



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 15

15th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been truly magical. Every day this week we have had a Christmas performance. It is always so lovely to see so many smiling faces and happy tears. Thank you to everyone who has joined us and been so kind. I am sure you will understand that organising over 500 children and keeping everyone safe is a big job. It is really important that we are polite and respectful to each other, we understand how difficult this time of year can be for some people and I urge you to check on friends, family and neighbours over the next few weeks.

Christmas dinner yesterday was a huge success. A big THANK YOU to Harrisons catering team for cooking such an amazing meal for us all. We even had some special guests.....



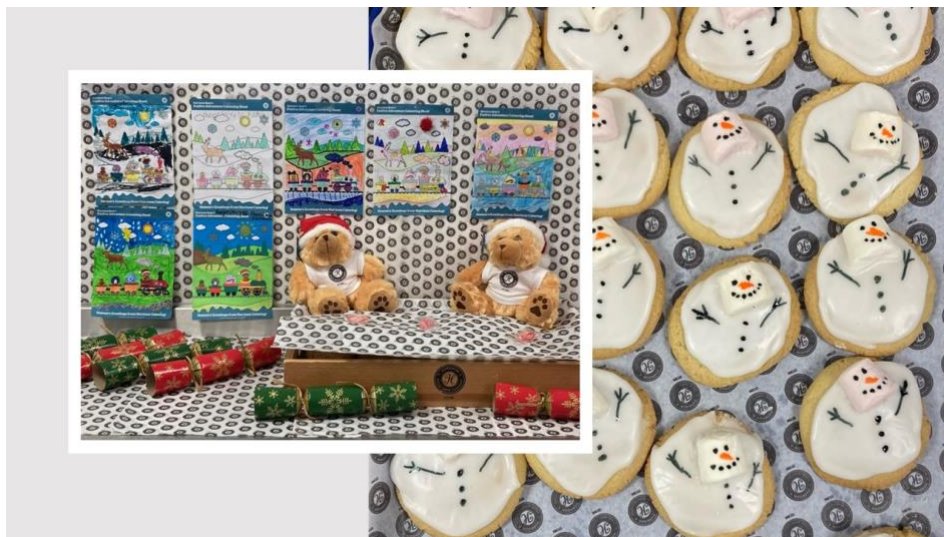
Today the Year 5 children had a Science day. There were lots of different experiments, use of exciting equipment and new methods to try. Thank you, Miss Mclean, for organising this.

There is NO swimming, nor clubs on Monday. The Falcons will continue with their swimming lessons for the first half term in January. The Eagles will have their swimming lessons from after February half term.

Please can we remind parents, parking at Berrycroft Medical Centre is reserved strictly for patients and staff of the medical centre. Unauthorised parking in this area can cause the car park and access road to become gridlocked, preventing patients and emergency vehicles accessing the medical centre. Please continue to be considerate of those in the local community when dropping off or collecting your children.

The winners of the Harrison Bear colouring competition are:

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| Year R | Irisa | Year 4 | Arabella |
| Year 1 | Harley | Year 5 | Hollie |
| Year 2 | Elisse | Year 6 | Angelika |
| Year 3 | Maja | | |



As this is the last weekly update of 2023 I would like to take a moment to reflect upon the year. 2023 has seen much happiness at AVA, we have welcomed new children and families, run amazing events and clubs, raised a huge amount of money for charities and supported members of the community. None of this would have been possible without our staff, governors and you. Thank you all for making this a warm and exciting place to be each day. I wish you all a safe, peaceful and happy time over the Christmas holidays, please do not put too much pressure on yourself. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday 5th January 2024.

Christmas Closure

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

The timings are as follows:

Reception - 12.00 noon

Year 1&2 - 12.10pm

Year 3-6 -12.20pm



Lunch is early on the 19th 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 5th January.

Applications for primary school places

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 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/>

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

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

One of our lovely parents has offered to help us fund raise for events at the school.
The flyer attached has all of the details needed or order some lovely gifts.



Reflection

Weekly Reflection for Advent...

The Third Week of Advent Represents: Joy

During the third week of Advent, we are reminded how those present were filled with joy at the arrival of Jesus. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" (the Latin word for "rejoice".) as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2:20

Advent Wreath Prayer:

Candle Name: The Shepherd's Candle

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

*Help us focus on Joy during this busy season.
May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to worship you
Amen.*



...and to share joy with you we are including a link to a super version of 'Joy To The World' shared by Mrs Zucchi as part of the Primary Phase Assembly this week. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXAWz1jwCow>

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

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

Sunday 17th December 3-5pm Berryfields Green

Berryfields Carols

With AVA Band, Greenridge & AVA Primary Choirs



Candy Store ★ Nativity Activities

Decoration Making ★ Christmas Games & Crafts

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine ★ Free Glow Sticks

All activities are free just pay for refreshments



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