

# Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter October 2017

## Parents consultations

Once again we have been delighted with the attendance at Parent Consultation evening. We value your support and feedback.

### School Data collection forms

Annually, in the Autumn term, the office staff update any records they hold for your child.

I would just like to say thank you to all the parents who have already returned their forms to school. If you have not yet done so, please ensure these are returned by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### School visits

Children in KS1 have recently enjoyed a school visit to Skipton Castle and Years 3 & 4 to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Thank you for your support in enabling these trips to go ahead. Both days were a huge success.

Year 6 have a visit to Eden Camp planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> November.

We have lots of pictures ready to be shared on our school website and via twitter. Once all the data collection and parental consents have been returned to school we will be able to publish these.

### Cashless system

We are hoping to go to an online system shortly after the half term holidays, more details will follow in due course.

## FORTHCOMING DATES & EVENTS

### Wednesday 18th October

EY Harvest Concerts,

### Thursday 19th October

Thanksgiving Harvest Celebration for KS1 & 2, 9.10am and 2.30pm

Please join us for these celebrations.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

School closes for half term, 3.20pm

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Individual and family photos

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 & 6 visit to Eden Camp

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Nasal Flu vaccine for Reception to Year 4 children

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

INSET DAY

### School Website and Twitter

The new school website has now gone live and we are working hard to ensure that this is updated and a useful tool for parents and visitors alike. Copies of letters and important information can be found at [www.halfacres.com](http://www.halfacres.com).

We would also like to remind everyone that we now have our own Twitter account which is **half\_acres**. This will help us to keep you informed of all our latest events in school.

We are trying hard to ensure we action all requests for parents to follow our Twitter page. Please enquire at the office if you have been overlooked.

### Extra-curricular clubs

We offer a range of extra-curricular clubs and activities. Details can be found on our school website. These currently include Dance, Drama, Multi-skills, Skipping, Guitars and Recorder clubs.

After half term we plan to offer Library and more sporting opportunities during lunchtime.

### 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.

## NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

Please note the school phone number is now 01977 802325.