

# Half Acres Primary Academy

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



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcomed the start of a new year and return to school with a week of mixed emotions.

The children returned to school happy, looking smart and eager to resume their work and learning. The oral health team visited reception classes and the children enjoyed learning lots of facts and information then received a goody bag to take home!

We welcomed a new member of support staff to our KS1 team this week. Mrs Taylor will work alongside Mrs Kendell and the children in 2K.

Mr Pearson has joined our teaching team this week and will work in year 3 for the remainder of the academic year. Mr Brookes has made the decision to move on from Half Acres and so will not be returning. We are sure you will join us in wishing him all the very best for the future.

**"May there be  
comfort in knowing  
that someone so special  
will never be forgotten."  
—JULIE HÉBERT**

We have been deeply saddened by the news of Mrs Gaynor Newman passing away. Mrs Newman was a valued member of our school team and warmly welcomed children to breakfast club each morning before returning to undertake her lunchtime role. She was always positive and happy and gave her all to the children and staff of Half Acres over many years.

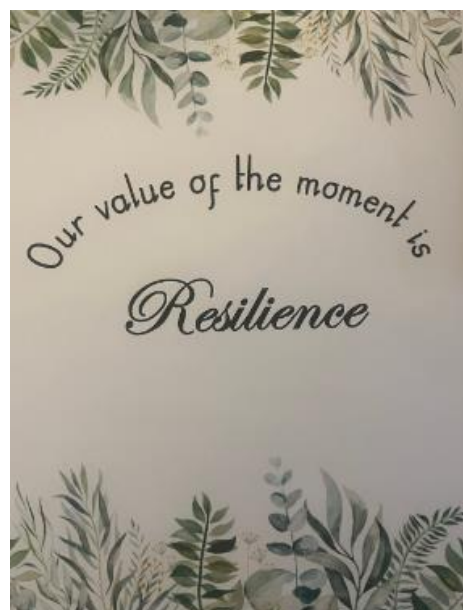
We would like to sincerely thank you all for your kind words of support and understanding over the last few days. We have supported each other and your children with warmth and compassion and will continue to do so.

Many children have shared fond memories and stories of their interactions and relationship with Mrs Newman. A book of condolences will be available in school next week should any children, parents, carers or friends wish to add a card or note.

Further plans to celebrate Mrs Newman will be confirmed and shared as appropriate following communication with the family.

## Dates for your diary

January		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school	Whole school
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Health and Wellbeing Ambassador taster sessions	Y5
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Oral Hygiene session	Reception
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Library visit	4W
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/carer observe maths – 9.15am	Reception Nalson
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Library visit Parent/carer observe maths – 9.15am	4NR Reception Foster
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability week	5R
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Scholastic book fair open until 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole school



## Attendance

Congratulations to Miss Nalson's Reception class for achieving the highest attendance this week!

EY2F 89.66%  
EY2N 99.29%  
1AP 95.19%  
1T 96.79%  
2C 97.24%  
2K 97.67%  
3Be 97.33%  
3Br 93.57%  
4NR 92%  
4W 90.48%  
5R 92.07%  
5Be 87.86%  
6Ri 93.53%

**Whole school 94.15%**



## Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear uniform at Half Acres and we are proud to represent our school. Uniform items are not required to include the school logo and it is hoped that this supports making cost effective purchases.

Staff will give reminders regarding correct uniform and we may call to request that this is brought to school for children to change into.

We have a range of good quality uniform items which we are more than happy to pass on to families. Please speak to a member of staff if there is anything you require and we will do our best to help.

There is a large quantity of lost items without names on so we are unable to return them to children. Please call at the office to check if anything belongs to you as this will be sorted and shared between our spare stock and the uniform bank next week.



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### Uniform Policy

At Half Acres Primary Academy our uniform consists of the following:

- Polo shirts - white
- Trousers/shorts/skirts – grey/black
- Dresses – checked red
- Cardigans/jumpers – red
- Suitable shoes – black

All uniform should be clearly labelled.  
All children must attend school in full school uniform.



At Half Acres Primary Academy our PE Kit consists of the following:



- Shorts/jogging bottoms – black
- T-Shirt – plain white
- Jacket (colder weather) black
- Outdoor trainer/pumps – black

All PE kit must be plain. We do not allow brands or logos.  
We do request that if children have PE, earrings are removed by parents/carers before school.



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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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Kind regards and very best wishes  
Mrs Taylor