



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have been supporting the National Anti-Bullying Week and children- young and old- have been taking part in a variety of activities and even seminars about the initiative. On Wednesday many of us wore odd socks to school to show our support. We talk about being a family here at AVA and the importance of looking after one another. Our children make us so proud in their kindness and compassion. Thank you for all that you do at home to support us also.



Children in Need is on BBC One this evening. To support this cause we had a pyjama day at school.

This was so much fun and the children loved the activities that were provided by the charity. Thank you to everyone that donated we have surpassed our target of £500 which is amazing. We understand that times are really hard in the lead up to Christmas and appreciate that not everyone is able to. We will be offering children the chance to wear a Christmas jumper (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December) and want to give you all a heads up if you choose to buy one for your child.

Once again we have joined with the secondary phase to fill Shoe boxes for children and the elderly. Last year we filled over 30 boxes for Age UK. We would love to equal or beat this number this year. Mr Johnson and the school parliament will be collecting donations for us.

On Tuesday I met with the Parish Council to discuss how we can support the local community more. I would like to say a huge thank you to them for their continued support. The work they do for our school (and beyond) behind the scenes includes providing food packages, prizes, Christmas gifts and attending events. We are lucky to have such a proactive team. They still require painted pebbles/stones if any children are able to decorate some.





A quick reminder to all Reception parents about our Bedtime Story on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5pm. We are so excited to welcome the children back into school in their pyjamas for a bedtime story with their friends. When they head home there will also be a little surprise to take with them.

The extracurricular clubs are proving extremely successful and popular. We have been trying to find a safer way for children to be collected at 4pm on club days. Unfortunately, we cannot close the car park after school hours due to it being needed for the lettings in the community suite. We are going to only use playground gate 'A' for club collection. We ask that parents position themselves near the preschool and along the path. Please be patient and respectful to others - allowing

space and wearing masks. If you chose to stand in or by the car park please be careful and keep children with you at all times.

When booking After School or Breakfast Club please book these via the Clubs section on your app. Making a payment does not secure your booking. The system/app won't work if you are trying to book on the same day and even if payment is made you will need to make alternative arrangements for collection.

The Christmas Meal is up and on the School Gateway app for you to book. The children love all sitting together and having their Christmas meal so please book them on.

The winter work on the school field(s) has started this week. This work is essential in order for the field to be in the best possible condition for the warmer months. Thank you to our site team for enabling us to have such amazing facilities by looking after them for us.....the children have loved watching the tractor!

**Kind regards**

**Mrs C Baughan**



HM Government



If you have any of the following symptoms:



A new, continuous cough



A high temperature



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test as soon as possible.**  
**Stay at home until you get the result.**

## Well-being Matters

The current situation is a challenge for all, and we appreciate our students may find the uncertainty of the pandemic difficult. The safeguarding team are always here to support our students and we can be reached directly using the following email address: [safeguarding@theacademy.me](mailto:safeguarding@theacademy.me)

There are several charities who can support your child if you are concerned about their mental health, these are listed below:



**Kooth** - online counselling for young people

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

NHS

EVERY MIND MATTERS

**Every Mind Matters**

[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters)



**Mind**

[www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing](http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing)



**Mental Health Foundation**

<https://mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

**Thank you for everything you are doing at this difficult time in support the children at the Aylesbury Vale Academy.**