



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

This was the first full week of the school year and for our new reception and preschool children their first time staying for their full hours in school. This is an important milestone and we are extremely proud at how well the children have adapted. One of my favourite parts of the day is at lunch time, watching the children interact and listening to them chatting. I feel truly privileged to share this journey with them.

We have been collecting all week for those in need in Pakistan. We know how lucky we are and how amazing our community is and what I am most proud of is how we pull together when the going gets tough. We have filled two van loads of donations that are travelling to Pakistan as I type! I cannot express how grateful the staff at the collection point were when we delivered both on Wednesday and today. Thank you very much for your generosity and warmth.

Photos

I would like to give you a diary date... we have booked the individual and sibling photographs for 10th October. There will be NO PE lessons on this day so that all children can wear their uniform to school. All children will have their individual photo taken and there will be an invitation to request sibling photographs. This hasn't been possible in COVID times and we are excited to be able to offer this again at last. Hopefully this may also help you with some Christmas gifts!! More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Swimming

Our Year 4 Eagles start their swimming on Monday. Thank you so much to all of the parents who have contributed towards the increasing costs of running this. The classes will have two half term sessions each - one before Christmas and one after. Again due to COVID many families were unable to access swimming lessons. We understand that many children have little or no swimming experience and want to reassure you that this is fine. Our staff are there to support the children as well as the instructors at the pool and our very own Miss Sinclair who will be in the water with the children.

Parking

We have been contacted by the new local surgery to request that parents do not park in the surgery car park as their patients have been unable to park there.

We have also had reported some very near misses from parents who are dropping off and parking on the zigzag yellow lines. There should be no parents parking in this areas in the mornings or the afternoons. The safety of our children and the community is paramount and we must request that you park elsewhere.

Bank Holiday

Please remember we will be closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday and will see all the children back on Tuesday.

Water Bottles

Please can we ask that all water bottles are plastic and not glass, if dropped on the floor or outside they will smash.

Year 6

A huge well done to Year 6 this week. This week many of our year 6s sat the Secondary Transfer test. It's not easy in the first full week of a new school year to take tests or to take the decision that this is not for you but that is what our new Year 6s had to do. We were all very impressed and proud of their attitude, maturity and resilience. A great start to the year.

We would also like to say well done to those children who made a 'Head Boy/Girl' speech in front of all year 6s. We heard amazing speeches from some very brave children.



Open Evening and Open Day

Just to remind you all that we have our Academy Open Evening on Thursday 29th September from 6pm-8pm.

This will mean the school will close from 1pm on that day.

Preschool will remain closed all day.

Please collect your children from the 'normal' collection points at the following times:

Reception - 1.00pm

Year 1 & 2 - 1.10pm

Year 3 & 4 - 1.20pm

Year 5 & 6 - 1.20pm

Breakfast club will still run on this day but there will be NO after school club(s). If you booked onto an afternoon wrap around session this has already been credited back to your account.

We also have two open mornings on the 6th and 13th October these are from 9.30-11 for prospective parents only.

Reflection

This week in the primary phase we have reflected how hard it can be to pray.

We blew bubbles and thought about how a prayer can be like a bubble,

we pray, we say 'Amen' and the prayers have gone! But where have our prayers gone?

We were comforted in our reflection by knowing that even though we cannot see where our prayer has

gone God is always listening. We also began learning the Lord's Prayer. This is a gift left by Jesus that we can use as a template for prayer even when we don't know what to pray.

We invite our community to join with us in saying the words spoken by Christians for thousands of years...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

Now and forever.

Amen

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan