

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

Other Important Dates

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day

Thursday 7th March - Class photographs

Thank you and Good Luck

Sadly, Mrs Nodder will be leaving us on Wednesday 16th March to explore other avenues. Mrs Nodder has supported our pupils and parents for over three years and has been a highly valued member of the Half Acres team. I am sure you will want to join with me in thanking her for all of her hard work and dedication over the years, and wishing her well with her new venture. I know she will be greatly missed at Half Acres.

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](https://www.comicrelief.org.uk) to make a small donation, as unfortunately we cannot accept any cash into school.

Picture News

Picture News is a resource we use to provide our children with opportunities to learn from the world around us. Every other 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.

This week's question is: **How important is it to show bravery as a leader?**



Currently, Volodymyr Zelenskyy is thought to be one of the most famous people in the world. Once an actor and comedian, the 44-year-old Ukrainian president is being called a hero, who has bravely refused to bow down to Russia, as his country of Ukraine endures an attack. Before his election in 2019, Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, acted as a president on the TV programme 'Servants of the People'.

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	91.15%
Nursery pm	85.00%
YRM	90.88%
YRN	93.73%
1K	87.22%
1W	85.19%
2C	93.08%
2S	94.07%
3AB	97.14% 
3M	96.06%
4Mc	96.34%
5BW	92.41%
5R	95.68%
6O	96.67%
Whole School	93.29%

One class has achieved our target percentage of 97% this week. Well done to Class 3AB!

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