



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 6

4th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an absolute pleasure to open our wonderful school up to the public and potential new families and children this week. It's always a joy to be able to show off the amazing work that happens at the school and how friendly our children are. We received glowing comments from the large numbers of visitors that we welcomed, and we expect even more next week for our last two open mornings.

This time of year is always challenging as our smallest children settle into their full-time education. With the extreme weather and temperature changes that we have seen things can be even more challenging and difficult for children to adjust. We often see tired children who are beginning to get used to the new season. Please assist your children to be as ready and prepared for school with early nights and a good breakfast where possible.

Year six children were all lucky enough to work with a professional artist this week as part of the Waddesdon Manor Christmas project. Many of our children have been busy making scales for the giant dragon that we are making at AVA. The artist spent the day in school, working with our year sixes and all of our secondary pupils to create the most spectacular model dragon. We look forward to sharing more details with you and hope that many of you will be able to visit Waddesdon over Christmas to see the beautiful artwork.

Today we had our individual and sibling photographs taken. A huge thank you to our admin team and senior leadership team for their support in this and to Miss Hastings for overseeing the whole procedure. As you can imagine getting over 520 children prepared and smiling is no mean feat. We hope that you like the photographs and who knows, maybe some will even become Christmas presents?

All our school parliaments, prefects and head students have now been elected. Well done to every child who put themselves forward for this. It is both a brave and resilient thing to do. Whilst not every child can be successfully elected, we are always so proud of how many children want to represent our school. There will be many more opportunities for leadership throughout the year.

Yesterday was National Poetry Day. The classes were full of rhymes and verses as we celebrated together.

A huge congratulations to Miss Parker who yesterday spoke on the main stage in London at an educational conference. To represent AVA at such a prestigious event makes our hearts full. Well done Miss Parker.

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

We are very excited to announce that bestselling children's author, 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.

More information about the system will be sent out nearer the time along with timings of when the link is live to book but we wanted to advise in advance of the dates to allow for childcare and work arrangements.

Reflection

A Reflection for Harvest time...

This week our AVA community in both Primary and Secondary Phases took part in assemblies for Harvest led by Revd Gareth Lane. We also continued to collect food and essential items for the local Roman Park Foodbank. As we end the week we invite our community to share in a Prayer for Harvest time...



Dear God

Thank you for the season of Harvest.

Thank you for creating the right conditions for crops to grow properly.
Thank you for the farmers who work on the land growing and harvesting our food.

Thank you for the fishery workers who toil at sea catching our food.

Thank you for the people who travel across the world delivering our food.

Thank you for the warehousing staff and shop workers who distribute and sell our food.

At this time we think about the people, both in our own country and across the world, who are affected by famine, food poverty and hunger.

We pray for your strength as we as we work with others to end world hunger.

Amen

Adapted from a prayer published at www.twinkl.com

Wishing you a restful weekend

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

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