



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have unfortunately seen the highest rate of absence amongst children and staff. There have been a mix of COVID cases and a particularly nasty sickness bug. We are seeing a variety of 'new' COVID symptoms in the smaller children. These include nausea, upset stomachs, headaches and aches and pains. In order to keep all classes open and protect our vulnerable please keep regularly testing non symptomatic children with LTFs and symptomatic children with a PCR.

Today our year 4 children taught all about vegetables and how to prepare and cook soup. Being part of an all through academy means that we have amazing facilities and the children did their lessons in the secondary food science (cookery) rooms today.

On Tuesday all of our Year 6's took over the secondary computing suites in order to study their IT/computing curriculum. We are starting to focus on transition to secondary school(s) and are in the privileged position to prepare our children better than most for this. There will be more opportunities in the coming weeks.

Enrichment Clubs

All of our after school clubs are now fully subscribed. We are not able to switch children's choices now as each are at capacity. Please remember there will be no clubs the week commencing 14th February (the last week of the half term) due to parent consultations.

Parking

Parking and driving around the school at drop off and pickup times has caused us to receive some complaints from local residents. Please can I ask you to take care and be considerate to others. I witnessed a car pull out onto the road without awareness of a vehicle travelling up John Fitzjohn Avenue and causing it to do an emergency stop. The driver was clearly shaken and contacted me at the school - worried that this may happen and everyone not be so lucky. Please, please take care, especially when visibility at the moment isn't good.

Reception

On Wednesday our Reception children enjoyed a visit from firefighters James Wallace and Matt Fairlie. A massive thank you to them both.

The children were excited to hear all about the job of a firefighter, visit the fire truck and even put out a pretend fire on the playground if they wanted. We dressed up Mrs Boyle in a firefighter uniform and even saw Mrs Haydon putting out a fire using a virtual reality headset, we had a great and exciting day and the visit really enhances our learning about real life superheroes.

It was lovely to see the excitement and then to hear the children talking about the visit. We are lucky to have such amazing members of our community who not only inspire our children but help keep us all safe.

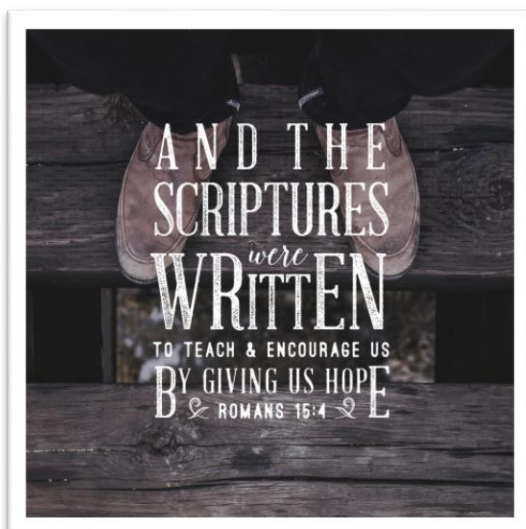


Parent Consultations

The booking system for the Parent Consultations is live and will close on 11.02.2022 at 9am. Please can we ask that you log on and book your child's consultation. We are unable to offer alternative dates if you haven't booked.

<https://aylesburyvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Reflection for the Week



We started this week with an assembly where we enjoyed learning about being resourceful from Mrs Shaw.

As we end the week, we can find comfort and hope in the Bible, a resource God has blessed us all with and that is freely available to teach us and show us Gods love for us.

Stay safe and have a great weekend.

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

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



Every Mind Matters

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



Mind

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.**