



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 9 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, Winter has arrived! The rain starts each day at 2.45pm (just in time for school collection) and we all struggle to get warm once wet! With this in mind please send your children with coats, hats and wellies. Hopefully it will stay dry for those enjoying the fireworks this weekend.

On Saturday our Drama group, Mr Wright, Miss Russell and myself visited the theatre in Tring to watch James and the Giant Peach. I have to say our children were amazing, being able to enjoy live performance with them is magical. Thank you to the families who helped us run this by dropping the children to us in Tring.

Mrs Haydon and Gemma from the Church on Berryfields ran a brilliant 'open the book' assembly on Tuesday with Years 5 & 6. It is lovely to see the children grow in confidence as they act out the bible stories each week.

A huge thank you to Mrs Allen who tirelessly sorts, washes, mends and sells our preloved uniform. Today she has two sales (the one this morning) and if you can support her after school that would be appreciated. All monies raised comes back into the school to benefit the children.

As always we love to promote the clubs that run here at the school. If your child would be interested in Taekwon-do please take a look at the attached flyer for more information.

We are hopeful that the school football for Year 3-6 will start in the next fortnight. The email has not been sent out yet to book but we will let parents know as soon as this is ready.

Thank you to all parents who came to our book look on Tuesday it was lovely to see so many of you there looking at the children's work, they were all very proud to show off what they have been learning.

You will have received an email regarding a Home School Agreement with an attachment and a link to a form. Please note this is for the whole academy so there may be some points on there more relevant to Secondary than Primary and vice versa. Please complete this as soon as possible.

### Diary Dates

11/11 – Remembrance Day – scouting/service uniforms allowed in school.

18/11 – Children in Need – Pyjama Day

24/11 – Open Morning for Reception 2023 9.30-10.30

26/11 – Book Sale and Café (move info to follow)

08/12 – Christingle Yr 3 Parents 9am and Yr 4 Parents 10am (ticket allocation and info to follow)

09/12 – Christmas Jumper Day

13/12 – KST1 Nativity AM

14/12 – KST1 Nativity PM  
14/12 – Yr 5&6 Christmas Concert Evening  
15/12 – Reception Singing Assembly AM  
15/12 – Christmas Lunch – Primary Phase  
19/12 – Last day of Preschool  
20/12 – School closes – half day

### School Applications

The portal for making secondary applications has now closed, if you didn't make an application for your child please contact Bucks Council admissions team as a matter of urgency.

The Primary portal opens today so please go to the Bucks Council website to access this and make your application for Reception September 2023.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/submit-your-school-preferences/>

### School Photos

All parents/carers should have received your child's proof in book bags this week. You have until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November to order with free delivery to the school. If you miss this deadline you will incur additional charges and delivery charges if you order.

### Cancellation of Wrap Around Care

Please can we remind all parents that we cannot cancel wrap around care sessions once booked. We offer flexibility up until the night before to allow last minute bookings. We are trying to keep the wrap around care viable and still need to cover overheads.

### Parking

Please can we ask you all to be considerate and mindful when parking at the school. Please do not park over the entrance to the car park, on the yellow lines or across resident's drives.

### Flu Vaccination Reminder

Flu vaccinations will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, if you haven't signed up for your child to receive the flu vaccination please do this ASAP otherwise they will not receive it.



### Children In Need – Pyjama Day

The School Parliament has voted for a number of initiatives to raise money for the BBC's Children in Need appeal on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Firstly, they would like to have a pyjamas and slippers themed mufti with a voluntary contribution of a pound.

They also expressed the wish to hold a children's second-hand book sale after school (in the primary car park). Half of the money raised from these sales would be used to purchase new reading materials for the school whilst the rest would go towards the school's collection for Children in Need.

Finally, the parliament members wish to organise a sponsored obstacle race to be held on the playground throughout the school day (the rules and forms for this will be issued closer to the time).

We thank you in advance for your support in this very worthy cause and hope that the events planned we help everyone to enjoy the day just a little more.

**Link to Just Giving Page:**

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1667298703564?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=one\\_page&utm\\_content=page/ava-primary-phase-1667298703564&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=04aefae0a45b4361adbb1abd8a0110a1](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1667298703564?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/ava-primary-phase-1667298703564&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=04aefae0a45b4361adbb1abd8a0110a1)

**Reflection**

This week we started the week in the Primary Phase with an Assembly about 'All Saints Day'. This is the day after Halloween traditionally know as 'All Hallows Day' (hence Halloween, the eve of 'All Hallows Day'). This day is marked in the Christian church calendar to celebrate people known as saints who have lived lives close to God that have helped others. It is a festival all about hope, certainty, light and faith.

As we end the week, we invite you to join in a prayer for those who have walked before us and made the world a better place...

God of life, this week we remember all the people who have lived their lives well. Let us also think about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants us to. We give thanks for all the good people who have lived throughout the world. Help us too, so we might live as you would like us to. Showing love to all, bringing peace, and always trying to do what is right. Amen.

Have a wonderful and safe bonfire weekend.

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs C Baughan**

