



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 5 30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we were lucky enough to open our doors to new families who visited us for the first time. We have really missed running our annual Open Evening and it was lovely to be able to hold this event again. We are very proud of our school, the work we do and all of our children and to 'show it off' is always a treat.

We have decided that following the success of last year's Open Classroom and Book Look session we will be holding our next one on Tuesday 1st November from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

This is an opportunity for all existing parents/carers to see your child's class room and the work they have been creating so far this year. Please collect your child at their normal time and then make your way around to the front of the school. Please do not feel that you need to queue - there will be enough time for everyone to pop in and see what you need to in this time.

Parking

Please can we ask that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines in front of the school it is causing traffic issues and congestion onto the main road. It has also caused some near miss accidents which is obviously a big concern.

Please continue to supervise your children around the beginning and end of the day especially around the carpark. Scooters and bikes are not permitted in the car park.

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.

Please also remember to apply for your child's space in Reception if they are due to start in September 2023. This is vital for our Pre School parents. If you require further information please view the Buckinghamshire Council Starting School page.

Harvest Festival

We will once again be supporting our local food bank. 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. Our Harvest assembly will be on 11th October this year and will be led by Revd. Lane.

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 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.

School Photos

A final reminder to book sibling photos, which will be taken on Monday 10th October. The form to do this closes on 5th October. We are unable to take sibling photos without this being completed.

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If you have concerns regarding your child's learning and would like to discuss them with the Special Educational needs team, please complete the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/CD1CHTscFR> - Primary Phase

<https://forms.office.com/r/SDGCJNGL2L> - Secondary phase

OLIO

Hate food waste? The Olio app is supporting communities to minimise food waste by posting items close to or at their use by date for sharing with our neighbours for free! It is really easy to use and you could save yourself a few pennies!

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Child Tax Credit except if you meet ANY of the following criteria –
 - entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income).
 - have an annual income in excess of £16,190 (Please note that this figure is for April 2018 and that it changes in April each year).

If in any doubt, please email sendco@theacademy.me

Head lice

We have reported cases of head lice in school please can we ask that you all check your children's hair and treat if enquired.

Reflection

In the Primary Phase this week we started the week reflecting on our school values and we were all excited as Mr Johnson revealed the new reward badges for the coming school year. I'm sure it won't be long before the first badges are being proudly worn on jumpers and cardigans.

This made me think about Psalm 37

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this" – Psalm 37:4-6

As we end the week, we invite you to reflect that we all have goals and aspirations and some we can reach on our own, but some take a little more help. There are some things that we desire that only God can give us.

When this happens, we can give our desire to God and let Him take care of it.

Instead of worrying and trying to achieve everything on our own we can ask God for help.

...with every blessing for a restful weekend

Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan