

# Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

## Term Dates

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – Break up for Easter

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Children return to school

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – school closed

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Staff training day (and polling day) – school closed to all children

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Break up for Half Term Break

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Children return to school

## Other Important Dates

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** - Class photographs

## Staffing Update

We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Taylor back to Half Acres following her secondment to Ackton Pastures in September. Mrs Taylor will return to the school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We are also happy that Miss Cawthorne will be re-joining us on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April after the birth of her baby boy.

## Class Photographs



Class photographs will take place this up-coming week, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their full and correct school uniform – white polo shirt, red sweatshirt, grey / black trousers or skirt and black shoes. Thank you for your support.

## Easter Chocolate Raffle



Before breaking up for Easter, we will be holding an Easter themed Chocolate Raffle on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April within each class to raise money for our school. Tickets continue to be available from class teachers - 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 6<sup>th</sup> April in order for us to distribute these to the classes before the raffle takes place. Thank you to anyone who has already sent chocolate donations into school!

## Year 4 Visit to Ledston Estate



Despite the weather, Year 4 really enjoyed their time at Ledston Hall Estate this week and were very excited to be going out on school visits again. The children took part in lots of exciting outdoor activities including a scavenger hunt, they played a game about seed dispersal and then finished the day with a den building activity. They were joined all day by a lovely lady called Barbara and her dog Dill. We were very proud of how well the children worked in teams throughout the day and everyone returned to school with a smile on their face.

## 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)

Thank you to everyone who has already sent donations into school, these are much appreciated!

### Headlice

Please be aware that we have had several reports of head lice throughout school. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat them as soon as possible if head lice or eggs are found. Thank you for your co-operation.

### 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	90.67%
YRM	91.93%
YRN	86.00%
1K	98.52% ★
1W	85.38%
2C	89.84%
2S	82.14%
3AB	89.26%
3M	87.86%
4Mc	92.12%
5BW	87.89%
5R	87.50%
6O	94.67%
Whole School	89.47%

One class have achieved our target percentage of 97% this week – well done! Congratulations to Year 1K ★ who have achieved the highest percentage this week.

### Twitter



Please follow our Twitter page on:

@IPMATHalf\_Acres or [https://twitter.com/IPMATHalf\\_Acres](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