



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 8

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Dear Parents/Carers

We started the week together celebrating Harvest with Reverend Lane. It was lovely to welcome him into school and for the children to enjoy their harvest festival assembly in person. We have been busy collecting produce all week to support our local food banks. As always we will endeavour to support them throughout the year and will have regular collection points. Please continue to send donations into school if you can.

It was lovely to welcome Dr Davison into school this week to talk to the Year 4's about meteorites and how they can affect the earth. Don't worry they are none on course to collide with earth, so he assures us! The children learnt all about different asteroid sizes, how to find them and even got to hold a 4 billion year old meteorite. This linked beautifully into their topic of 'Extreme Earth'. Thank you so much to Dr Davison for spending the morning with us and patiently answering so many questions! The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it!



If your child is in year 6 please remember to apply for a secondary school space via the Buckinghamshire Council portal. You DO need to apply for your child to remain here at AVA secondary although children are all entitled to a space. Please ensure that you apply on time.

The children that sat the 11+ test will have received an individual letter and code to access their results after 3.30pm today. Please remember these results do not define a child, they are simply a tool to support the local grammar school settings. We are very proud of all of the children here at AVA.

Next week we have Parent Consultations for children in Year 1-6. These will be virtual (using school cloud). The cut off for requesting an appointment is Monday at 9am. No appointments will be allocated after this day. Preschool and Reception children have their virtual appointments in November. This is due to all parents recently having their settling in appointments. Whilst we would love to have all of these appointments in person we must continue to put safety first, especially with cases of COVID increasing in the local area.

I can't quite believe that next week (Friday 22nd October) we close our doors for half term. This first half term has flown by, but we have achieved such a lot. On Friday we will be holding a mufti day in support of a cause close to our hearts. For £1 (cash) children can wear their own clothes to school. We are focusing on

the British Lung Foundation charity that is currently supporting one of our families. Daniel (year 5) led our whole school assembly last week by sharing his very personal experience of the charity and the work that it does. Daniel and his mum have completed a 100k walk to fundraise and raise awareness of their cause. We have decided that we would like to support this local, worthy cause also. We will collect all of the £1 coins and then donate them to the charity. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are looking forward to starting swimming lessons after half term with Falcons class. This will be every Monday afternoon up until Christmas starting 1st November. A letter will be sent out next week with further details. Children will need swimming costume/ shorts, towel and goggles (if needed).

Enrichment clubs will be starting after half term, these will be available to book onto next week. This half term we are able to offer:

Year 4,5,6	Netball club (Wednesday)
Year 1,2,3	Construction club (Wednesday)
Year 4,5,6	Art club (Wednesday)
Year 3,4,5,6	Coding club (Wednesday)
Year 1,2,3,4	Film club (Wednesday)
Year 5,6	Sports club (Friday)
Year 1,2	Multi skills (Friday)

All clubs will finish at 4:00 and pick up will be from the playground Gate A.

### **School Gateway – Outstanding Payments**

There are some outstanding balances on the School Gateway please can you check your accounts and clear all balances. If these aren't cleared the debts will be passed onto our finance team who will be invoicing you directly.

If your payment doesn't go through please go back into your account and clear the outstanding balance, if this isn't cleared we won't be able to allow you to book any more sessions and will be checking these next week..

### **Parent Consultations**

The Autumn Term Parent Consultations are as follows:

19.10.21 – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

21.10.21 – 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Due to the high number of COVID cases and the continued rise of these within the school we feel that for this term the Parent Consultations will be held virtually via the School Evening Cloud system.

The appointments are live, please book onto the system we will be unable to have meetings outside of these times.

To book onto the system please follow this link or copy and paste it into your browser:

<https://aylesburyvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Kind regards**

**Mrs C Baughan**



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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)



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.**