

Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter February 2019

FORTHCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Thursday 14th February

Parent Consultations

Break up for half term

Friday 15th February

INSET DAY

Monday 25th February

Return to school

Tuesday 26th February

Parent Consultations continue

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

A reminder to parents of pupils in Years 4 and 5 that deadlines for payment are due in the next few weeks. These are:-

Low Mill: To be paid in full by **15th February 2019**

York: To be paid in full by **5th April 2019**

Please see the office if you have any queries.

PUNCTUALITY

If you have come into the Reception area we hope you like our new Punctuality display. It's been a real talking point for the children and a reminder to all of how important it is to be on time!



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

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.

Class attendance since September 2018 - 95.28%			
Nursery AM	95.16%	Nursery PM	91.55%
EY2F	93.31%	2S	96.28%
EY2M	92.25%	3C	95.80%
1N	94.52%	4MO	97.48%
1RA	94.71%	5A	96.67%
2M	96.31%	6B	95.39%

ATTENDANCE FACT

80% attendance is the same as having a day off school every week!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on 7th March. A number of events in school are planned for the day. The theme this year is 'Bedtime Stories' and children can come to school dressed in pyjamas. Please remember the children will be going about their normal day and this includes playing outside so will need warm coat, suitable shoes, hats, etc. Please see the letter overleaf.

BOOK FAIR

We have organised a book fair that will run in school for one day to co-inside with World Book day. Children can bring money in an envelope clearly marked with their name and class. The children will then visit the book fair with their class to look at the books and purchase one should they wish. The book fair will also be available to parents to visit before and after school on 7th March. Where a fantastic selection of books, for both children and adults will be available to buy.

If you wish to browse, this fair will be situated in the New Hall on a morning from 8.30-8.50am and after school until 4pm. Any commission made at this event will go towards new books for our school libraries for your children's enjoyment.

LITTER

We have received a complaint about littering outside of the school gates. Mr Burns-Williamson works hard to ensure the school grounds are free from litter, please can we ask that you do your bit by ensuring any litter is placed in bins outside of the school grounds.

PAYING ONLINE

Just a reminder to please use Scopay system when making payments for school trips or dinner money. If you need a code please call into the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



Friday 15th March 2019 will be Red Nose Day. For a small donation children can come to school dressed in a red top.

POLITE NOTICE

During the recent icy conditions we received several complaints from residents and parents, about the behaviour and conduct of some of our students outside school. Some of the children were skidding on the pavements and causing a nuisance but more alarming is that a child was very nearly run over by an oncoming vehicle. Please remember that if a child walks to school without a parent/carer they are still your responsibility until school opens at 8:50am.