

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

Term Dates

Friday 8th April – Break up for Easter

Monday 25th April – Children return to school

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May – Staff training day (and polling day) – school closed to children

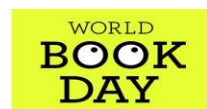
Friday 20th May – Break up for Half Term Break

Monday 6th June – Children return to school

Parking

When parking in the area, to drop off / pick up, please show consideration for where you park your car so that our neighbours are able to access their driveways. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March



It was wonderful to see all of the book characters the children came dressed as on World Book Day. During the day, the children enjoyed watching and listening to the Half Acres Masked Reader video which showed staff reading extracts from their favourite books. The children then had to guess 'who's behind the mask?'

World Book Day Potato Competition

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the 'make your favourite story book character' potato competition run by Veritas Education. We have received many superb entries which the children and staff have enjoyed looking at. Well done to Madison in Year 4 whose Gangsta Granny was chosen as the winning entry. Please see our Twitter page to see pictures of the many fantastic potato creations.

Pancake Day

Early Years and Year 1 enjoyed making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. The children enjoyed designing and helping to make their own pancakes. They also chose their own toppings and ate them too! The children spent time learning about why we celebrate Pancake Day. They learnt that this special day symbolises the start of the Christian tradition of Lent.



Hogwarts Great Hall Banquet

Well done to Archie in Year 1 who was the lucky winner of the £5.00 Amazon gift voucher at our Hogwarts Great Hall Banquet.

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.

Smart Watches



It has been brought to our attention that it is becoming more popular for children to own Smart watches. As some of these watches can have cameras as one of the features, please be aware that these cannot be worn whilst at school. This is for safeguarding reasons. Any child who does come to school with a Smart watch will have to leave this in the office. This can then be picked up at the end of the day.

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	91.30%
Nursery pm	91.67%
YRM	95.34%
YRN	90.00%
1K	99.06%
1W	96.30%
2C	92.00%
2S	95.37%
3AB	94.80%
3M	97.32%
4Mc	91.91%
5BW	98.28%
5R	99.11%
6O	100%
Whole School	95.74%

Five classes have achieved our target percentage of 97% this week – well done! A big CONGRATULATIONS to Year 6 who have achieved 100% attendance this week.

Job Vacancies

Please be aware that there is a job vacancy for a Premises Supervisor at Acton Pastures Primary Academy. If you or anyone you know is interested in this post, please see the Ackton Pastures website for further information.

[Job Vacancies - Primary Academy - Ackton Pastures \(ipmat.co.uk\)](http://ipmat.co.uk)

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