

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the pleasure of joining Y3P on their visit to Castleford library this morning and I have to say that it ended the week in style! The children were a credit to themselves and the school with members of the public greeting and praising us as we walked. The children enjoyed reading and sharing books in addition to exploring historical maps and images of Castleford and our school.



Maths Workshops

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been able to attend the maths workshops with your children. Feedback has been really positive with many of you saying it has been the best or most favourite so far. We will continue to plan opportunities for you to come into school, understand what and how the children learn, and have time to work together. We will take on board feedback to improve which includes offering refreshments!



Class Dojo

Thank you to all families who have signed up already and are making good use of the communication facilities.

2 classes have achieved 100% sign up so far and will receive a small prize – congratulations to Mrs Foster's class and 1AP! Who will be next?

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need a QR code to register.



Dates for your diary

Please see the most up to date overview attached.

March		
Monday 4 th	Ledston visit	5R
Tuesday 5 th	Maths workshop at 9.15	1T
Wednesday 6 th	Maths workshop at 9.15 Residential meeting	1AP Y6 families
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day	Whole school
Friday 8 th	Library visit	5R
Monday 11 th	Ledston visit Chocolate Raffle tickets on sale	5B Whole school
Wednesday 13 th -15 th	Low Mill Residential	Year 6
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day – charity	Whole school
Monday 18th	Spring Craft Workshop 2pm	Y2
Tuesday 19th	Spring Craft Workshop 2pm Spring Craft Workshop 9.05am	Y3 Y5
Wednesday 20th	Spring Craft Workshop 2pm Spring Craft Workshop 9.05am	Y6 Y1
Thursday 21st	Spring Craft Workshop 2pm Spring Craft Workshop 8.50am and 2pm	Y4 Nursery
Friday 22 nd	Finish for Easter Visit to National Coal Mining Museum Attendance ticket draw Chocolate Raffle Spring Craft Workshop 2pm	Whole school Year 2 Each phase Whole school Reception

Visits

First hand experiences support teaching and learning in so many positive ways and we always aim to provide the very best for all our children through planning visits out of school.

Payments for visits must always be requested as a voluntary contribution with the aim that the full cost will be met. No profit is made from visit contributions.

The decision to cancel a visit is never an easy one as it takes away a valuable experience for the children, however unfortunately, any shortfall cannot be met from the school budget.

This week, the difficult decision was made to cancel a visit due to a shortfall. I have to say that we were overwhelmed and sincerely appreciative of the actions taken by a group of parents and carers who took it upon themselves to collect and contribute the funds to enable the visit to go ahead. This just confirms how important the children of Half Acres are to all of us.

Postcards home

Please share on X, dojo or ha-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk if you receive a postcard home!



Attendance

Congratulations to Y3P for achieving the highest attendance this week!

Nursery AM 95.20%
Nursery PM 93.02%
Nursery whole 94.12%

EY2F 91.97%
EY2N 91.38%
1AP 95.71%
1T 97.86%
2C 95.86%
2K 97.67%
3B 95.67%
3P 98.67%
4NR 96.00%
4W 96.67%
5Be 89.29%
5R 97.24%
6Ri 92.42%

Whole school 95.22%





Lates

We understand that there can be unexpected reasons for lateness on occasions however, there continues to be a number of children who are frequently late and are therefore missing valuable teaching and learning time. It is unsettling for children when they arrive once the lesson has started and also has an impact on staff who meet, greet and take children to their classes.

Please ensure that children are arriving at their classroom door in order to be welcomed at 8.50am and make a prompt start to their day at 9am.

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 enjoy the weekend
Mrs Taylor