

# Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter January 2018

Welcome back to school for what will be a busy Spring term. I would like to say a huge thank you for your generosity over the Christmas period. Not only did your donations of chocolate support our end of term raffle, but your purchases of tickets enabled us to raise £317 which will be spent on new books for our library. Donations of food for the Christmas parties were also very generous and ensured the children enjoyed party food for several days!

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Spring term parent consultations, scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March are approaching. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress since the initial meeting in October. Further details will follow very soon.

## ON-LINE PAYMENTS

The use of the online payment system has been a huge success and we will be using this for monies into the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation and for making this transition run smoothly overall.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES

This term we will be opening our libraries to pupils and parents after school 3 nights a week. To launch this event we are inviting parents and carers to several events where they can enjoy a book together and find out where the libraries are located. The first event, for Key Stage 1, will take place after school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Look out for letters coming home.

## RESIDENTIAL VISITS

A reminder to parents of pupils in Years 4 to 6 that deadlines for payment are due in the next few weeks.

These are:-

York: Interim Payment of £50 by 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Low Mill: To be paid in full by 2<sup>nd</sup> March

London: Interim Payment of £50 by 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Please see the office if you have any queries.



## SMOKING AROUND SCHOOL PREMISES

It has been brought to our attention that parents are still smoking around the school gates at the start and end to the school day.

Please can you be considerate to all parents and children in school and wait until you are away from the school grounds. This includes the use of e-cigarettes.

## PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We have received complaints from local residents and community police officers that parents are placing our children in danger by parking in unsafe places at the start and end of the day. Police are aware of this issue and will be doing spot checks and issuing fines if this is deemed necessary. Please consider the safety of all children if you need to drive your child/ren to school.

## 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.



## PUNCTUALITY

There has recently been a significant rise in the number of pupils arriving late into school. It is important pupils arrive on time in order that they do not miss learning and that they learn good habits for life. Doors open in Nursery at 8.40am and across the rest of school at 8.50am, and remaining open for ten minutes. Those pupils arriving after this are marked as late within the next ten minutes. If your child has ten lates they will be referred to the EWO and fines may be incurred.

### Class attendance since September 2017 - %

Nursery AM & PM	91.4%	2OD	95.4%
EY2F	93.0%	3S	94.8%
EY2W	94.8%	4MO	95.1%
1GR	94.6%	5B	95.6%
1N	94.6%	6B	94.4%