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Dear Parents/Carers

As we close for the last time for this academic year I find myself reflecting on the last 12 months. This year looked very different (thank goodness) to the last two. I was proud to say that we have remained open all year, not had to close any classes or year groups and as a result given the children the best opportunities possible, however the sun has now got the best of us and forced us to shut early. We have had to make the decision in order to keep everyone safe and well and followed local guidance.

We have been more fortunate than many other local schools in that we have had minimal disruption over the year. I would like to recognise and thank the staff who always work hard, dig deep and put the children first. Staff have covered each other in lessons, break times and clubs to ensure that classes can operate safely. This is done through their commitment and selflessness. It has been a tough year but together we have got through.

Those that know me well know that I keep a diary each year, in fact this years is number 25! That means my 25th year of teaching! I spent last weekend looking through my diary, planning for next year! But what struck me is just how much we have done. Some of the highlights are; The Year 6 residential, our own Remembrance service, the Christmas concerts and Nativity, Year 4 dressing as Romans, Year 3 as Egyptians, sports days for all year groups, Red Nose Day, charity events, the book fair, Matilda, sports visitors and live music to name but a few.

This week has been exhausting and emotional for the Year 6 children and staff. On Monday and Tuesday they performed the most brilliant production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. The show was excellent, children singing, dancing, acting and the most hilarious comic one liners! It was enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday we put on our glad rags and danced the night away at the prom. DJ Dan Blaze played the tunes, we joined in with karaoke and took hundreds of photos. The photos will be shared with Year 6 parents once we receive them digitally.

Reverend Lane joined us in school to talk about change and moving on to the next chapter yesterday and today the children have all been given an autograph book to start collecting messages in.

On Monday we will host the Leavers assembly for Year 6 parents to attend (bring tissues). We have moved this to the Secondary Hall due to the weather forecast. Please arrive with your children at 9.15am for a 9.30am start at the main secondary reception – please refer to additional email.

On Wednesday all of the children in Reception through to Year 6 were treated to a mini concert in school! James (from guitars and drums in school) and Jack (Freddie the drummer in School of Rock in the West End) came into school to play to us. They taught us about their instruments, how they fell in love with music and learnt to play the guitar and drums. We were able to join in and have a good old sing song. If your child would like to learn an instrument in school please contact the office. We offer piano, brass, guitar and drums.

Today your child (R-6) will bring home their school report, Preschool will have theirs posted on Monday. This will be handed to them at the end of the day. It is really important that you have a clear understanding of how your child is managing and progressing. Thank you for your support over the year with their journey. We are lucky to have such amazing families here.

All medication in school should have been handed back today, we do not keep medication in school over the summer holidays. If you still need to collect or drop anything to school the office will be open on Monday from 10.15-11.00am. If this medication is required for the Autumn term, new medical forms will be sent out over the summer. These will need to be completed and sent back with the boxed medication on the first day back.

Please remember:

- All prescription medication needs to be boxed, labelled and in date.
- Medication such as antibiotics will only be administered if it is needed 4 times a day.
- All spacers need to be included with inhalers.
- We will not administer over the required dosage on the label without a medical professional's written consent.
- We do not administer Calpol or any other non-prescription medication.

Please note that the avaprimary and avapreschool mailboxes will not be monitored over the summer. If your email is urgent and cannot wait for the start of term please email mhastings@theacademy.me

We return to school on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th September.

Tuesday 6th September: Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 7th September: Years 1-6

Reception have a slightly staggered start, this is listed on their Welcome pack and on the school web site.

The gates are open 8.30am-8.50am each day. Please ensure your child is no later than 8.50am each day. We now have our daily assembly at 9.00am and lateness to school will impact upon this.

Collection times remain as this year:

- 2.45pm - Reception- playground gates
- 3.00pm - Year 1 & 2 - playground gates
- 3.00pm - Year 5 - front of school
- 3.10pm - Year 3 & 4 - playground gates
- 3.10pm - Year 6 - front of school

We will only dismiss to named adults or older siblings where permission has been given. Please ensure you notify the office if this changes. If you wish your child to leave school and walk home alone please inform the office in writing.

Wrap around care is open from 6th September and should be booked over the summer. Reception children can access wrap around care from Wednesday 14th September when they are attending school full time. An email will be sent out over the summer advising when the new sessions are available. Any outstanding invoices for late collections will need to be paid before we are able to add your child to the wrap around care sessions.

The menu's for the Autumn term are still being finalised with the catering company. These will be put up over the summer holidays and an email sent out so that you can book for the start of term. The note that there will be a cost increase in the Autumn term.

At this time of year we always say goodbye to staff. This year Mrs Conway is leaving us as she is moving to Newcastle. She has been with us from 2019 and has supported our children through some of the most challenging times. Miss Goldsack has finished her training and is moving to her first qualified teaching position. We are extremely proud of her and all that she has achieved- we will really miss you. Mrs Hood is also leaving us to join a school closer to her home. She has led science at the school and taught most of

the children in the last 3 years! We will miss her and her passion for all things scientific! Thank you to these 3 lovely ladies. Please keep in touch.

We are keen to hear the views of parents and carers. We use this valuable information in order to continue to shape and improve our school. We would be grateful if you could complete our annual survey using the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsLsz7hMW8FICt826ukpqQWFURThZVUowWEQ2Q1MwNTI5RUhOWTBFN0M0RC4u

Finally I would like to thank you, our amazing families, for all of your support this year. Your children are a pleasure to spend time with and teach. They are a credit to you all and make coming to work easy. I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher here at AVA and look forward to another exciting year from September.

Dates for next week:

18/07/22 – Year 6 Leavers assembly (9.30am)

Reflection

As we end our last full week of the school year some of us will be saying goodbye. Goodbye to a familiar routine, a class group, a year group, a teacher, a role and for some even a school. This will mean moving on from a place we find safe and familiar. It will force us, sometimes unwillingly, to step outside our comfort zone to embrace new beginnings and new challenges.

As we end the week, we invite our community to pray for each other. To care and hold each other in our hearts. Saying goodbye can be hard, we can only trust that a new beginning is waiting for us when we are ready. Until that time we can find comfort in the love, thoughts and prayers of those who care for us. With every blessing for a restful weekend.

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Kind regards,

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