

Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter March 2019

Thank you for attendance and support at our Parents Evening. We hope you found it useful and we appreciate the time taken to complete the Ofsted questionnaires.

FORTHCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

Wednesday 27th March

Whole school Easter bonnet/egg competition

Monday 1st April

Year 5 residential to Low Mill

Tickets on sale for chocolate raffle

Friday 5th April

Chocolate raffle

School closes for Easter

Monday 22nd April

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April

School reopens

EASTER EVENTS

Wednesday 27th March - Whole school Easter Bonnet and Egg competitions.

5th April - Chocolate raffle, tickets will be on sale from Monday 1st April.

Donations of chocolate would be very welcome.



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.

So far this year 50 children remain on 100% attendance - this is a superb achievement.

Class attendance since September 2018 - 95.49%			
Nursery AM	95.5%	Nursery PM	91.8%
EY2F	93.6%	2S	96.5%
EY2M	92.7%	3C	95.8%
1N	94.9%	4MO	97.4%
1RA	95.2%	5A	96.8%
2M	96.4%	6B	95.4%

Polite reminder: if possible please arrange doctor/hospital/optician/dentist appointments outside of school hours. If this is not possible and you need to take your child out of school for any appointments we will need to see official proof of the appointment, or your child's absence will be recorded as U (unauthorised).

ATTENDANCE FACTS

80% attendance is the same as having a day off every week
Keeping children away from school for no good reason is a criminal offence.

SPACE DAY

Due to your continued support we were able to arrange a visit from Aurora Planetarium for all of the children from Reception to Year 6. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of entering the large dome and exploring the night sky. They were able to find out lots of facts and information about space, please look out for the photographs on Twitter.

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, request to follow and complete a Twitter letter that can be obtained from the School Office.

If you do not have a twitter account, you can easily create one at www.twitter.com

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

Thank you to all children who took part in this fun competition run by Veritas Education to win £10.00 book voucher. The organisers at Veritas Education found it very hard to choose from all the fabulous entries received. Please see Twitter for the winning potato.

DINNER MONEY

We have had an increasing number of parents not paying dinner money on time. If your child is having to a school dinner please ensure dinner money is paid preferably on a Monday for the week ahead.

SMOKING



Smoking and vaping are not permitted on school grounds. We have received a complaint about parents smoking at the school gates. Please can we ask if you smoke/vape please can you be considerate to all parents and young children ensuring you do this away from the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the environment in and around school safer and cleaner.

CHEWING GUM

This is proving to be a problem around the school grounds, and with children coming into school. Please support us by disposing of chewing gum in bins and not allowing your children to bring it into school.

