

# Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter September 2017

## WELCOME BACK

We are already into our third week of the new term and the children have settled in well to their learning. We have lots of exciting experiences planned and a busy year ahead. You should have received the diary of school events for the year by now. Although we try to provide as many of these as possible in advance some events have not yet been finalised. We look forward to working in partnership with you again this year.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Meet The Teacher meetings recently. We hope you found the information shared useful and had the opportunity to collect your child's PE kit.

We are currently in the process of sending out a pack of consent forms and contact information so we can update our records. Please let us know as soon as possible if your contact details change and need updating.

## FAMILY MENTOR

Mrs Render is our family mentor who now works full time at Half Acres. She will be holding coffee mornings for parents every Friday morning from 29th September. Everyone is welcome.

As well as working with groups of children she is able to offer support and advice to families. If you wish to contact her please leave a message in the school office.

## FORTHCOMING DATES & EVENTS

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Key Stage 1 visit to Skipton Castle

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 class assembly, 9.10am

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Year 1 class assembly (Miss Gill/Mrs Roberts), 9.10am

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Year 3 & 4 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Red, White and Blue Day

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Parent consultations

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Year 3 class assembly, 9.10am

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

EY Harvest Concerts,

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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

INSET DAY

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

The whole school attendance for this term is currently **93.50%**. This is significantly under our schools target of 97% and under the national average.

We need to ensure children arrive on time and stay in school all day in order to receive a golden ticket.

The prizes for the Autumn Term are:

- Years 1, 2, 3 - a Fire7 tablet
- Years 4, 5, 6 - a Fire7 tablet

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 Website and Twitter

Copies of letters and important information can be found on our school website [www.halfacres.com](http://www.halfacres.com). Our new website which will launch in October.

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.

## NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

The phone number of the school has recently changed. It is now 01977 802325.