of fillings, or**
- **Jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings.**

For dessert the choices are:



- *Olympic ring,*
- *Golden medal sponge and custard,*
- *Fresh fruit, or*
- *Yogurt.*



All children who take a school lunch on this date will be in with a chance to win a £5.00 Amazon voucher. Even if your child does not usually take a school lunch please consider doing so on this day as every meal taken counts towards the funding the school receives.

For more information, click on the Dolce You Tube link:

<https://youtu.be/AnHtq5LRbJw>

### **Healthy Packed Lunches and Snacks**



At Half Acres, we promote and teach about healthy lifestyles and healthy eating, including healthy packed lunches. Please can we remind families that children are not allowed to bring sweets, chocolate or drinks other than water to school. Thank you for your support with this.

The school is part of the government's School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, which provides a piece of fruit or vegetable for every child in Nursery, reception and Key Stage 1 each day. Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to bring fruit to eat during morning break. Children are also strongly encouraged to drink water throughout the day to keep them hydrated.

### **After School Clubs**

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, clubs will now start week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January. Please look out for the letter outlining the clubs that will be on offer.

### **Attendance**

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

Class	% Attendance this Week
Nursery am	86.00%
Nursery pm	89.04%
YRM	98.58%
YRN	96.74%
1K	93.03%
1W	99.23%
2C	99.58% ★
2S	96.74%
3AB	97.24%
3M	90.00%
4Mc	93.64%
5BW	97.93%
5R	93.65%
6O	89.51%
Whole School	95.40%

We are so pleased that five classes achieved our target percentage of 97% this week. However, a special CONGRATULATIONS to Year 2C  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 for Lunchtime Supervisors and a Teaching Assistant. 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.

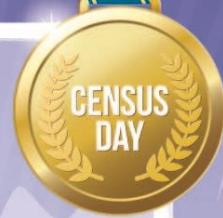
As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell  
Acting Headteacher

# Winter OLYMPICS DAY

Thursday 20<sup>TH</sup> January 2022



## - MAINS -

Team USA - Chicken Popcorn Bites With BBQ Sauce  
Team Italy - Vegetable Lasagne With Garlic Bread (V)  
Team France - French Baguette With A Choice Of Fillings  
Team GB - Fresh Jacket Potato With A Selection Of Fillings (V)  
(Extra Filling Ham & Cheese)

## - SIDES -

Seasoned Potato Wedges  
Sweetcorn  
Garden Peas

## - DESSERTS -

Doughnut "Olympic Ring" (V)  
Golden Medal Sponge & Custard (V)  
Yoghurt

dolce