



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 10

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Dear Parents/Carers

It's been a busy week in school and it was lovely to be able to welcome everyone back after a well-deserved half term break.

We started the week as busy as ever and on Monday our Falcons class went for their first swimming lessons of the academic year. The staff reported that the children all had a wonderful time, behaved impeccably, and enjoyed the challenges of swimming as part of the national curriculum. We would recommend that children bring a pair of flip-flops, sliders or croc style shoes as well as a t shirt or covering when they have swimming lessons to put on and wear in between the changing area and the pool. This is due to the changing areas being slightly different due to the COVID guidance.

On Wednesday evening we were lucky to invite some of our prospective parents into school to meet us and have a tour. We are following the current advice and only allowing this when our children are not in the building. This is to ensure that we keep our community as safe as possible. We will try to hold future tours once we have up to date COVID numbers and guidance. In the meantime please use lateral flow tests with your child if possible. We are all key in keeping each other safe and the school running as normally as possible. Many schools have had to go back to bubbles, wearing masks and in some cases remote learning (from home). We want to keep open and everyone in school, if your child has symptoms please book a PCR and isolate until the result is back.

We have had a busy day today with three of our classes having a mufti day in celebration of winning the class attendance awards, and the award for the most amount of harvest festival collected. We have had messages of thanks from both of the local food banks that we provided for with our record amount of donations and produce to give them this year. As always we will continue to collect for them throughout the year.

We have lots of children and their families celebrating Diwali this week. Yesterday we had Diwali assemblies and some of our children presented to their classes what Diwali means to them and how they celebrate. This is always one of our favourite celebrations in school.

On Thursday 11th November it is Remembrance/Armistice Day. As always we will be selling poppies and other small merchandise in school next week. If your child would like to buy any of these they will need no more than £1. If your child is a member of a community group such as the scouts, beavers, sea cadets etc

they are welcome to wear their uniform to school on Thursday 11th November. We will be holding a small service and observing a minute silence within school.

Year 5 had an exciting start to their World War One topic with a workshop based on WW1 poetry. They explored different poems and created freeze frames to show emotions such as the Christmas Truce to try and feel what it really would have been like to be a soldier on either side of the war. It is brilliant to be able to engage in such unique learning opportunities and experiences.

We really couldn't provide these events without parental support. Unfortunately, we still have some outstanding payments for this visit and others. As always if you are unable to contribute financially, please contact the school office. Sadly, if we do not have the support to run trips and visits, we may have to cancel them in the future.

The winter weather is well and truly here! although inside the building is warm we do need to keep ventilation as good as possible. Children need to have a jumper or cardigan and a winter coat. We have now added a PE hoodie to our uniform list. This is available from the Print Lab /PL School Wear. This is an optional item, however we have noticed lots of children wearing non uniform jumpers on their PE days (which are not permitted) we hope that introducing this item will help, especially in the colder weather.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

The immunisation team have confirmed the new date as Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The letters have already been sent out to everyone to opt out.

### **Hot Meals**

We will be adding a Christmas Meal to the booking system shortly, if you have booked up already this will be credited back and you will need to book again but we will share more details soon.

### **Enrichment clubs**

These started this week and have gone down a storm with the children. Unfortunately if you were unable to book in that is because the club is full, should circumstances change we will let those that have shown an interest know.

### **Yr 5 Poetry Workshop**

Thank you to everyone who has paid for the Poetry Workshop, this is a reminder that some payments are still outstanding please can you make these via the School Gateway.

### **Reception and Preschool Parent Consultations**

There are still some parents that haven't booked a Parent Consultation, the booking system closes on 08.11.21 at 9am please ensure that you book your appointment as no alternative dates or times will be offered.

To book onto the system please follow this link or copy and paste it into your browser:

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

**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](mailto: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](http://www.kooth.com)

NHS

EVERY MIND MATTERS

**Every Mind Matters**

[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters)



**Mind**

[www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing](http://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.**