

Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter December 2017

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your support with your child's homework projects, both in terms of helping them to create and make their models but also for coming into school to support your children when they had their whole class showcase. It would be lovely to see even more of our Year 5 & 6 children participating in these projects as good preparation for homework at High School.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas parties will be taking place on the following days:

- **Wednesday 13th December - Years 3 & 4**
- **Thursday 14th December - Years 5 & 6**
- **Friday 15th December - Years 1 & 2.**
- **Monday 18th December - Early Years**

Children will be asked to bring party food and party clothes into school. Please ensure the party food packs are sealed and within the sell-by date.

CHOCOLATE RAFFLE



We are holding our Christmas chocolate raffle on Tuesday 19th December. Any donations of chocolate would be much appreciated.

Raffle tickets are on sale every morning from Monday 11th December. Tickets cost 10p each.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The post box for Christmas cards has been placed in the entrance hall. Please remember to put the full name of the recipient and class on the envelope. Thank you to all of the children and families who have sent us Christmas wishes. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Just a reminder that on Friday 15th December the children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper in return for donating £1 which will go to Save The Children's Christmas appeal.

EARLY YEARS

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Wright at the end of this term and wish her well in her new role. Mrs Moore our Early Years Leader will be taking up the post as the new reception teacher starting from January.



FORTHCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Monday 11th December

2.30pm KS1 Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12th December

9.15am KS1 Christmas Concert

Thursday 18th January 2018

Year 4 & 5 Young Voices Concert

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

This year the whole school attendance target is **97%**. Please support us by ensuring children arrive on time and stay in school all day.

Please be advised that we do not authorise term time holidays except in exceptional extenuating circumstances. Holidays taken in term time may incur penalties for families. These are £60 per parent, per child. The fine rises to £120 per parent, per child if it is not paid within 28 days.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your support in our Christmas Concerts so far. School will close on Tuesday 19th December at 1.15pm and reopen on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Reminder Wednesday 3rd is an Inset day.

We would like to thank all our families for your continued support. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!