



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 6

6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we welcomed potential new families to our open morning event. It is always really lovely to be able to show people around our wonderful school and as always we received extremely positive feedback regarding how happy and welcoming both children and staff were.

Mrs Baughan would like to send her sincere thanks to everyone who has sent their well wishes. As you know Mrs Baughan has been in hospital for planned surgery. We are very happy to report that she is out of hospital and recovering at home. We all send her our love and wish her a very speedy recovery.

We have been contacted by the staff at Berrycroft Surgery. They are very concerned that there are parents using the carpark to collect and drop off their children. On several occasions, the carpark and road leading up the surgery have been gridlocked and would have stopped an emergency vehicle from accessing the site. We understand that parking is difficult in and around the school but please ask everyone to be mindful of where you park, the impact it has on the community and the access required around the school and other public places for emergency vehicles that need clear access.

Our Year 6 will receive their transfer tests results next week, you should all have received a link on how to register with the portal to log on and view the results. If you haven't registered, please contact the school office who will be able to help.

We are very proud of our school building and feel very lucky to have such extensive facilities. We have noticed before and after school a few children are running through the carpark in and out of the cars and jumping onto the scooter shed. A few of the fence panels from the area around the scooter park have come off. In order to keep everyone safe please can we ask that you support us by speaking to your children about how to be safe in and around carparks. If you have a child that walks to school by themselves, please ensure that they understand the importance of respecting the school environment. We rely on our older students, both Primary and Secondary, to be role models and demonstrate The AVA way to all those in our school community.

Holiday Camp

YDP will be offering a half term holiday camp in school from Tuesday-Thursday in October half term. This will be a multi-sport, arts, crafts and bouncy/inflatable camp. This will be based in the Primary Hall and Playground to cater for all weathers!

Excellent daily rates. Please visit the YDP Oxford website for more information and to book.



Key Stage 1 - Author Visit

Years 1 and 2 welcomed author Paula Harrison into school on Thursday. Paula talked about her new book, 'Kitty and the Snowball Bandit', what inspired the 'Kitty' series, and what life was like as an author. She also created a new animal superhero with the children... Koala Boy! The children had a fantastic morning and asked wonderful and insightful questions during the Q&A session. They were an absolute credit to our school, displaying The AVA Way throughout the session; Paula commented on their wonderful engagement and behaviour at the end of the event as well. Well done, Key Stage 1 - as always, you made us very proud!



Key Stage 2 Author Visit - REMINDER

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that on Thursday 19th October 2023, Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4 & 5) will be welcoming author and TV presenter Matt Brown into school to talk about his new book, 'Kevin the Vampire'.

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/kevin-the-vampire-a-most-mysterious-monster/>

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!

The signed books will be given to your child on the day.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT 'OUR BOOKSHOP' - Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

School Photos

School Photos and Sibling Photos are now on FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER.

If you would like your child to have a sibling photograph, please complete the sibling form, the link can be found below. If you do not complete the form, it will be assumed that you do not want a sibling photo.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsN4kVFab6KxPuyAzXmmVJelUMehQUzIRWJExMTZIV0xHWEpTQk9DRkFaTS4u

Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, the School Parliament at AVA Primary are asking for donations to support those in need during these difficult times. The following two groups of items are those most desired:

Food: sugar, flour, tinned vegetables and meat, pasta, dried rice, noodles, breakfast cereals, sauce jars, baby food, biscuits, crisps, crackers, jams, and spreads.

Toiletries: soap, shower gel, disposable nappies, toothpaste, toilet rolls, shampoo, and deodorant.

The closing date for sending in donations is **Friday 13th October 2023**, on the following Monday the items will be picked up by representatives of the Roman Park Community Trust Foodbank. Last year the Primary School alone collected over 1,200 items. With your help, we hope to match or even beat this amazing total this year.

Many thanks,
The School Parliament



Parents Evening

We have Parents evenings on the following dates this term;

Tuesday 10th Oct - (virtually via school cloud) Year 5&6

BOOKINGS FOR THIS HAVE NOW CLOSED

Tuesday 17th Oct - Reception-Yr 4, 3.30pm- 6.00pm

Thursday 19th Oct- Reception-Yr 4, 3.30pm-6.00pm

This booking closes on 15th October at 6pm

We are unable to provide appointments outside of these sessions, if you are unable to make any of the sessions, please email the school office and they will get an email update sent to you.

Open classrooms

Open classrooms will be Tuesday 31st October from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This is an opportunity to see your child's classroom, books/work and the staff that work with your child.

Scholastic Book Fairs – Diary Dates

We are excited to be teaming up with Scholastic again this year to run three book fairs throughout the year. These will be held in the Primary Hall from 9am to 12pm. The dates for these are:

- Saturday 18th November 2023
- Saturday 23rd March 2024
- Saturday 22nd June 2024

More information about each of these fairs will be sent out in due course.

Reflection

HARVEST PRAYER

- I wonder what food we are thankful and '**CHEERful**' for?
- I wonder if we've ever '**CRAVED**' and wanted more than we need?
- I wonder how, like Boaz in the story, we can be '**READY**' to help those who have less than us?
- I wonder how we can thank our '**SPECIAL King**' for his generous harvest?



Roman Park Community Trust

This week across the academy we have been celebrating and giving thanks to God for Harvest. As we end the week, we would like to invite our community to share in Rev. Lane's Primary Phase reflection. Remember we are still collection for Roman Park Community Trust Food Bank

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs S O'Neill

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If you have any initial concerns regarding your child please complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/CD1CHTscFR>

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.



Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theaylesburyvaleacademyprimary>



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/avaprimary?s=09>



Instagram: <https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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