

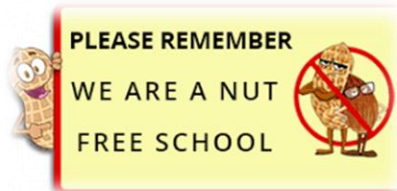


# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 26

### 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have been privileged to welcome two important visitors into school. We were joined by an Early Years Leader from Buckinghamshire Council and by a School Improvement Advisor from Oxfordshire. Both were overwhelmed by our school and our amazing children. They reported that they were very impressed with the lessons, behaviour and 'feel' of the school. It's always a pleasure to celebrate our successes.

Our Year 4 children have been gardening this week in our nature area. Although they picked the worst day weather wise, the produce that they picked was amazing. It was lovely to see all of their hard work coming into fruition and how excited they were digging up their vegetables. This links in with their science work and helps make learning 'real' for them.

Although we aren't hearing about COVID so much in the news it is rife more than ever. We have had a lot of staff and pupil absence due to COVID and managing this continues to be a daily struggle. Many of our colleagues at local schools have reported having to close year groups or classes again which is a reminder that we must stay vigilant and protect one another. Please continue to test when needed and follow the DFE guidance for isolating, with testing on day 6 and 7. We will follow the same processes as we have previously, should we need to shut areas of the school.

### Wrap Around Care

We pride ourselves in being able to offer wrap around care, on site, with familiar staff at AVA. Having this provision has proven difficult at times especially with staffing restraints and the rising costs that we are all facing. We have strived to keep the cost of the provision affordable and competitive for our families. The provision has strict guidelines including ensuring that we have a safe adult to child ratio. It takes much organisation to ensure that the provision is running effectively and saddens me when a few individuals take advantage of the staff's good will.

I have written to individual families but want to bring to everyone's attention the following;

- Wrap around must be pre-booked, this can be done up until 11pm the evening before the slot is needed.
- If you do not book but leave your child at school assuming that they can join the club, we will charge an additional £20 per child per session to cover the costs incurred.
- We do reserve the right to not allow children to attend wrap around care.

- Our staff always want the best for all of the children and it is not fair to them or the children.

### Red nose

Thank you for all the donations to our just giving page for Comic Relief, there is still time to add to our total, if you missed the email the link is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AVA-Primary-Phase>

We can't get into our kitchen with the amount of cakes and biscuits there are, I am amazed and overwhelmed with everyone's generosity and superb cake baking skills.

Thank you so much, we hope to raise even more funds for this very worthwhile cause at the cake sale after school today.

### Reflection for the Week

We started our week in school with a Red Nose Day assembly. Today it has been wonderful to see our community come together to raise money for this good cause. As we eat our Red Nose cakes and reflect on the day, we are reminded of others who are less fortunate than us and we give thanks for the opportunity to share what we have.

**THANK YOU**  
for supporting Red Nose Day



### 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](https://facebook.com/berryfieldsaylesburycommunity)

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

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

### Reminders

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

**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)



**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.**