



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you were able to spend some important time together on Monday and I know from the many conversations I have had with children and adults that most of us watched the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. It is such an important moment in history and is an honour to experience it with the community at AVA.

Due to the abrupt (very hot) end to the last term we were unable to celebrate our 'Stars of the Year' and present the scooter to our 100% attendance winner. We decided that these awards were too important to miss and have had a belated assembly to recognise these amazing children. Well done to all of our winners and to Kamil for winning last terms attendance award.

Individual & Sibling Photographs

You will have received an email about individual and sibling photographs. These are booked for October 10th. All children will have their photo taken but you MUST request, via the link sent home, sibling photos. We are unable to take these without completion of this form. Please remember there is no PE this day- if your child attends netball club please send them in with sports clothing to change into after school.

Secondary School Places

The online portal for Year 6 families to apply for secondary places is now open. It is imperative that you do this even if your child is remaining here at AVA in Year 7. As a current member of the school your child is able to progress into year 7 but you still need to apply via the portal for your space. All local secondary schools have open sessions coming up in which you and your child can visit, please contact primaryattendance@theacademy.me if your child will be out of school to attend a visit.

We have our Academy Open day on Thursday 29th September from 6pm-8pm. Please remember that we close from 1pm on this day.

Timings are:

Reception - 1.00pm

Year 1 & 2 - 1.10pm

Year 3 & 4 - 1.20pm

Year 5 & 6 - 1.20pm

Breakfast club will still run on this day but there will be NO after school club(s). If you booked onto an afternoon wrap around session this has already been credited back to your account.

We also have two open mornings on the 6th and 13th October these are from 9.30-11 for prospective parents only.

Swimming

Our Year 4 Eagles start their swimming lessons on Monday. We still have a number of parents that have not completed the online consent form. Without this the child will not be able to attend the swimming lessons and will miss out on this valuable area of the National Curriculum. Please complete this ASAP if you haven't.

Harvest Festival

I can't quite believe where time has gone but we are starting to collect for our Harvest Festival from Monday. We will once again be supporting our local food banks. We use the food banks at the school to help many of our children and are pleased to be able to support them when we can. Please send dried, tinned and long life food as well as toiletries, baby products and feminine hygiene items in with your child. We will, as always, be running our class competition for this. Thank you as always for your support.

School Governors

We are excited to announce that we have vacancies at the school for Academy Governors. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who have a background in teaching, secondary education, business or finance specifically, but would be happy to discuss any skills that you feel you can offer us! Please contact me via the office for further information. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to our children and community.

Parent Consultations

An email was sent yesterday regarding the bookings for our Parent Consultations. The system goes live on the 2nd October please do not try to book before this time as it won't work. The system closes on the 15th October, all times are listed in the letter attached to the email as well as a guide on how to use the system.

All consultations are now face to face and all the staff are looking forward to be able to do in person chats again.

Please note we will not be booking additional consultations outside of these two dates with any staff so please ensure that you book a time that suits you.

Uniform

Please can we ask that Parents check uniform when it comes home to make sure you have your child's items and not someone else's by mistake. Please can you also make sure everything is labelled it makes it much easier to be able to return the item to the correct owner.

Reflection

We started the week with the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. We had time to reflect and celebrate her life of service and during the funeral service we got opportunity to hear the words of Psalm 23. In times of sadness, grief and during tough times we can be comforted that God cares for and watches over us. God is close to us in the lowest of times, and we need not fear. Even though we may walk through dark times, even there, God is with us.

As we end the week, we invite you to spend a moment reflecting and finding comfort in the words of psalm 23, taken here from the worship song by Stuart Townend...

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

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Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan

