



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Although it has been freezing this week it has made us feel very Christmassy....

We have celebrated in school this week with our Year 3 and 4 Christingle service. We were joined by Reverend Lane and lots of families to celebrate what the children have been learning about in their RS lessons and assemblies. The two services

were moving and respectful whilst being fun and full of light. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped us make memories with our children.



On Monday the children from our Equality and Diversity group led a whole school assembly. It never fails to amaze me how brave and confident our children are in their ability to perform and speak in public. Well done to

Ms Russell and the children for continuing to support us all in school.

Sadly, we had to postpone our Reception Bedtime Stories due to children being poorly. We will endeavour to rearrange this in the New Year when (hopefully) children are well again.

On Wednesday our brilliant School Choir visited Roman Park to sing for the older members of our community. It is events like this that make all of the hard work and lots of practice worthwhile. To be able to bring such joy to our extended community is a real pleasure.

Our choir will be performing tomorrow (Saturday) from 4pm in Hampden Square on Fairford Leys...please come and support them if you can. We have heard a rumour that Father Christmas may be popping in!

Simon Says Magic came in to entertain our Preschool and Reception children with some wonderful magic. The children absolutely loved it, what a wonderful experience and a huge thank you to all those parents that have supported us to ensure that it can go ahead.

Today our Year 6 children and staff invaded the school as Vikings! Not only were the costumes unbelievably good but the activities that were happening in school were amazing. Thank you for the parents who have helped make this experience so brilliant and again a memory to treasure.



As I said this morning only in a Primary School would you find 92 Vikings and Cinderella on the same day! Our talented Drama club finally went to the ball this morning when they performed their very own version of Cinderella (goes wrong!) to Years 4, 5 and 6 and lots of adult visitors. To think that this was written, directed, performed and staged by our children, supported by Mr Wright and Ms Nicholls is unbelievable. Their comic timing and ability to remember lines and take direction is something else...we have lots of stars in the making. Well done to all that took part.

Swimming

Next Monday (12th December) will be the last swimming for Falcons class.

End of Autumn Term

On Monday 19th December Preschool closes for Christmas and on Tuesday 20th December we close our school doors for Christmas. This is a shorter day for us all as always. Please collect your child from the normal place at the following times:

Reception- 1.00pm

Year 1 and 2 - 1.10pm

Year 3 and 4 - 1.20pm

Year 5 and 6 - 1.20pm

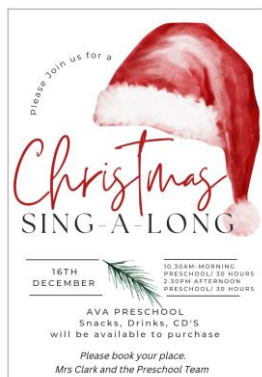
Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch is on Thursday 15th December, please remember to book this for your child by this Monday 12th December. We are unable to add children on the day as they will have cooked to order.

Nativities

Our nativity tickets have been sent out for both performances next week. There are only 2 tickets per child and we cannot split this over two performances. Please ensure that you have the tickets that you need we cannot let anyone additional in on the day due to capacity in the Hall.

Sing Along



Reception sing-a-long, on Thursday 15th December at 9.30am (entrance through main office). Ticket only entry, all tickets have been handed out.

Preschool are having two sing-a-long sessions on the 16th December, one at 10.30am for the AM children and one session at 2.30pm. If you haven't already booked a place please email avapreschool@theacademy.me



Carol concert

The Year 5&6 will be doing a Carol Concert with the secondary school on 14th December. A form has gone out today for you to complete to let us know who will be attending from school and for an indication on adult numbers as well. This is a really lovely concert which the children always enjoy doing.

Diary Dates

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
Reception- 1.00pm
Year 1 and 2 - 1.10pm
Year 3 and 4 - 1.20pm
Year 5 and 6 - 1.20pm

Reflection

Weekly Reflection for Advent...

The Third Week of Advent Represents: Joy

During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherds felt at the birth of Jesus.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2:20

Candle Name: The Shepherd's Candle

Advent Wreath Prayer:

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

*Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to worship you.
Amen.*



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Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan