



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 20 9th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we close the doors until Tuesday 20th February on what has been a short but extremely busy half term- the next half term is equally short! It is always strange coming to school and leaving school in the dark but with the new half term should come lighter times.



On Monday we were treated to a very special assembly celebrating Chinese New Year (the year of the Dragon). We learnt lots about the traditions and the importance of the colour red. We also had a musical treat from one of our children.

To everyone in our community who is celebrating we wish you a blessed time and Happy New Year.

This week we have focused on Internet Safety in school and yesterday all of our assemblies were based on the Safer Internet Day awareness tools. In an ever-changing digital world where children are more technologically gifted than (most) adults it is important to keep reiterating the importance of how to keep safe online. Please continue the work we are doing at home by speaking with your children about the risks and positives of being active online.

Yesterday Reception class received a visit from the local Fire and Rescue Service. A huge thank you to the wonderful team who came out to see them and show them all the operations of a fire engine.

Yesterday we welcomed a team of people from the SEND provision at Buckinghamshire Council into school. It is important for us to show the world what amazing children and adults we have here at the school. Many of which overcome huge obstacles and barriers every day. At AVA we celebrate everyone no matter what their story is. I continue to be hugely proud of our inclusive community and kind children.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers/families who attended parent's evenings this week. We have enjoyed seeing you all and being able to celebrate the many achievements of your children. Please remember that we have our 'Open Classrooms' from 3.30pm-4.30pm on Tuesday 20th February. This is always a well-attended event and opportunity for your child to show you their work and classroom.

Swimming

Swimming for Eagles class will start after half term on the 26th February. The payment request is live for Year 4 please log in and make your payment as well as completing the consent form via the link in the letter.

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment clubs will begin again w/c 26th February, there are no changes from before half term, the clubs just continue as they are.

Wrap Around

The wrap around team have an emergency mobile number that they can be contacted on after 5pm.

Please note that this is for emergencies only for children who are to be collected at 6pm.

We will not pick up text messages, call out from the number or reply from this phone it is purely to get hold of the staff if you are unable to make the 6pm collection for emergency reasons when the school office is not manned.

Please note that any late collections do still incur a late collection fee.

The mobile number is 07895 506310 and will be kept in the school office until wrap around starts.

Parking

Please can we ask that you do not park across the entrance to the car park. Staff who are coming to work need to have access to the car park.

World Book Day

Letters went out yesterday regarding World Book Day and the Westend in Schools coming in. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We appreciate that it can be difficult for some families, but we must let you all know that we are a far way off being able to run this please can we encourage all parents to make a payment to allow for the event to go ahead. If we will need to cancel this the payments made already will be refunded.

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.



Preschool

We are currently looking at our applications for Preschool places for September 2024. If you haven't already applied please do so via the form on our website.

SEN

If you have any initial concerns regarding your child, please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/CD1CHTscFR>

Reflection

This week our AVA community joined with friends near and far who are celebrating Chinese New Year. As we end the week, we invite you to join us in a Prayer for the Lunar New Year.

Dear God, we thank you for the rich variety of cultures that create our community. We give thanks for the Lunar New Year and a chance for a fresh start and a new beginning. This week we pray for our AVA family celebrating Chinese New Year. We pray for peace happiness and fulfilment in the Year of the Dragon.
Amen



I would like to thank the staff for their resilience and support this term (and always). The school has been hit with many illnesses and bugs and staff have been needed to go even further above and beyond their 'normal' requirements. I say it all the time, but we are extremely lucky to have such an amazing team of grown ups here who all want the very best for our children and their colleagues. I hope they all get a well deserved rest next week.

I hope that you have a lovely half term break and are able to use the time to make lots of memories with your friends and families. Please stay safe and look after one another.

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

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