



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

RESPECT | ASPIRATION | RESILIENCE

PARENT BULLETIN 4

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wet week that surprised us all! Autumn is well and truly here. All children should now have a coat with a hood in school as well as suitable footwear. We know how quickly the weather can change throughout the day so please send coats in with children even if it is sunny in the morning.

We are starting to collect food products ahead of our Harvest Festival. We are supporting the food bank at Roman Park - which supports many of our families weekly. If you can help this worthy cause, please send produce into school with your children. We are particularly looking to collect tinned foods, dry foods such as pasta and rice, cosmetics (shower gel, toothpaste etc) and baby products. In these difficult times we understand how tough things are, so any help would be greatly appreciated.

Our clubs started this week. All school run clubs are full, however YDP football clubs have kindly opened up more spaces due to running waiting lists. If you wish to book please use their website:
<https://www.ydpoxford.co.uk/book-a-course>

Open Evening

A reminder that we close early on Thursday 28th September for our annual open evening for new families looking for a space at the school. Please do not attend unless you are looking for a preschool or reception space. We have limited space and want to ensure we can accommodate those looking for a school setting. Preschool will remain closed all day on 28th September.

Breakfast club will run as normal for Reception - Year 6 children but there will be NO after school provision including football club.

Timings for collection:

Preschool - closed ALL DAY

Reception - 1.00pm (playground gates)

Year 1- 1.10pm (playground gates)

Year 2- 1.10pm (playground gates)

Year 3 -1.20pm (playground gates)

Year 4 -1.20pm (playground gates)

Year 5 -1.20pm (front of school)

Year 6 -1.20pm (front of school)

Parents Evening

We have parents evenings on the following dates this term;

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

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

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

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.

Key Stage 1 Author Visit

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that on Thursday 5th October 2023, Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) will be welcoming author Paula Harrison into school to talk about her new book, 'Kitty and the Snowball Bandit'.

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/kitty-and-the-snowball-bandit/>

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!

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.

New Reading Books

Last year at the AVA, we invested a significant amount of money to re-vamp our banded reading at home books. These books are matched to our Read Write Inc Phonics programme, meaning children are bringing home high-quality books that they are able to decode and ensures that they are practising the sounds that have been taught in their daily Phonics sessions.

For our older children, the books are high quality and diverse, exploring both fiction and non-fiction. They provide suitable challenge, whilst allowing children to develop their reading fluency.

Caring for these books: Please ensure your child looks after these books. They should not tear or crease the pages, bend the spines back or deface the pages by drawing or writing on them and - most important of all - keep books away from leaking water bottles. A lot of time and money has been spent providing these top-quality books and we need your support to ensure that every child is able to benefit in the long term.

Damaged books: So that we can continue to provide children with high quality reading at home books, there will now be a £3 charge for any damaged books that are returned to us. All books are checked over by the class teacher before being changed, so we can monitor this closely.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. We want to ensure all children continue to get the best resources in order to support a key part of their education and learning.

School Photos

We have school photos booked for individuals and siblings on Friday 6th October in school.

There will be NO PE on this day and children should attend school in full school uniform this must include a jumper or cardigan.

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.

This closes on Monday 2nd October at 9am

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsN4kVFab6KxPuyAzXmmVJelUMehQUzIRWjExMTZIV0xHWEpTQk9DRkFaTS4u

We understand that the start of the year can be really tricky for some children (and adults). Many of our children have settled back into the school routine well but understandably some are finding things challenging at times. There are lots of transitions as children move through their schooling and we see changes at the beginning of every new year in September. These can involve starting school, moving into Year 1, moving upstairs, joining Year 6 to name but a few. We endeavour to support all children at the different points and really appreciate the support we get from home too. As October approaches the nights draw in and the children become tired, we have lots of fun events happening in school as well as at home. Please continue to work with us and keep talking with us on how we can best support your child.

Lost Property

A little boy has lost a little grey elephant comforter when he was dropping off his big brother to school, if anyone has found it or picked it up, please can you return it to the school office so we can reunite it with the little boy who is desperate for it.

Medical

Please can we remind all parents that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they must not come into school for 48hrs from the last instance even if they are feeling well in themselves. This is to ensure that we minimise the risk of transmission of viruses and bugs to our most vulnerable not only in school but also to our wider community.

**Kind regards,
Mrs C Baughan**

SEN

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=>

Any questions, please contact avaprimary@theacademy.me FAO: Mrs Clark