



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 16

12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we finish our first full week of 2024, I have taken a minute to think how lucky we are here at AVA. We have such a lovely community and supportive families I think this time of year enables us to reflect and be grateful. Miss Russell led our assembly on this on Monday and it has been in my mind all week.

We have welcomed new children into our Preschool (and their families), we hope you will all be very happy here. Please remember the portal for applying for a space in Reception for September 2024 closes on Monday 15th January 2024. Please do not forget to do this if your child is eligible.

If you need someone different to collect your child from school, it is essential that you have updated us here (via the Primary admin/reception team). We will not release children if we haven't had the correct confirmation. This includes for play dates.



Parking continues to be an issue and sadly before Christmas one of our children was hit by a car. Please do not park dangerously, illegally or on the grass opposite the school. Many residents have rung to complain and have reported the parking to the authorities. We support our neighbours and want to ensure that all children are safe when coming to and leaving school each day.

YDP football clubs start on Tuesday. All bookings and payments are made via their website:

www.ydpoxford.co.uk

There are 4 clubs running this term (Tuesday, Goalkeeping 4pm-5pm. Wednesday Yr4,5,6 3.15pm-4.15pm. Thursday Yr1,2,3, 3.15pm-4.15pm and Friday (Girls) 3.15pm-4.15pm).



Mrs Clark will be away from school from January 22nd as she is booked in for planned surgery. The Preschool team and Mrs Nicholls will hold the fort in her absence. We are sending Mrs Clark all our love and well wishes.

This half term is really short and we have a lot to squeeze in. This includes parents evenings on 6th and 8th February. We will ask you to book via Schools Cloud as normal and the meetings will be in school.



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.

Attendance and punctuality continue to be an important focus for us at the AVA. With this in mind, we are delighted to inform you that our Autumn Term attendance was once again above National Average. The Autumn Term National Average for Primary schools was 94.7%. AVA's Autumn term attendance was a fantastic 95.3%! We continually strive to keep attendance above 95%, so this is an excellent achievement! As well as this, a staggering 103 pupils maintained 100% attendance through the whole of the Autumn Term! We are so proud of our attendance rate, and we would like to thank you all for your support in this area. We look forward to seeing even more success as we move into the Spring Term!

PE Uniform

A reminder that children should come into school in PE uniform on their PE days. The PE kit consists of PE T-Shirt with the *Academy logo*, navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a navy blue sweatshirt, cardigan, fleece or hoodie. This should not include branded items, football kits or brightly coloured clothes.

Falcons Swimming

A reminder that children are focusing on drowning prevention on Monday and will need to bring a spare set of clothes- shorts and t-shirt.

Applications for primary school places

Deadline 15th January 2024.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/submit-your-school-preferences/>

Key Stage 2 Author Visit – Friday 19th January 2024

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that on Friday 19th January 2024, Key Stage 2 (Years 4, 5 & 6) will be welcoming author Pari Thomson into school to talk about her new book, 'Greenwild'.

If you would like to order a copy of the book to be signed on the day, you can do so by following this link:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/greenwild-the-world-behind-the-door/>

This visit has been organised through our links with 'OUR BOOKSHOP' in Tring. By ordering the book using the link above, you will receive a discount, whilst also supporting this fantastic bookshop!

Advanced Notice – World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

The AVA Primary Phase will be celebrating World Book Day for the whole of the week beginning Monday 4th March! As a school, our focus for this week will be Jack and the Beanstalk.

We are overjoyed to announce that West End in Schools will be coming in on both Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March to run drama workshops to all classes from Reception through to Year 6 – these workshops will explore this traditional tale in many different ways.

A payment of £3.70 has been set up on School Gateway. To run workshops to the whole school comes at a substantial cost and they can only go ahead if we can raise the funds. Payment can be made from now until Friday 1st March 2024. There is also a voluntary payment option if you are able to contribute any more towards this amazing experience.

More details regarding World Book Day will follow in the coming weeks.

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.

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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



I wish you a lovely weekend, keep warm!

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan



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