



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 20

3rd February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write this, I am waiting for the Year 6 residential group to return to school. I have loved getting their updates and seeing their pictures. A huge **THANK YOU** to the 6 members of staff who have given up their time this week to go away with the children. We know that you will all come home with amazing stories and tales that will remain with you forever.

Mrs Heal and Mrs Nicholls have had a brilliant time in school with the Year 6 children who chose the 'Harry Potter' themed activity week in school instead of the residential. They have made artefacts, played games, written poems and had a mufti day. The planning that goes into this week is extensive and considers all of the children's likes and dislikes. **Thank you** to these two amazing ladies for their hard work.

Wednesday was the NEU industrial action day across all schools in England and Wales. Here at AVA Primary, we were able to remain open for all of the children. I am very much aware of both the National and Local climate around striking including the next 3 planned dates of 1st, 15th and 16th March. We will continue to risk assess each day as it gets closer and endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible about the school status. Thank you all for your words of kindness over this week, they are very much appreciated.

Today there will be a preloved uniform sale out the front of the school from 2.45pm. As always Mrs Allen works tirelessly to wash and repair the uniform before selling it. Please support this sale if you can - this will be a CASH ONLY sale.

Parent Consultations

Next week we have our 2 Parent Consultation Evenings (Tuesday and Thursday). These sessions are face to face in school at the time that you booked via School Cloud. To help the appointments run to time we have planned the Open Classroom/Book Look for the first day after half term (Tuesday 21st February) from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This will ensure that you get to speak to the teacher next week and then look at your child's work after half term.

Parking

It saddens me to say that a member of our school community was hit by a car parking and manoeuvring on the yellow lines outside of school yesterday. This incident has been reported to the police and we will be supporting them as best we can.

As always, I continue to ask parents to please not park dangerously outside of school or turn in the road on the yellow lines. No car should be parking or manoeuvring on yellows or zigzag lines. It is illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park. It also states that drivers must not park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services.

Parking outside a school specifically may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is thus highly dangerous.

Please **do not park or manoeuvre** on the yellow lines outside of the school, it is terrible to have to write this about any member of our school community, but I do not want to be writing it about one of your children.



World Book Day

Following on from the information we shared a couple of weeks ago this is a reminder of our World Book Day 2023 theme. We are all using the book 'The Day The Crayons Quit' and are asking children and staff to come dressed in their favourite colour.

This year (even more than most) we are very much aware of the financial strain on families and want to make the day as affordable and easy as possible, whilst not losing any of the fun and our love of reading. We hope that this theme will enable all children to participate and that this idea is manageable for all. We will be celebrating world book day on Friday 3rd March 2023.

School Run Clubs

Please remember no school run after school clubs will run next week- the only clubs on are Wrap Around Care, football (Mon, Tues, Wed) and Sports Factor. This is to ensure staff are available to attend Parents Evenings.

We close next Friday (10th February) for half term and return to school on Tuesday 21st February 2023.

Reflection

We started the week in Primary Phase with a virtual Assembly entitled "Let's Celebrate Art" led by Miss Lee.

As we end the week you are invited to join us in reflecting with wonder on the beauty of creation. The artist in all of us has the power to reflect and share that wonder. Please join with us as we pray...

Loving God

You made us in your image to reflect your love in the world.

Help us to be your mirror as we express the love to others.

Amen

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan

