



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 5

29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week as flown by.

We really enjoyed opening the whole academy up last night for our Open Evening. It was lovely to welcome so many visitors to the school and to show them all that we have to offer here. Our first Open Morning for new families in Tuesday 3rd October. We look forward to being able to show the school in full swing.

School Photos

Sadly, the company that we used for our school photos have contacted us to rearrange the planned photos for individuals and siblings. This is NO LONGER the 6th October, it is now FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER. This means that the PE lessons will take place next Friday but NOT on the new photo day. We apologise for this but sadly it is out of our control.

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_VtsN4kVFab6KxPuyAzXmmVJelIUMehQUzIRWJExMTZIV0xHWEpTQk9DRkFaTS4u

Harvest Festival

I have shared this with many of you already but I will be having planned surgery next week and will therefore be out of school for a short while to recover. Mrs O'Neill and the team will remain in school, and it will be safe in their hands. I look forward to hearing what I have missed and getting back to normal soon. 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

Voluntary contribution

We have lots of planned activities and trips this year across all year groups. We understand that for some of our families, extra commitments to payments can be difficult. We hope that all the trips will go ahead but as we know from last year this may not happen if we can't raise the funds to pay for it. I know just how generous some of our families can be and many have been so kind in the past at supporting the families in our community to allow all the children to gain from these trips. With this in mind, we have set up a voluntary contribution payment option which will be open all year to try to support the trips and activities that we have.

Thank you so much from all of the staff for anything that anyone is able to give it does make a huge difference to the lives of so many of our children.



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

The booking system is live please can we ask that all parents book an appointment to see their child's teacher. 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.

Key Stage 1 Author Visit - REMINDER

Next week, we have the wonderful author, Paula Harrison visiting Years 1 and 2. She is coming to discuss her new book, 'Kitty and the Snowball Bandit'. This is your last call to order a signed copy of the book for your children.

IMPORTANT – Parents, please order a book from Our Bookshop- click below:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/kitty-and-the-snowball-bandit/>

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.

Key Stage 2 Author Visit

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!

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

This week in school we began preparations for Harvest, and donations are already appearing for Roman Park food bank. As we end the week, we invite our community to reflect on the gift of harvest and think of those we can support in times of need.

Dear God,
 Each season bring us something new to see and enjoy.
 With sunny days and rainy days, the crops have grown larger and are ready to harvest.
 Thank you for the food we have to eat.
 Help us to remember those who may not have enough.
 Help us to be kind to others in thought, word and deed.
 Amen



**Kind regards,
 Mrs C Baughan**

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

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

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