

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Part of the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust



18th February 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you for all of your support this half term. Please note that the children do not return to school until **Tuesday 1st March**. This is due to a staff training day that is taking place on Monday 28th February. We hope you have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school for another busy term full of exciting learning opportunities.

Half Term Dates

Friday 18th February – break up for Half Term

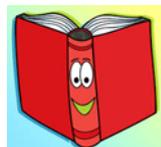
Monday 28th February – Staff training day

Tuesday 1st March – Children return to school

Fencing and Gates Work

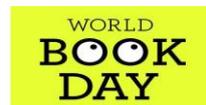
Work to replace and increase the height of the fencing and gates around the carpark and on the Temple Street side of the school will soon be finished. This will help to increase security on our school site. Thank you for your patience while this work has been carried out.

Book Fair



A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. The children really enjoyed looking at the wonderful selection of books and it was wonderful to see parents joining us after school to have a browse. Thanks to your fantastic support we have raised an incredible £1100 in books for our school libraries. We were also blown away by the competition entries. Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to all of our winners.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3rd March 2022. We are very excited this year that we can fully embrace World Book Day again. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character, from their favourite story book! We would encourage you to choose story characters rather than Marvel characters, celebrities or sports figures. Also, please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather along with their costumes.

World Book Day Potato Competition

As part of World Book Day, the children can take part in the potato competition run by Veritas Education 'make your favourite story book character' using a potato, with the chance to win a £10.00 book voucher. The winner from each school will be put into a grand prize draw and the overall winner will win their school £100 worth of book vouchers. This year children can bring their entries into school on World Book Day (3rd March). Please make sure the entry has your child's name and year group on it. For more information, please see our Twitter page and school website for the poster below.



Potato Character Competition

Have you ever thought, 'Hmm I wonder what Harry Potter would look like as a potato?'

Is there a David Walliams character that deserves to be potato'ed

Don't let supertato have all the fun!

Join our World Book Day Competition
and win

a £10 Book Voucher!

Ask your teacher about details on how to enter



Hogwarts Great Hall Banquet

Dolce will be hosting a 'Hogwarts Great Hall Feast' as part of our World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 3rd March. The menu will include tasty dishes such as:

- Chamber of Secrets Fish Burger on a Bun,
- Cornish Pixie Pie with gravy,
- Fresh Jacket potato with a choice of fillings.

Every child who has a school dinner on this day will also be in with a chance to win a £5.00 Amazon gift voucher.

Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day 2022 takes place on Friday 18th March. We are asking children to come into school in a red top/comic relief top (along with optional comic relief items) to show their support. We are supporting comic relief to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination, because we have the power to change lives. All we ask is for parents

to go online: [Pay in your money | Comic Relief](#) to make a small donation, as unfortunately we cannot accept any cash into 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	97.27%
Nursery pm	85.33%
YRM	91.19%
YRN	92.00%
1K	93.85%

1W	96.39%
2C	96.39%
2S	92.42%
3AB	95.65%
3M	91.79%
4Mc	93.33%
5BW	97.14%
5R	92.50%
6O	96.62%
Whole School	94.10%

Two classes have achieved our target percentage of 97% this week – well done! Congratulations to Nursery am  who have the highest percentage this week and to Class 5BW who were just 0.13% behind.

Come and join the Team - Job Vacancies



Currently, we are advertising are for an Administrative Officer. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in joining our friendly school and Trust, please see the advert below and the school website for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

How do you feel?

Wakefield council are undertaking a survey around its key services. If you would like to take part, please see the information below, on Twitter and email:

**TELL US
HOW YOU
REALLY
FEEL**

Wakefield Council is undertaking a survey around its key services.
We want your attitudes, views and perceptions of physical activity.

We'd love to hear from everybody; young people, adults and
older adults who live in the district.

To complete the survey please scan the QR code below or visit
www.wakefield.gov.uk/aspirehealth

please scan me

wakefieldcouncil
working for you

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.

Kind regards,

Miss J Rowell
Acting Headteacher



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Half Acres Primary Academy Administrative Officer

Part Time – 35 hours per week – Monday to Friday 8:30 -
12:00 & 12:30 – 16:00

Permanent

Term Time plus Inset Days

Grade 3 SCP 3 £18,562.00 – Actual Salary £15,018.61

Half Acres Primary Academy (rated good by Ofsted) is a growing two form entry primary school serving a catchment in central Castleford within the Wakefield 'Five Towns' district. Our vision statement is "Aspiring to achieve – enriching lives" and is at the heart of everything we do.

The school joined the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust in March 2017. The vision of the Inspire Trust is to develop a community of schools working together to achieve excellent outcomes for all.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly skilled administrative officer to join our dedicated team. As the role is highly demanding and variable flexibility is essential.

Candidates will need to be confident, committed and well-motivated, with high expectations.

For an application pack (including application form and job description) please visit www.halfacres.ipmat.co.uk or www.ipmat.co.uk

Please return completed applications by email to Julie Wassell, School Business Officer at jwassell@ipmat.co.uk or by post to Half Acres Primary Academy, Temple Street, Castleford, WF10 5RE.

NB: CV's alone will not be accepted and candidates are required to complete a Trust application form.

Closing Date: Friday 4th March 2022 at 12 noon.

Interview Date: Friday 11th March 2022

Half Acres Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check as well as successful completion of a probationary period. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide details of all unspent convictions and those that would not be filtered, prior to the date of interview. You may be asked for further information about your criminal history during the recruitment process. If your application is successful, this self-disclosure information will be checked against information from the Disclosure and Barring Service before your appointment is confirmed.