

# Half Acres Primary Academy

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**Part of the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust**



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our return to school after the half term break saw us begin our busy run up to December and all that it brings.

Our Early Years open event brought lots of interested families and children to visit our wonderful school. They enjoyed exploring all we have to offer and chatted with staff about their excitement to join Half Acres. We can't wait to welcome them throughout the year and in time to come!

We came together outside as a whole school on Friday for our Remembrance Service. We shared poems, thoughts, music and observed a 2 minute silence. The children laid wreaths and showed the utmost respect throughout. They were of great credit to the school and yourselves. Thank you for your kind and generous contributions to the RBL for Poppy's and related items. It is so very much appreciated.



## Harvest

Thank you so very much for all your kind harvest donations before half term. 11 bags of a wide variety of items were very gratefully received by the local food bank and will support families within our community.



## Dates for your diary

<b>November</b>		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	World Nursery Rhyme week Anti Bullying Week – Monday is odd sock day Parent/Carer consultations week	Early Years Whole school Whole school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – charity Library visit	Whole school 5B
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Maths workshop – Parents/carers/children	Nursery at 9.05 and 2.15
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Fair from 2.30pm – Fundraising	Whole school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Library visit Maths workshop – 2.15pm Parents/carers/children	2C Reception
<b>December</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Reindeer Run – Prince of Wales Hospice charity Library visit	Whole school 2K
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Boggledybook</i> virtual book fair	Whole school
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Fine motor workshops – parents/carers/children	Nursery and Reception at 9.05am Afternoon nursery 2.15pm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Library visit	1AP
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day – Save the Children charity	Whole school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performance - 2.30pm	Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performance – 9.15am Christmas Performance – 2.30pm	Year 5 and 6 Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performance – 9.15am Christmas Performance – 2.30pm	Year 3 and 4 Year 1 and 2
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performance – 9.15am Christmas Performance – 2.30pm	Year 1 and 2 Reception
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performance – 9.15am Christmas Performance – 2.30pm Library visit	Reception Nursery 1T
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performance – 9.15am	Nursery
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner day	Reception – Year 6
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Party Day	Whole school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Finish for Christmas	Whole school



Polite reminder that children must be accompanied by an adult to the breakfast club doors in order to ensure they arrive safely.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## Attendance for this week

**Congratulations to Y4NR for achieving the highest attendance this week!**

Congratulations to all the children who added a ticket to the attendance bag this week!

Nursery AM	90.00%
Nursery PM	86.67%
<b>Nursery whole</b>	<b>88.34%</b>
Y1AP	90.71%
Y1T	94.44%
Y2C	94.83%
Y2K	91.00%
Y3Be	98.28%
Y3Br	95.36%
<b>Y4NR</b>	<b>98.80%</b>
Y4W	93.91%
Y5Be	87.50%
Y5R	95.67%
Y6R	90.59%
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>91.93%</b>





Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in the number of children arriving late and therefore via the main office each day. We appreciate and understand that this can occur on occasions but are currently monitoring this as you may be aware.

The impact of punctuality has a wider impact than may be initially appreciated. Children often do not feel comfortable entering their classroom once learning has begun and their daily routine is interrupted, learning is missed resulting in uncertainty of expectations until this can be addressed by staff, staff are taken away from the office as they are required to support children through school to their classrooms, and missed lunch orders to name a few points.

Staff will always support wherever possible with any ongoing difficulties or barriers to attendance so please do speak to Mrs Young, our attendance officer.

Please follow us on our social media platforms to see any key information and weekly learning that is taking place in school.

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Have a wonderful half term and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards  
Mrs Taylor