



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 1

### 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and we are able to make amazing memories with those closest to you.

This week we will open our doors tomorrow to Year 1&2 and then on Wednesday Years 3,4,5 &6 will join them.

We will start seeing our new Reception children from Thursday onwards.

Tomorrow the new children in Year 2 will join us for their first full day. We hope they (and their families) will be very happy here as part of our AVA family.

Although it feels like a long time ago, we would like to thank everyone who thanked us, wrote cards, emails, gave us gifts and took time out to see us at the end of last year. It is always a whirl wind and so very busy, but your kindness means the world so thank you.

September always means the Secondary Transfer Tests (11+) for our Year 6 children. These fall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September this year. Just to remind parents that these tests are optional and if you don't want your child to sit the tests you must write to me (email is fine) and let me know.

We will be starting after school enrichment clubs the week of 18th September. The bookings will open on school gateway next week. Please remember these clubs fill up quickly and once at capacity you will not be able to book, transfer or pay for a club. We try to keep the running costs of these clubs as low as possible to enable families to book these for their children. Therefore, no school run clubs are refundable or transferrable. Thank you to the staff who run these for us.

You may be aware that Mrs Jefford is now the Vice Principal (mainly based in the Secondary phase). Due to her promotion, we are excited to let you know that Ms Granville will be looking after SEND with Mrs Doherty on the Primary side of AVA.

If you have not booked a hot meal for your child this week please send them in with a packed lunch as we will not be cooking additional meals for children. If there is a padlock on the School Gateway menu then this means you are too late to book the meal.

Wrap around care is open for bookings, please can we remind all parents that you must book your wrap around care prior to the day that it is required. If you do not book your care there will be an additional charge added to your account, similar to the non-collection charges when children are not collected in time.

As always, our Year 4 children will be swimming this year. We ask parents to contribute towards the cost of the coach - the payment portal will open on School Gateway shortly so please keep an eye out. The swimming lessons will start after the October half term.

Phase Newsletters will follow shortly which will give more detail of what is needed in each year group and the PE days when children need to come into school in PE kit.

Due to the hot weather the children are able to wear their summer uniform up until October half term. Can we please remind all parents to supply children with a water bottle and sun hat in these weather conditions and please ensure that suncream is applied before school.

All children are to be in school uniform this week, PE kit is not required this week.

We are looking forward to another fun filled and successful year here at AVA Primary. We cannot wait to create more memories and share new experiences with the children.

Thank you for your on-going support.

**Kind regards,  
Mrs C Baughan**

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