



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 7

11th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

There are lots of national events happening at the moment and in school we have mainly focused on two this week. We have paid particular attention to World Mental Health Day yesterday with all the activities and assembly focusing on this. We undertook work around positive interactions, looking after each other, being kind and prioritising well-being. We are also in our second week of Black History Month. This is a topic that we study across the school (with Year 5 having this as a term long topic). These subjects hold a special place in our hearts, and we ensure that they are covered, with the time and dignity they deserve.

Many of our Year 6 children will receive their secondary transfer test (11+) scores today. If you would like to discuss these, please contact me via school office on Monday. Well done to all of our Year 6's as we know that this time can be a tricky one for many, the children continue to make us proud in all that they do. As we say to them regularly in school these tests really don't define them and every single one of them has their own special qualities.

For the first time (in a very long time) we took part yesterday in a Year 5&6 football match. Our team played against Quainton School at home on our Astroturf. Mr O'Leary (who thinks he has a new career in football management) led the team to fantastic victory of 5-2. The children that represented the school not only played superbly but showed great sportsmanship towards each other and the opposition. We have many fixtures booked in many different sports over the course of the year and hope lots of children will enjoy these, get involved and represent the school.



This week we had our two last open events of the year. Both were well attended and as always it was an absolute pleasure to be able to show our school off to the wider community, who may not have visited before. As always, our children were impeccable with our visitors seeing a range of activities from different lessons to playtime with some even seeing assessments! It is always so heart-warming when visitors who do not know us comment on our warm, friendly and positive attitudes and environment.

With the weather being so up and down, we need to be prepared for every eventuality. Please do not assume that when you send your children to school in the morning it is going to be a fine day. The weather seems to change by the minute. We have the feeling that this winter may well be a tricky one with heavy rain this week, thick fog in the mornings and winds approaching from other areas of the world. We need to do our best to prepare each morning for the day ahead.

Reverend Lane joined our Year 3 children in school on Tuesday to help them with their current project in which they are studying Christianity. It was lovely to see so many children so confidently joining in, asking answer questions and really showing an interest in their studies.

Parental SEND Concerns

If you have a concern about your child that you believe may indicate a learning difficulty, please use the following link to advise us of your concerns:

Primary

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRTg1UIIUUVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C

Once received we will draw together all information that we currently hold about your child before contacting you to discuss your concerns further and consider next steps with both you and your child.

The following link provides advice from the local authority in relation to health, education and social care services which you may find useful.

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/advice.page?id=R3-OVEzt5tw>

The links provided can also be found on our website and we can be contacted directly via SENDCo@theacademy.me with any queries or concerns you may have.

Scholastic Book Fair

Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair & Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

On Saturday 16th November 2024, we will be holding our first Scholastic Book Fair! It will run between 9:00am and 12:00pm in our Primary Hall and is a perfect time to buy some Christmas presents!

Whilst we run the book fair, we will also be selling our pre-loved uniform items – all items available will include the AVA logo.

Scholastic Book Fair – card only

Pre-loved Uniform – cash only (donations)

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Harvest

We have pledged to support the local Roman Park Community Trust Foodbank.

We would be grateful if your child could bring in any of the following, to help with our collection for this worthwhile cause.

- Tinned soup, meat, veg
- Sugar/flour
- Snacks like crisps, biscuits or crackers
- Cereal Packets
- Sauce Jars
- Stir in Sauces (eg: Chicken, tomato to add to pasta)
- Baby/Toddler food
- Jams and spreads
- Dried Rice/Pasta/Noodles
- Toiletries such as deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, etc.
- Toilet Rolls

Unfortunately, the foodbank is not able to store fresh or chilled items. Small packets and tins are preferred, if possible.

Primary children should bring their donations to their classroom

Many thanks in advance for anything you can give and **Thank You** to everyone who has donated food and produce to the school so far. The first week has been a success and we will continue to collect in school over the next few weeks.

Upcoming Author Visit – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Hannah Gold is coming into school on Wednesday 16th October to speak to our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils. The multi-award-winning bestselling author, Hannah Gold is coming to our school to talk about her exciting new book TURTLE MOON, the thrilling new illustrated animal adventure for kids. Hannah's first book, 'The Last Bear', was Blue Peter Children's Book of the Year and Waterstones Children's Book of the Year, and since then she has written 'The Lost Whale' and 'Finding Bear'.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP: Parents, you need to order the book from Our Bookshop- click below:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/turtle-moon-a-thrilling-new-illustrated-animal-adventure-for-kids-from-the-sunday-times-bestselling-author-of-the-last-bear/>

The signed books will be given to your child on the day which is always very exciting for them. 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.

Insets

We have an Inset day (25th Oct) for the whole school and Preschool. We will not be taking phone calls or responding to emails during this period or over the half term.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October. This is a face-to-face meeting with the class teacher and is booked via the School Cloud system.

Reflection

This week, across the Academy, both staff and students took time to reflect for World Mental Health Day. As we end the week, we invite our wider community to join us in a prayer for strength as we support those in need...

A prayer for World Mental Health Day

Holy and loving God,

May the grace that says "we are not alone" encourage us.

May the mercy that says "we are enough" comfort us.

May the love that says "we are loved" embrace us this day and every day;

And may the blessing of God be with us, those whom we love and those whom we pray this day and always.

Amen

Adapted from a prayer from © Copyright Hereford Cathedral

Wishing you a restful weekend

Best wishes.

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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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/avaprimary?s=09>



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

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

Parking issues: [FixMyStreet \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet)



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