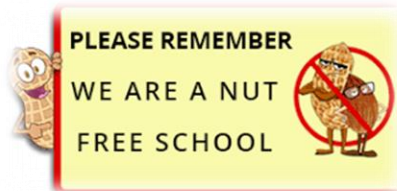




# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 27 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have been enjoying the glorious weather. It has been amazing to see so much outdoor learning happening. We are hoping that next week's forecast isn't accurate and that the sunshine stays!



Friday was an important milestone for us. We celebrated Red Nose Day and raised funds for Comic Relief. Thank you to the school parliament for arranging such a fun filled day, which ended in a very popular cake sale.

Due to all of the activities, mufti and cakes we have raised just under £1000 for the charity! It was lovely to see so many children and families involved in the day.

Thank you.

As an all- through academy we have many opportunities and facilities available to us that smaller schools do not. In 2023 we will be running our first overseas visit for children in both Primary and Secondary.

This is a Ski trip that is open to children from Year 6 upwards. The letter has been sent to all current Year 5 and 6 parents in order to express an interest in this trip. Mrs Stewart will be on the trip alongside the Secondary staff to ensure that there is a familiar member of staff for all children attending.

I wrote to you a few weeks ago explaining that we are looking to rebrand and staff our PTA. We are now in the position to hold an AGM and elect a new committee. This will be in the Primary school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm.

Parents/Carers from both the Primary and Secondary phases are invited as we would like the PTA to work across both areas.

I look forward to seeing you all there.



We have had a couple of smart watches handed into the school, if you have lost a watch please contact the school office and we can see if the ones found are one of yours.

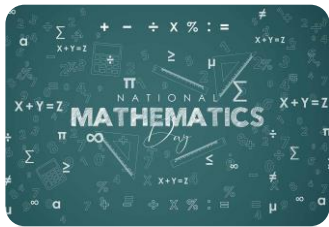
## Travelling Books book fair

We are delighted to be hosting the Travelling Books book fair on Saturday 2nd April. The book fair will be set up in the Primary hall and will run from 10am – 12pm. We will also be selling cake and drinks, with all proceeds raised going towards new books for our classroom reading corners!

As a school, we have set ourselves the target of raising £300 for new books.

Book orders and stationary items are cashless – if you place an order, a member of staff will provide you with a telephone number and a reference code. Once you have phoned and paid, you will be given a reference code to give back to us. Cash can be used for drinks and cake – each item will be 50p or £1. As a cashless school, please make sure you have the correct change as we will have a minimal float.

It has been quite a while since we were last able to run a book fair at school and we are very excited - we look forward to seeing lots of you there!



On Wednesday this week it was National Mathematics Day. We love Maths here at AVA and will find any opportunity to celebrate this! Some of our passionate Mathematicians from Year 6 represented the Primary School and took part in Maths challenges with our Secondary friends. Well done to everyone who took part, it was great fun and so lovely to see all of the students sharing their love of learning.

The day is nearly here for our choir to leave us to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in the Echoes Concert. We cannot wait to hear all about it and to see all of the pictures. Have a brilliant day (after a 2 year wait!).

It is with great pleasure that I can share the news of the safe arrival of Miss Turner's baby boy with you all. He has made an early entrance and surprised us all!! Mother and baby are both doing really well. We are sending them all of our love.



Sadly, Mrs Shaw will be leaving us at the end of the term. Mrs Shaw has been teaching Year 2 whilst Mrs Wehrle has been on maternity leave. We would like to thank Mrs Shaw for all she has done and wish her luck for the future.

## Reflection for the Week



In school we have been enjoying the lovely sunshine and we started the week with a Spring assembly led by Mrs Foulger and Red Squirrels. As we end the week, we invite you to give thanks for the cycle of life and the beauty of creation.

As long as the earth

endures, seedtime (spring)  
and harvest (autumn), cold and heat, summer  
and winter, day and night, shall not cease.  
Genesis Chapter 8 verse 22

Dear God,

Thank you for the beauty of the world.

Thank you for the changes that we see going on around us all the time.

Thank you that just now, we can see buds and blossom appearing on the trees.

Help us to keep our eyes open so that we notice the world,

And help us not to take beautiful things for granted.

Amen.

## Reminders

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

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](https://www.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](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

**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.**