



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 21 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we close the doors today for the last time this half term, I would like to thank all our parents and families for their continuing support. We have seen challenges such as raising bills, teacher strikes and illness, but we have also experienced love, compassion and support from our community. We are lucky to be surrounded by so many kind-hearted people. We don't know what the next term will bring, but we do know that we will have your children at the heart of all that we do.



On Monday Mr Davidson came in to talk to the children about a recent space mission. How amazing is it that we have such talented and inspirational parents that are willing to give up their time to educate the next generation of scientists.



On Wednesday our Year 4 children had a Design Technology lesson and learnt how to make vegetable soup. The staff were all wondering where the gorgeous smell

was coming from as the second floor was filled with the lush aroma of cooking veg! The Country Trust supported us with these lessons and taught the children all about the vegetables and how to prepare them. We hope the soup was enjoyed at home.



Yesterday a fire crew (and their engine) from Aylesbury Fire Station joined us in school. This was 'the best day ever' according to the children and 'even better than their birthday!'. The children in Reception and Year 2 were all able to go in the fire engine and the firefighters told us lots of interesting facts and information. We learnt about all the different tools they

need to use for all sorts of different emergencies. Most importantly, we discussed the importance of keeping safe in fires. They were so excited, and they buzzed with energy, especially when they heard the siren too! It was such a brilliant



experience and linked in with the current topic London's Burning. A huge thank you to the crew (and Mrs O'Neill) for making this day so special (and exciting).



Earlier on in the week, some children offered for their Tudor houses, made in school, to be used to recreate the Great Fire of London. After school on Monday, adults safely put the street together and lit them on fire!



This was recorded so that children could enjoy watching it in the safety of their classroom, the next day, and to see what the Great Fire of London might have looked like back in 1666.

Thank you to all the parents and carers, including many grandparents, that joined us for our two parent's evenings this week. It is always lovely to be able to share the achievements that we see in school with you all. It is important that these sessions are booked in advance to allow all parents and staff to be able to plan their time effectively. If you did not attend, please email the office for an email update from your child's teacher. We also have the 'open school' event on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 3.30-4.30pm in which your child can show you their work and classroom. Sadly, as I write this our lift has broken (we are awaiting a date for repair) and we are unaware whether it will be working on the first day back. If you have a buggy, you may not be able to use the lift - please be prepared for this.

Great news! The recent Pre-Loved Uniform sale made over £125. Thank you to Mrs Allen and all our families for your support. We are now looking for donations of AVA branded PE Kit, jumpers and cardigans for our next sale. Please drop any donations to the Primary Reception.

Please can I remind parents about the dangers of children being unsupervised online. This week we have again had some situations where children have been unsafe and unkind on platforms such as WhatsApp. Platforms such as this all have an age requirement, for example WhatsApp is 16+. These restrictions are there to protect children and should be followed. If your child is active online, please keep a close eye and monitor their use.

We wish the children and Mrs Stewart who are off skiing today a safe and exciting week on the snow. We cannot wait to see the photos. If your child would be interested in attending the next ski trip it will be open for children from Year 5 upwards. Please look out for further information next term.

We return to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023, all clubs also start this week. If you need to book with external providers (Sports Factor and Football) please contact them directly. If your child is attending a school run club these continue from this half term (the same days and timings) as the bookings carry over. There is NO sports club today for KS2 with Mr Wakefield but KS1 Sports Factor is ON.

### **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.

### Reflection

As we end the half term I'm thankful to be driving to and from work in daylight again. It has been good to stand on the gate for a few days in the sunshine once more, and if you look closely tiny green shoots are starting to appear on trees and bushes.

The wheel of the year is turning, new life is emerging from the darkness of winter. As we end the week we invite you to reflect on the love of God which sustains us with hope even through the darkness.

Have a lovely half term.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan

*May the  
God of hope  
fill you with  
all joy and peace*

**ROMANS 15:13**