

# Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter March 2018

We would like to say a big thank you for supporting your child by attending our recent Inspire events. Your feedback was much appreciated. It is currently being analysed and will be shared with you in due course.

## PARENTS CONSULTATIONS RESCHEDULED

Following your recent letter we have now rescheduled the parent consultations. The time will remain the same as you were previously given; appointments that should have been on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb will now be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, and appointments that should have been Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March will now take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Please contact the office if you can no longer keep the same appointment time.

## WORLD BOOK DAY - RESCHEDULED

As you are aware due to the bad snow last week school was closed on Thursday, which unfortunately meant that we had to cancel our World Book Day plans.

We are pleased to say this has been rescheduled and will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Children are once again invited to come to school dressed as a Harry Potter character or to bring an item that represents a character, e.g. Harry's glasses.

## DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Recently we have noticed a number of parents bringing dogs on to the school premises.

Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

We hope we can rely on your co-operation in this matter.



## EASTER EVENTS

21<sup>st</sup> March - Whole school Easter Bonnet and Egg competitions.

29<sup>th</sup> March - Chocolate raffle, tickets will be on sale from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Donations of chocolate would be very welcome.

**Reminder: School closes for the Easter Holidays on 29<sup>th</sup> March and reopens on 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

## TWITTER

Our children continue to take part in lots of exciting events and activities. Staff try to share these with you on Twitter and we encourage you to follow us.

Please search for us @half\_acres

If you do not have a twitter account, you can easily create one at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have continued to respond to pupils' requests for a greater range of after school clubs.

In addition to sports clubs run by ProVision, drama, recorders and guitar clubs, this term we have also introduced book club and film club.

Full details can be found on our website.

## RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Thank you for ensuring that payments were made in a timely manner for the upcoming residential trips to York and Low Mill.

As a final reminder the balance of £81 for the London trip is due by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Please see the office if you have any queries.



## PARKING

School has received an official complaint from the Housing Officer on behalf of the residents on Mickle Court regarding our parents/carers parking in the spaces here.

They are considering sending parking enforcement officers to the area who may clamp cars or issue fines. We would ask you to respect their homes and not park here to collect/drop off your child to prevent this action being necessary.

We would also remind you to consider the safety of our pupils when parking anywhere in the near vicinity.

## 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, 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 - 94.4%

Nursery AM & PM	91.5%	20D	95.0%
EY2F	92.6%	3S	95.2%
EY2W	94.0%	4MO	95.0%
1GR	94.8%	5B	94.6%
1N	95.0%	6B	94.7%