



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been full of celebrations and fun.

We would like to wish all of our Chinese families and members of the community a very happy New Year. This year is the year of the Tiger. We hope that you have enjoyed time to celebrate with your loved ones.

Year 4 have spent the day as Roman Soldiers and have been enjoying many 'Roman' themed activities and tasks. Thank you to all of our parents for your support in this brilliant day and for making and buying such brilliant costumes.

Next Thursday (10th February) it is the Year 3's chance to dress up! They have their 'Stone Age Day' and will be learning about the ways of the Stone Age as well as creating Stone Age art. (Please refer to the previous phase update and letter sent home for details).

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March 2022

We are so excited to be running all sorts of activities to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March! The theme this year is 'You are a Reader'. Children are allowed to dress up on this day – they can dress up as their favourite book character or they can dress up in a way that shows what they are like as a reader. If your child does not want to dress up, they can bring in their favourite book to share with their class, or they could create a poster showing who their favourite character is, or their favourite author / book. We are really looking forward to celebrating reading with the children!

Home Reading Expectations

We would just like to remind you that children should be reading at home at least 4 times a week. We understand that families are very busy with clubs, celebrations and fun family activities, but please do try to find the time weekly for reading to happen at home for around 10 minutes a session, 4 times over the week (including weekends). Adults must sign the reading records when the children have been heard. Please continue to send in Reading Records for the teacher to sign.

Reading at home is extremely beneficial for the continued practice of phonics and fluency. As a parent, it allows you to listen to, and enjoy, books being read by your child. It also boosts children's confidence in reading aloud to others. Below is some guidance on listening to your child read:

- Find a space free from distractions whilst listening to your child read – no TV, no phones, no radio – just you and them!
- Encourage children to use their phonics knowledge to sound out tricky / unfamiliar words.

- Ask questions about what your child is reading – What colour is the ball? Why might **** be feeling sad here? What do you think might happen next?
- Praise, praise, praise!
- Enjoy the moment!

Parent Consultations

The booking system for the Parent Consultations is live and will close on 11.02.2022 at 9am. Please can we ask that you log on and book your child's consultation. We are unable to offer alternative dates if you haven't booked.

<https://aylesburyvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Hot Meals

Please can we remind all parents even if you are universal free school meals or pupil premium you must book your school lunches via the School Gateway app. If the option is greyed out then you are unable to book and must provide your child with a packed lunch that day.

If you are unable to book please contact the school office so that we can resolve this for you.

Year R and 6 Height and Weight Measurements

The school nursing team will be in school on Monday doing the Reception and Year 6 height and weight measurements. This is an opt out system so if you haven't registered you will not be able to see the results or opt out if you choose.

The link is below:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Buckinghamshire/p/buh114/135879>

School Gateway App

We have had some parents who have been logged out of their School Gateway app, this has been because they have either moved the emails to JUNK/SPAM or their mailboxes are full. If this is the case you will not be able to make payments or bookings until you are resolved this in your email account. This is unfortunately not something that the school are able to resolve for you.

Leavers Hoodies

The time has come to order leaver hoodies for our Year 6 students. The children have chosen a design and colour and a letter will be going out shortly to advise you how to order. Please note that you need to order and pay directly with the Print Lab, we will not be taking money or organising any hoodies via the school but will take delivery of them to hand out to the children.

We will advise of a closing date in the letter so please keep an eye out to make sure that you order on time.

Manor Adventure

The instalment payment request is open on the School Gateway app for all current Year 5's for their Year 6 trip to Manor Adventure. Only those that have paid the deposit have been added, please log in and make the first instalment payment.

Gate

Please can we ask that all parents make eye contact with the adult releasing your child on the gate. It is often difficult to see adults who are further away and we need to ensure that children are being released to the correct adult.

We will shortly be introducing a card system. If your child comes out with a card asking you to speak to the teacher please do this once all the children have been dismissed. Please do not worry this can be just to make you aware of something or even tell you of positive things that have happened.

Swimming

Eagles class will start their swimming lessons after half term, a letter will be sent out shortly confirming more details and dates.

PTA

Thank you to those that have volunteered to help run the PTA we are still looking for more members so if you are interested in joining please contact the school office. The more helpers and volunteers that we have to support and run the PTA the more amazing experiences we can create for the children.

Preschool

We have unfortunately had to close our preschool for the past couple of days due to CVOID related illnesses. The preschool will be open as normal on Monday.

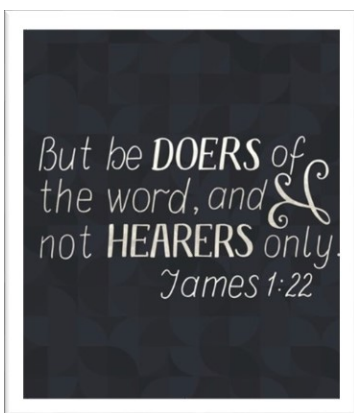
Amazon Wish List

As mentioned in our newsletter a couple of weeks ago, we have been working on setting up an Amazon Wish List. This wish list contains books we would like to see in our classroom Reading Corners throughout the Primary phase. If you are in a position to purchase anything from this list, please do so. We will keep the wish list open for the next few months, and will continually be adding to it. Books will be removed from the list once we receive them – we will need more than one copy of each book, so titles may remain on the list for a while!

It is not an expectation for everyone to purchase something from the list as we understand that everyone's circumstances are different. Thank you in advance if you are able to help our school out – we look forward to sharing our new-and-improved classroom Reading Corners with you all over the coming months!

<https://amzn.eu/3R0Q8zn>

Reflection for the Week



This week we started the week with an assembly led by Miss Parker on Reflectiveness. We thought about how we can reflect on our own experiences and previous learning to help us improve. As we end the school week, why not join us by spending a few moments reflecting on the message of love that God shares with us.

We would also encourage you to continue supporting each other because as James points out in James 1 v22, we show Gods love not just by hearing about it but through our actions towards others.

Stay safe and have a great weekend.

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.**