

Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter November 2018

Well done to the Year 5 and Year 6, football teams who competed against the other schools in the pyramid at Castleford Academy on Thursday 15th November. The boys achieved 2nd place and the girls were 5th.

FORTHCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Friday 30th November

Nasal Flu vaccine for Reception to Year 5 children

Wednesday 12th December

K2 Christmas concert 2.30pm

Thursday 13th December

K2 Christmas concert 9.15am

KS1 Christmas concert 2.30pm

Friday 14th December

KS1 Christmas concert 9.15am

Christmas Dinner

EARLY YEARS PHONIC WORKSHOP

Thanks to parents who attended the Reception workshops last week. We hope these helped you to be clear about ways in which you can help your child at home. Nursery parents are invited to workshops next week.

CHILDREN IN NEED



Thanks to your donations we raised £234.29 for Children in Need on Friday 16th November. Children came to school wearing spots and Children in Need t-shirts and looked spectacular.

FLU VACCINATION REMINDER

Just a small reminder that children in Reception to Year 5, whose parents returned their consent forms, will be having their flu vaccination in school on the 30th November.

PARKING

We have been informed there will be a police presence on Temple Street due to inconsiderate parking, which is putting our children at risk. The police have also informed us that they will be issuing fines for those people parking irresponsibly. Please think carefully before parking and if at all possible walk to school.

SCHOOL VISITS

Thank you to parents who have responded to our letter regarding payment for school visits. Due to your support the Magna visit went ahead last week and was a huge success. The Early Years visit to Dear Santa is also scheduled to take place on Monday 10th December.

CASHLESS ONLINE PAYMENTS

It has been brought to our attention that payments cannot be made using American Express on Scopay. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you are having issues or require a log in code for Scopay, please contact the school office.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

If you have any concerns regarding child protection then please refer these to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss S Gardiner or the Deputy, Miss A Brown who are available before and after the school day. You can also contact the Safeguarding Governor, Mrs B Riley.

Mrs Render, the Family Mentor is available on a day to day basis if you wish to discuss your child's emotional needs or their attendance.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Thanks to the support of most of our parents, this term we have almost achieved our target of 97% attendance for the whole school.

Class attendance since September 2018 - 96.38%

EY2F	94.8%	2S	96.7%
EY2M	93.2%	3C	95.3%
1N	96.6%	4MO	98.2%
1RA	98.5%	5A	97.9%
2M	97.6%	6B	95.2%

Attendance fact: The Government regard 96% as the satisfactory attendance for a primary school pupil.



Summary of Results from the Attendance Questionnaire

Once again thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire about attendance at the beginning of term. Altogether there were 97 responses. Below is a summary of the responses. Please note that not all parents responded to every question.

	Very well	fair	Not well	no	Yes/ yes sometimes	Yes - always
How well do you think the school communicates messages about attendance?	64 (66%)	28 (29%)	3 (3%)			
Are you aware that we offer an attendance treat to children with 100% attendance across the full school year?				14 (14%)	78 (80%)	
Are you aware of the Golden Ticket Incentive?				4 (4%)	87 (90%)	
Are you aware of the termly colour coded certificates sent home to give an overview of your child's attendance percentage?				47 (48%)	50 (52%)	
Do you read information about attendance on monthly newsletters?				1 (1%)	23 (24%)	67 (69%)
Are you aware of weekly tweets about attendance on Twitter?				59 (61%)	33 (34%)	

Would you like us to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> retain the 100% attendance prize <u>OR</u> offer an incentive linked to attendance considered to be good (i.e. In line with or better than national attendance data) <u>OR</u> remove the incentive; school attendance should be good anyway 	Retain 100% attendance treat 38 (39%)	Offer treat for attendance in line with national data 40 (41%)	Do not reward attendance - it should be good without an incentive 6 (6%)
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