



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 13

### 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The cold weather has truly set in this week with frosty mornings, please ensure that you send your child in with coats and hats so that they can enjoy the outside areas as well.

I think our Turtles and Dolphins were grateful to be able to wear their cozy PJs and Onesies to school on Tuesday. They had a day of storytelling with the theme of 'bedtime stories'. We took onboard comments from previous years and moved this to a daytime event to ensure that all children could enjoy it.

Father Christmas visited our Year 2 classrooms this week. We suspect it was whilst we were all at home tucked up in bed! He left footprints, magic dust and treasure (as well as a bit of a mess!!!) throughout the school. This caused much excitement and helped with lots of creative writing... including Christmas letters. Thank you to the Year 2 team (and our cleaners!!).

It is that time of year when we get lots of colds/coughs and bugs going round. Children can attend school with colds and coughs but will be sent home for temperatures and for any sickness and diarrhoea they need to be at home for 48hrs from the last bout of sickness.

Thank you so much for your donations to the Poppy Appeal we raised just over £670.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children**

With our Christmas jumper day fast approaching if you have any preloved jumpers that you no longer need please consider donating them to us to help children who do not have a Christmas jumper. Please drop them to the school office.

On Thursday 7th December children can wear a Christmas jumper (or top/dress) with their school uniform (or PE kit) in exchange for a donation of £1 for Save the Children. We have a just giving link for donations: [AVA Primary - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

#### **Christmas Closure**

We close our doors for Christmas this year on 18<sup>th</sup> December for Pre School and from 12 noon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for Years R-6.

The timings are as follows:

Reception - 12.00noon

Year 1&2 - 12.10pm

Year 3-6 -12.20pm

Lunch is early on the 19<sup>th</sup> December please ensure that if your child has a packed lunch they bring it with them when they arrive in the morning.

***Return to school for all children on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.***

# Christmas Dates

4th December – Choir- singing in the community (during the school day, no parents)

6th December – Choir- singing in the community (during the school day, no parents)

7th December- Choir- singing in the community (during the school day, no parents)

7th December- Christingle 9am (Year 3 parents)

7th December- Christingle 10am (Year 4 parents)

7th December- Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)

9th December- Choir - Singing at Fairford Leys 'Christmas in the Square' from 3.45pm

11th December – Year 1 / 2 dress rehearsal to the Primary School

11th December - Reception dress rehearsal to the Primary School

12th December- Year 1 / 2 Nativity 9:30am (Parents/family)

12th December - Reception Production 2pm (Parents/family)

13th December – Reception Production 9:30 (Parents/family)

13th December - Year 1 / 2 Nativity 2pm (Parents/family)

13th December- Carol Concert - Year 5/6 in the Secondary hall 6pm (Parents/family)

14th December – Year 1 / 2 Nativity 9:30am (Parents/family)

14th December- Christmas lunch day (must be pre booked)

15th December - Preschool sing-along AM 10.30 - 11.00

PM 2.00-2.30pm

18th December - Preschool Christmas Party – attends normal session and wear party clothes

19th December - Preschool Parent Consultations



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## Applications for primary school places

The portal for Reception applications for Sept 2024 is now open. All our Reception places are managed by Buckinghamshire Council and you will need to apply directly to them via their portal please find the link below. Please note that our Preschool children **do not** automatically get a place in Reception, we are not a feeder Preschool.

**Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

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

**Primary School**  
*applications*



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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

Christian churches will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. This represents the start of preparations to celebrate the birth of Christ and begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Traditionally churches light a candle for each Sunday in advent and a final central candle on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This weekend we invite you to join us in a reflection for this special time.

## The First Week of Advent Represents: HOPE

During the first week of Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who spoke of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2*

Candle Name: The Prophecy Candle

### **Advent Wreath Prayer:**

*As we light the candle on the Advent wreath, may we feel the light of God's presence as we pray...*

*Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.*

*This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth this Christmas. Amen.*

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Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes.

**Mrs C Baughan**



School & College Member

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