

PARENT BULLETIN No. 29

8th April 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

This term has flown by.

I can hardly believe that we close our doors for our Easter break. All children will return on Monday 25th April for the summer term.

Thank you to everyone who supported our book sale on Saturday. It was a lovely event in which we raised over £700. The money that we receive from this event will be put towards our new library books. A personal thanks to Mason who volunteered to help sell cakes at the event. We think he would give the adults in the apprentice a run for their money! Well done Mason.

Today we have celebrated many of our children including Levi who won the attendance prize for the term. We continue to strive to have the best attendance and punctuality possible despite the rising COVID cases. We do not count COVID absence in our awards/prize draws.

Please remember no absence for holidays will be authorised. We have 13 weeks in the year in which to take holidays and visit friends and families.

The classes with the best attendance this half term are Panthers and Red Squirrels, they have won a mufti day for Friday 29th April. Great job.

This half term has seen high numbers of illnesses in school including chicken pox, slap cheek and a sickness bug. We have put this down to children being in isolation and not having the 'exposure' to these bugs as in previous years. Thank you to Mrs Ripley for always being on hand to help when we need you!

Enrichment Clubs

Our new clubs are now open to book. The cost is the total cost for the whole term. This small payment ensures that we can resource the clubs. They will start on 3rd May.

We love the range of clubs that we are able to offer throughout the school year and hope that there is something for everyone. Spaces are limited and the booking will close once the numbers are full. Thank you to the staff who run the clubs each week, this has sometimes been challenging with COVID causing disruption.

Choir

There will be no choir next term due to the musical. We hope to resume this in the Autumn term.

Swimming

Swimming continues for Eagles after the Easter break. This is the same process as this term and will continue on a Monday.

Hot Meals

The hot meal menus will be sent out next week and will be available to book then. Please log in via your apps to book for the first week back. Please remember that you will need to book by Wednesday 20th April for the first day of the summer term.

Chat & Coffee Stop

We have started a chat and coffee stop for parents who want to talk to our SEN team and school counsellor. These will begin to be focused on certain areas and more information will be sent out shortly with dates and topics.

Reflection for the Week

In the Primary Phase this week we started the week with an assembly led by our local Vicar, Rev Gareth Lane.

We wish all our AVA community a well-deserved break and a Very Happy Easter.

May our community rest in God's grace and enjoy the greatest gift of Easter which is 'HOPE'.

Reminders

Yr 6 Manor Adventure Trip for 2023 – instalment payments live on School Gateway

Have a lovely 2 weeks, enjoy some quality time with friends and family and stay safe.

Kind regards

Mrs C Baughan

Additional Resource

With the cost of everything rising lately, here are some links to community pages who offer lots of different household items for free.

<https://www.freecycle.org/town/AylesburyUK>

facebook.com/berryfieldsaylesburycommunity

[Latest Freebies & Free Stuff in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire | Gumtree](#)

[Free Stuff in Aylesbury at Freeads.co.uk, the Freecycle Classifieds](#)



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



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.***