

# Half Acres Primary Academy

Newsletter September 2018

## WELCOME BACK

We are already four weeks into the autumn term and the children have impressed us with their positive attitudes to 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Meet The Teacher meetings. We hope you found the information shared useful. We are currently in the process of sending out a pack of consent forms and contact information so we can update our records. This year, due to GDPR, we are unable to provide the same information as we have in previous years and would ask you to take the time to complete the forms. Please let us know as soon as possible if your contact details change and need updating.

## FORTHCOMING DATES & EVENTS

### Weeks beginning 1st & 8th October

Inspire workshops for parents

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Year 3 class assembly, 9.10am

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Year 2 class assembly (Miss Stewart), 9.10am

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

Year 2 class assembly (Miss Marks), 9.10am

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Year 5 class assembly, 9.10am

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Parent consultations, 3.30-5.30pm

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Thanksgiving/Harvest Celebrations for Y1-6, 9.10am and 2.30pm

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### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Individual and family photographs

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Thanksgiving Harvest Celebration for Early Years 11.00am and 2.30pm

Please join us for these celebrations.

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

School closes for half term, 3.20pm

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

School closed for INSET

## FAMILY MENTOR

Mrs Render is our family mentor. 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.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

At Half Acres Primary Academy we take attendance and punctuality seriously and believe it is important to establish good patterns from the outset. Although we acknowledge that we receive good support from most of our families, we are aware that there are some issues that we need to resolve. The national figure for attendance at primary school last year was 96%. Unfortunately we fell well short of this at 94.8%. The Government consider any children whose attendance falls below 90% as persistently absent and consequently we will ask to meet with you at the earliest convenience if your child's attendance is causing concern in order to resolve the situation.

Good attendance is rewarded weekly with golden tickets for individual children and the attendance cup and Sam the dog for the class with the highest attendance. Each term the children in KS1 and KS2 have the chance to win a fantastic prize from the golden ticket draw and children with one hundred percent attendance enjoy a special treat at the end of the year.

**ATTENDANCE FACT:** If your child has two weeks holiday during term time and one week of illness during the school year they will miss 7.7% of their education that year. If this pattern is repeated throughout their school life they would miss 33 weeks of their education.

## MAGNA SCIENCE ADVENTURE CENTRE

Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to their visit on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The deadline for all payments is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE AND TWITTER

Copies of letters and important information can be found on our school website [www.halfacres.com](http://www.halfacres.com). We would also like to remind everyone that we have a Twitter account which is [half\\_acres](https://twitter.com/half_acres). If you would like to access Twitter we ask that you fill a permission slip first with your "Twitter name". You can get a permission form from the Office. This will help us to keep you informed of all our latest events in school.

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