



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy Friday everyone!

This week has been freezing. Thank you to the site team for working so hard to keep us as safe as possible. As a staffing team we have a number of absences and I would like to give all of our staff a 'shout out' as they relentlessly pull together and support each other to keep the school open and running as 'normally' as possible for the children.

COVID cases are the highest they have ever been in the primary school. Many classes have been significantly hit. If you can test (LFT) your children really regularly this would be much appreciated. With many local schools closing year groups Headteachers are suggesting daily testing within their community. We continue to report all cases to PHE who have checked that we are keeping the school as ventilated as possible, not holding whole school assemblies in person and limiting movement around the school (all of which we have always had in place). PCR's are still required if a person has symptoms.

Support

We are holding a small coffee morning next Wednesday 26th January between 9am and 11am to give you an opportunity to come and speak with members of the Primary Pastoral and SEND teams.

We want to hear your thoughts, feelings and ideas about what we could do that would help you as parents and care givers. Some ideas could be sharing information about behaviour management, reducing conflict, social skills, play and emotional well-being for you and your child.

After the initial meeting, we will host more regular events covering the different topics that you have requested.

In the interests of safety, it is essential that we manage numbers and if demand is very high, we may need to offer you specific timeslots.



To register intended attendance at this event it is essential that you email sendco@theacademy.me along with your name and the name of your child.

Please note, this session is for grown-ups only.

If you would prefer a telephone appointment with the team due to childcare or personal reasons, this too can be accommodated. Once again, please email the address provided above clearly indicating that a telephone conversation is preferable.

Fancy Dress Donations

We are looking for fancy dress costumes so we have spares in school for theme days and events such as World Book Day! If you have any costumes in good condition that you no longer have use for, please donate to the AVA - we are looking for all sizes from 2 years to 13 years. Donations can be handed into the Primary reception. As always we are very grateful for your support.

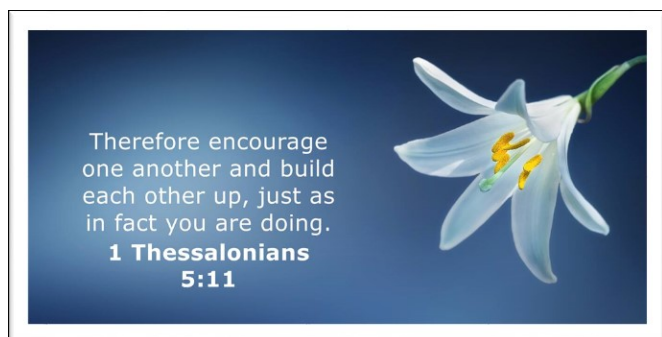
Amazon Wish List

We are often approached by parents who would like to know how they can contribute towards the school, particularly as we currently do not have a PTA to set up and run school fundraisers. As a school, we are in need of updating our classroom reading corners. Our books are looking tired and worn and we would like more books which explore the diverse world we live in. We are currently compiling an Amazon Wish List which we hope to share with you in the next couple of weeks. There will be all kinds of books on the list: fiction, non-fiction, picture books, poetry and plays. There is no expectation to purchase any of the books, but the Wish List will be sent out for those who are in a position to, and would like to. Thank you in advance.

PTA

This week I met with members of the 'pre-COVID' PTA team. Understandably, COVID impacted us all (and continues to!) in many different ways. The PTA decided to pause in March 2020 when we went into lockdown 1 as the members all needed to focus on their families and they were unable to fundraise in the 'normal' ways. We are now in a position to reconsider the position of the PTA and would love to hear from any parents who feel they could be a part of this. If you would like to find out more please email avaprimary@theacademy.me

Reflection for the Week



This week in school we have celebrated the diversity of our community and its many faiths and religions. We also enjoyed an assembly led by Miss Russell on teamwork and reciprocation.

As we end the week, we hope you can take comfort and inspiration from the words of Paul to the Thessalonians ...

Stay safe and have a great weekend.

**Kind regards
Mrs C Baughan**



HM Government



If you have any of the following symptoms:



A new, continuous cough



A high temperature



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test as soon as possible.
Stay at home until you get the result.**

Well-being Matters

The current situation is a challenge for all, and we appreciate our students may find the uncertainty of the pandemic difficult. The safeguarding team are always here to support our students and we can be reached directly using the following email address: safeguarding@theacademy.me

There are several charities who can support your child if you are concerned about their mental health, these are listed below:



Kooth - online counselling for young people

www.kooth.com



Every Mind Matters

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



Mind

www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing



Mental Health Foundation

<https://mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

***Thank you for everything you are doing at this difficult time in support the children at the
Aylesbury Vale Academy.***