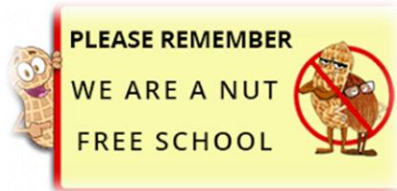




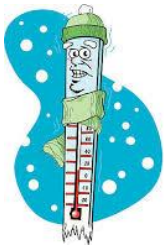
The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN No. 14 3rd December 2021



Dear Parents/Carers



Wow! This week has been chilly!!

Thank you to our site team for keeping the school as safe as possible. Please remember that children need to wear a coat to school. We do still continue with outdoor learning even in the winter.

This week Rev Lane led our first Advent Assembly and we felt that Christmas is most definitely close! It was lovely to hold this in person.

Everyone at AVA Primary would like to wish our community a very Happy Hannukah. Celebrations began on the 28th of November and will last until December 6th. We wish everyone peace and blessing at this special time.

LOVE - A refection for the 2nd Sunday of Advent - Sunday 5th December.

The season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and lasts for 4 weeks. It is a time of preparation for Christmas and Advent symbols help us on this journey. The most recognisable of these symbols is the Advent wreath. Its circular shape represents God's never-ending presence. The evergreen leaves, which do not fade in colour, signify God's eternal nature. The four candles around the wreath are lit as we progress through the weeks of Advent and the central white candle is lit on Christmas day.

Candle, candle burning bright.
In the cold winter night.
Candle, candle burning bright.
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

On the second Sunday in advent, we light a candle to represent LOVE...

Light the advent candle two
Think of humble shepherds who
Filled with wonder at the sight
Of the child on Christmas night

A prayer of love...

May we bring the light of God to the world this Advent.

We pray for the children, families and staff in our school. May they always feel the love of God in their lives. May all children in the world share love, share friendship and live in the peace of God's love, now and forever. Amen.

On Monday lots of our children had their Flu Vaccine. If your child missed it, please contact your GP. We cannot guarantee a 'catch up' clinic this year due to the School Nursing Team and Vaccine Team having a busier than normal schedule. Despite them being short staffed they were able to support us in the process on Monday for which we were very grateful.

Next week we have our Christingle Assembly for Year 3&4 on Tuesday. As with all events this month we have strict guidelines and numbers and only 2 guests per child will be permitted. The assembly should be around 20 minutes. Please remember to wear a mask.



On Friday 10th December we will be wearing Christmas jumpers (or clothing) to school to support the Samaritans. Children can wear their festive clothes in exchange for £1 cash which we will donate to the charity.

Friday 10th December will also be our Reception Christmas concert. Tickets will come home in book bags early next week. Again we need to follow the guidelines and keep each other safe. We look forward to seeing the children perform their songs.

If you haven't done already please log onto the School Gateway and book your child a Christmas Meal for the **15th December**. The deadline is the **10th December**.

As it is also Turkey next week and to avoid two turkey dinners in a row the kitchen will do chicken next week on Wednesday and Turkey for the Christmas Dinner the following week.

We managed to beat our target and fill over 30 shoe boxes for disadvantaged children this year. Thanks to Mr Johnson, the School Parliament and all that donated. These boxes will make a big difference.

Please continue to keep each other, our children and staff safe. With cases of COVID increasing and Christmas approaching we need to all take responsibility for our actions and wear masks, socially distance and test when needed.

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

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

NHS

EVERY MIND MATTERS

Every Mind Matters

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



Mind

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.**