



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 19

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we did our termly Lockdown drill. As always, we let the children know what we were doing and made the drill as calm as possible. The children understand that we may need to stay in the building at points to keep us all safe. We use the example of staying inside whilst we count and remove the foxes (that often visit the playground) from the site. As always, the children and staff were amazing. We hope that we never have to use this process in a 'real' situation but are confident that we all know how to carry it out safely and effectively.

What a busy week we have had with lots of visitors in looking at our provision and feeding back on anything we can improve on. We continue to push ourselves and our children to achieve the best that they can and this was particularly evident in the feedback this week about our English provision. The children were amazing and a huge thank you to all the staff involved it was a great team effort.

Eagles class will start swimming on the 26th February. The payment request for this is live on our system and a letter will be going out shortly with all the information that you need.

The World Book Day payment is still live on the system for the Westend in Schools workshop. We are really excited about this especially as it is for the whole school and hope that we can get all the funds in so that it can go ahead. Please contribute via your school gateway app.

The next sports factor sessions are ready to book for Years 1&2. All the current clubs continue after half term.

There are no clubs next week due to parents evening.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Parents Evening is live to book on the School Cloud booking system for the 6th or the 8th February.

<https://aylesburyvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Bookings close on the 4th February at 6pm after which you will be unable to book an appointment and any updates for your child will be done via email.

When we return on Tuesday 20th February we will have our 'Open Classroom' event for Years R-6 (from 3.30pm-4.30pm) in which you can visit your child's learning environment and look at their work with them.

Advanced Notice - Scholastic Book Fair – Saturday 23rd March 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Scholastic Book Fair for this academic year back in November. As always, your support at these fairs earn the school Scholastic rewards which allows us to further enhance the literary provision throughout the Primary Phase.

Our next book fair is on Saturday 23rd March 2024. It will run from 9:30am until 12:30pm. More details will follow in the coming weeks.



Preschool

We are currently looking at our applications for Preschool places for September 2024. If you haven't already applied please do so via the form on our website.

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If you have any initial concerns regarding your child, please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/CD1CHTscFR>

Reflection

Time to Talk Day 2024 took place this week on Thursday 1st February 2024

What is 'Time to talk Day'?

Time to Talk Day is an annual awareness day held at the beginning of February. It is run by the charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, in partnership with the Co-op. It aims to promote a national conversation about mental health. Talking about mental health isn't always easy and sometimes it's even harder to say how you really feel. But a conversation has the power to change lives

Happening every year, Time to Talk Day is a day for friends, families, and communities to come together to talk, listen and change lives. The more conversations we have, the better life is for everyone.



As we end the week, we invite our AVA community to pray for those who need to talk and for strength to support each other in times of need.

A prayer for help in times of need...

Loving and compassionate God

Calm our minds and anchor our thoughts from endless drift.

Pull us into your harbour, safe from the ebb and flow of the tides of life that leave us dizzy and all at sea.

Help us gather up our feelings, sift our memories, and attend to the cracks in our lives.

Rebuild in us the strength to sail into life, strong, fully prepared and restored in you.

Amen

I wish you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan



For all of our latest news, to keep up to speed with events, for sharing 'wow' moments, and to stay 'in the loop,' follow us on social media. We have 3 platforms- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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