



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

I can honestly say I think it's taken 3 days for my shoes to be fully dry this week and then the rain came down yesterday like never before and they were soaked again! It's been cold and wet and on Tuesday I was convinced I saw snow! Please remember to send your children in with warm coats, hats, gloves and wellies when needed.

We now have our grand total for all monies collected for Children in Need, drum roll... we raised £1,365. Thank you all so much. This amount will make a huge difference to so many children.

Tomorrow (Saturday) we have a Book Sale to raise money for our Primary book corners. The last time we did this it was a huge success.

We will be based in the Secondary Atrium - please enter through the Secondary main reception. We will be there from 10am until 2pm and payments must be made via card payment. This is a great opportunity to grab some Christmas present bargains and have a cup of tea in the process.

Following on from our last hugely successful uniform sale, Mrs Allen has kindly agreed to do another sale next week. This will be before and after school on Fri 2nd Dec. She will set up near the front of the school and will be under cover if the weather continues to be wet.

On Monday we have a meeting for all of the parents in Year 6 whose children are attending the residential. This will be run by Mrs Stewart and will be at 5pm.

Every week we face issues with parking in school. We heard the sad and worrying news that a child was hit by a car on the estate and frighteningly it came as no surprise that this happened. This could easily be any of our children outside of school. I pulled a child out of the way of a driver who had no idea she was there last week- that was one of 'our' children. To update everyone, and be transparent, on what we are doing at school to address the parking issues I would like to draw your attention to the following.

We put cones out the front on the yellow zig zags this week - parents continued to park there and just blocked the road more.

I asked parents sat in their cars to think of the safety of children and move their vehicles- I got verbally abused.

I raised the concerns with our Governors, they have been in school this week observing the horrendous parking, they witnessed parents making dangerous turns and performing manoeuvres on the crossings. They were shocked by the attitude of parents towards our children and other parents.

After raising this with you all I have had no choice but to contact the police - who have given me some ideas to trial - one being speaking to the drivers!

I have been asked if I can identify the vehicles which we are able to do via our CCTV.

Before I need to take any further action I am reaching out to you all to please help us keep our children safe. There is an accident waiting to happen unless everyone starts taking responsibility.

## Diary Dates

26/11 – Book Sale and Café (move info to follow)  
29/11 – Reception Maths Workshop 3.30-4.00pm  
06/12 – Reception Bedtime Story 5.00-6.00pm  
08/12 – Christingle Yr. 3 Parents 9am and Yr. 4 Parents 10am (ticket allocation and info to follow)  
09/12 – Christmas Jumper Day  
09/12 – Yr. 6 WOW! Day Vikings  
12/12 – Yr. 6 wear Christmas Jumpers  
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

## Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

With our Christmas jumper day fast approaching if you have any preloved jumpers that you no longer need please consider donating them to us to help children who do not have a Christmas jumper. Please drop them to reception.

On Friday 9th December children can wear a Christmas jumper (or top/dress) with their school uniform (or PE kit) in exchange for a donation of £1 for Save the Children. We have a just giving link for donations:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1669379717232?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=one\\_page&utm\\_content=page/ava-primary-phase-1669379717232&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=152a738f4e5a4b2ca962f36c0ef230aa](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1669379717232?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/ava-primary-phase-1669379717232&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=152a738f4e5a4b2ca962f36c0ef230aa)

## Reflection

This weekend on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> Christian churches will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. This represents the start of preparations to celebrate the birth of Christ and begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Traditionally churches light a candle for each Sunday in advent and a final central candle on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This weekend we invite you to join us in a reflection for this special time...

### The First Week of Advent Represents: HOPE

During the first week of Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who spoke of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."  
Isaiah 9:2*



Candle Name: The Prophecy Candle

### Advent Wreath Prayer:

*As we light the candle on the Advent wreath, may we feel the light of God's presence as we pray...*

*Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth this Christmas. Amen.*

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Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan