

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

Value of the Moment - Resilience

This half term, children are learning what it means to be 'resilient'.



Resilience is the ability to cope when things go wrong.

Resilience can also be described as:

- Bouncing back after difficult times
- Dealing with challenges and still holding your head up
- Giving things a go or trying your best
- Being strong on the inside
- Being able to cope with what life throws at you and shrug it off

<https://kidshelpline.com>

As part of this, the children will be looking at what helps to develop resilience and what they can do when facing a challenge. They will be discussing this within their classes and have begun to identify how they, themselves have shown resilience.

Children who are spotted demonstrating this value will be awarded a Values sticker, so do look out for these.

PE Kit

At Half Acres, we pride ourselves on how our children look.

Please can we politely remind families that for PE children should be appropriately dressed. PE kit is:

- plain white T Shirt
- plain Navy / black Shorts.

In the winter and for outdoor PE children may wear a dark/red sweatshirt and a pair of black leggings or jogging bottoms. Children should have a suitable pair of sturdy trainers for PE in school. We do not permit any tops or shorts with logos or football kits.

Picture News

Picture News is a resource we use to provide our children with opportunities to learn from the world around us. Each week we look at and discuss a current issue and question that is linked to the news. This helps to open up the world for the children and broaden their interests so that they can make more informed decisions.

This week's issue is shown on the poster below. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is an opportunity for discussion which we hope you will enjoy sharing with everyone at home.



The Queen has announced a special competition ahead of her Platinum Jubilee later this year. The nationwide competition aims to find the perfect pudding that can be served for her Jubilee and beyond. Buckingham Palace has recently unveiled the full line-up of celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee this year which, alongside the pudding competition, includes street parties, a concert and a huge street parade. On 6th February, the Queen will have reigned for 70 years - she's the first British monarch to reach the milestone.

Half Term Dates

Friday 18th February – break up for Half Term

Monday 28th – Staff training day

Tuesday 1st March – Return to school

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are essential for your child to make the most of their learning. The children are encouraged to have 100% attendance, and aim for a minimum of 97% over the Academic year. We also expect pupils to arrive at school by 9am each morning – thank you for your support with this.

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

| Class | % Attendance this Week |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Nursery am | 91.00% |
| Nursery pm | 87.84% |
| YRM | 97.63% |
| YRN | 95.92% |
| 1K | 97.50% |
| 1W | 95.12% |
| 2C | 98.71% ★ |
| 2S | 96.47% |
| 3AB | 88.65% |
| 3M | 97.48% |
| 4Mc | 95.45% |
| 5BW | 88.58% |
| 5R | 97.92% |
| 6O | 95.92% |
| Whole School | 95.99% |

Well done to the five classes who achieved our target percentage of 97% this week. Special CONGRATULATIONS go to Class 2C ★ who have the highest percentage this week!

Free School Meals Information

PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF PUPILS IN UFS, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 or YEAR 3

You can apply for income-related free school meals on the Wakefield local authority website:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>

You are now able to complete the form online so it really has never been easier:

<https://forms.wakefield.gov.uk/Forms/schools/freeschoolmeals.aspx>

If your child is in UFS, Y1 or Y2, they are eligible for Universal FSM but **you can still apply if you think you are eligible for income-related free school meals**. If your child is in Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals, please remember that this will stop when they move into Year 3 (**if your child has just moved into Year 3, this means that unless you are entitled to FSM, they will no longer received free school meals**), so please ensure you have applied if you think you eligible. School receives additional funding for the number of pupils in receipt of free school meals and it has never been as important as it is now to try to provide crucial interventions to help pupils catch up – any additional funding will help us to achieve this goal.

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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell
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