

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

Half Term Dates

Friday 18th February – break up for Half Term

Monday 28th February – Staff training day

Tuesday 1st March – Return to school

Fencing and Gates Work

Work to replace and increase the height of the fencing and gates around the carpark and on the Temple Street side of the school started this week. This will help to increase security on our school site. The work is due to be completed by the end of February. Please be careful around the school site while this work is being carried out.

The Book Fair has landed!

February 8th 2022 – February 15th 2022.



We have been very excited to be able to welcome the Book Fair back to Half Acres this week. It has been lovely to see the children and their families enjoying the books and creating their 'wish lists'. If you have not yet had a chance to browse all of the lovely books, do not worry, as the Book Fair will be with us until Tuesday morning and you can continue to see these online at:

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

Families of children in Years 5 & 6 are invited to have a look at the Book Fair on Monday 14th February. This will be located in the foyer next to the New Hall.

Please be aware that this is a cashless event. For further information regarding ordering, please see the Book Fair letter on the school website or enquire at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Safer Internet Day



To mark Internet Safety Day, Reception discussed which things are okay to share online and which things need to remain private. The children now feel a lot more confident with using the internet safely. Below is a selection of the things looked at this week:

Year 1 enjoyed talking about who they can trust both online and in real life before drawing a picture of their trusted person.

Year 3 looked at and sorted statements about what we should and should not share on the internet. We decided that we should share very little!

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.



Indonesia is planning to move its capital from Jakarta to the island of Borneo. The Indonesian President, Joko Widodo, recently announced the planned name of the new capital as 'Nusantara'. The government hopes that by moving the capital, the burden on Jakarta, a city of 10 million people, will be reduced. Jakarta is highly congested, suffers regular flooding, and is one of the fastest sinking cities in the world, due to the overextraction of groundwater.

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	89.09%
Nursery pm	86.08%
YRM	86.69%
YRN	77.33%
1K	95.38%
1W	99.26% ★
2C	97.54%
2S	99.24%
3AB	98.97%
3M	95.00%
4Mc	93.33%
5BW	94.41%
5R	91.07%
6O	95.97%
Whole School	93.49%

Four classes have achieved our target percentage of 97% this week – well done! Congratulations to Class 1W ★ who have the highest percentage this week and to Class 2S who were just 0.02% behind.

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.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell
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