

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 April - Class photographs

Goodbye to Mrs Nodder

Sadly, Mrs Nodder has now left Half Acres to explore other avenues. She has supported our pupils and parents for over three years and has been a highly valued member of the Half Acres team. I know she will be greatly missed.

Important Information about Office Contact

Please can we ask that parents and carers to be patient when contacting the office. Now that Mrs Nodder has left, we will have fewer staff manning the office. This will be for a short period of time. Many thanks for your support.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined our parent consultation meetings this week. A link to a Teams Form questionnaire has been sent out via email to collect your views on the information that was shared. Please be aware that this link can be used by parents with children in Miss Marks' class once you have attended your rescheduled meetings. Your feedback is important to us.

Red Nose Day



Today, the school was a sea of red to support Red Nose Day. During the day, the children took part in an egg and spoon challenge. Each class had to keep the egg on the spoon for the whole day and think about ways they could do this without disrupting their lessons or break times. We can assure you that this was not as easy as it sounds. The children came up with some very inventive ideas

Comic Relief helps people to live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief, please do this online: [Pay in your money | Comic Relief](https://www.comicrelief.org.uk)

Reindeer Run



To say thank you to Half Acres for the incredible amount raised from the Reindeer Run, the Mayor of Wakefield invited two pupils to represent the school at an exclusive presentation event on Wednesday 16th March at Wakefield Town Hall. During the event, the children spoke to the Mayor about raising the money and why it was so important. We would again like to thank everyone who made such generous contributions towards supporting the Prince of Wales Hospice in Pontefract. We know that this money will be life changing for people in the area.

Improving Our Outdoors

The School Council have been looking at how to improve outdoor provision for the children during break and lunch times. The children have come up with many great ideas, one of these is to ask families for donations of unwanted / spare books and toys that could be used during these times. We are currently looking for:

Books to set up an outdoor library

Any outdoor/playground games (large Jenga, snakes and ladders etc)

All donations will be gratefully received by class teachers. Thank you in advance!

Easter

Please see the poster below for the design an Easter Egg competition. The closing date is 1st April.

Before breaking up for Easter, we will be holding an Easter themed Chocolate Raffle on Friday 8th April within each class to raise money for our school. Tickets can be obtained from the class teacher from the week beginning the 28th March - 10p per ticket / 50p per strip.

Any donations of chocolate / Easter eggs will be gratefully received. Please can these be brought to the office by Wednesday 6th April in order for us to distribute these to the classes before the raffle takes place. Thank you for your support

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	92.17%
Nursery pm	78.67%
YRM	94.74%
YRN	94.00%
1K	85.56%
1W	97.69%
2C	92.28%
2S	94.07%
3AB	97.14%
3M	96.70%
4Mc	97.26%
5BW	94.31%
5R	99.29% 
6O	98.00%
Whole School	95.15%

Five classes have achieved our target percentage of 97% this week – well done! Congratulations to 5R  who have achieved the highest percentage this week.

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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Design an
EASTER EGG

HOW TO ENTER
Using the template provided, design an Easter egg using whatever artistic materials you like!
One entry per pupil.
All work must be your own.
Entries will be judged on creativity & care taken.

WIN
A selection of Easter goodies!
All competition participants will receive a certificate.

Closing date: Friday 1st April 2022

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