



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 22 24th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

Although this has been a slightly shorter week for the children it has been very busy!

Having the opportunity for all the AVA staff to undertake training together on Monday was valuable. We had a jam-packed schedule and fitted a lot into the day. With 200 staff here at the Academy it is always a treat to get together and share good practice.

Thank you to all our families and friends that joined us after school on Tuesday for our open classrooms and book look. The feedback has been so positive, and I know that this opportunity was welcomed by all who joined us.

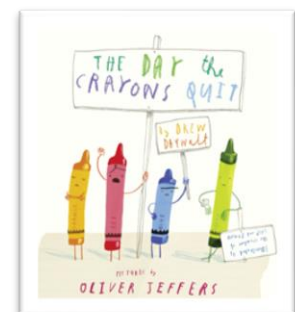
On Monday our Year 4 Falcons start on their next half term of Swimming. The organisation remains as before- children need to bring their swimming kits to school with them. We strive to return to school as close to 3.10pm as possible but the roadworks and traffic around Aylesbury is often against us. Please remember this is not the staff's fault.

Today we did our termly Lockdown drill. As always, we let the children know what we were doing and made the drill as calm as possible. The children understand that we may need to stay in the building at points to keep us all safe. We use the example of staying inside whilst we remove the fox (that often visits the playground) from the site. As always, the children and staff were amazing. We hope that we never have to use this process in a 'real' situation but are confident that we all know how to carry it out safely and effectively.

We continue to have concerns over children in and around the car park early in the morning. Staff are still arriving up until 8.20am and there are children playing between the cars and scooting around the car park. We know before half term the dangers of parking near the school when a parent was hurt. Please ensure that your children are stood on the pavement and not in the car park we do not want any children hurt by moving cars.

World Book Day – Friday 3rd March 2023

Our World Book Day celebrations are fast approaching, and teachers are planning wonderful activities for the day! We will be basing the day on the story "The Day the Crayons Quit" – because of this, we are asking children to come into school dressed in their favourite colour! We request that no child comes in as a character from another book. We can't wait for staff and students alike to brighten up our school on the day!





Advanced Notice – Scholastic Book Fair – Saturday 1st April 2023

On Saturday 1st April 2023, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Community Suite. We will be open 9:30am - 12:30pm.

As a cashless school, all books will need to be purchased using a bank card.

As a school, we benefit immensely from holding these book fairs as we get a certain percentage from the sales to spend on books for our school. We are aiming to use the money we raise to buy new dictionaries and thesauruses for our classrooms – a key resource for all

children! Please come along and support us by purchasing some fantastic books for your children's bookshelves! We are looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Spring Concert

Looking forward we are going to hold a Spring Concert here in the Primary School on Thursday 30th March 5:30-6:30pm.

If you have a child at AVA who plays an instrument in school or outside of school and they would like a performance opportunity, then they can contact Miss Russell through the school office. More details to follow.

Fun with Phonics!

Tuesday 7th March 3.30-4.00pm

This session is for parents/carers from Reception to find out more and have some fun with Phonics with the Reception Team in the Reception Classrooms!

You will be required to sign in at the main office and will be taken down to the classroom by a member of the team. Please can we ask that you remain in the classroom with the teacher as we have children on site and cannot have people unaccompanied.

If you wish to attend, please can you email the school office to confirm.

Industrial Strike Action

As you will have seen from Mr Gibson's letter (from today) we have had to make the decision to move to remote learning for some of the year groups on Wednesday 1st March.

Preschool, Year 4, 5 and 6 will attend school as normal while Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 will remain at home.

We understand that this was cause disruption but wanted to make a decision as soon as possible. Please be mindful that this may still change as the date gets closer. The finer details are included in the letter you will have received.

Reflection



In the Primary Phase on Tuesday, we were all very excited because it was Pancake Day. This day is also called Shrove Tuesday, and marks the start of Lent, which is a time of reflection for the Christian community around the world. However, you don't have to be a Christian to pause and use the 40 days leading up to Easter as a time of reflection.

This year at AVA we would like to invite our community to use the 40 days of Lent to explore with us what it means to make positive change for our world and the climate.

The Christian community believe the earth and everyone in it is precious to God. This Lent we can reflect God's love in the way we treat the world too? Therefore, we want to inspire you to make a change. It's only 40 days, but it will have an impact forever.

Each week in the run up to Easter, this reflection will focus on suggestions for small changes we can all make to have a positive impact on the world.

If we all committed to just one of the suggestions, added together these would equate to a huge impact for our planet.

This week why not...

**Kind regards,
Mrs C Baughan**

