



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 15 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This will be the last bulletin in 2022! Where has the time (and year gone)?!

The week has proven to be cold, well freezing actually! It has been the busiest week of the term and we have welcomed over 800 guests into school for the many different events that we have held.

The various Nativities, Carol Concerts and Sing -a- longs have all been truly magical. It is a joy to see the children performing, growing in confidence, smiling and enjoying this special time of year. What is even more special is seeing the reaction from the friends and families in the audience (we do love a tear or two!).

I would like to thank the amazing catering and site team for all of their efforts this week. The Christmas lunch yesterday was well organised and delicious. It was made even more special by a visit from Santa and his (rather tall) Elf. Being able to spread such happiness is a gift for the staff here.



Today we watched the Year 4's show off their amazing Roman Artwork and Shields.

This really was a show case of the time, effort and love that all of the children have put into their topic this term. It is brilliant that the passion for learning shines through and that they are able to have experiences such as these.

### Goodbye

On Tuesday we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Tunbridge (from Preschool). It is with a heavy heart that I need to let you know that she is leaving us at the end of December. She will be missed by all of us, children and staff alike and leaves a big hole here at AVA. We wish her the very best of luck for her next adventure and thank her for all that she has done whilst here at the school.

### Booking lunches

The menu's for next term are still being finalised with the catering company. As soon as these are ready they will be added to the School Gateway and the menu's put up on the website for you all to see before booking.

An email will be sent to all parents to advise when this will go live.

## Wrap around

Please ensure that you book your wrap around sessions in advance. We are getting a lot of requests to book on the day which the office have been advised not to do. If you have not booked your sessions please organise alternative provision for that day.

There are outstanding debts on the wrap around care accounts please ensure that these are cleared prior to the start of the Spring Term.

Any late collections or arrivals to the wrap around that haven't booked will incur a £20 fee per child per session.

## Booking Clubs (which will start W/C 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

The clubs for the Spring Term are attached to this email. Payment requests will go live on Monday for bookings.

Please note that these are non-refundable and unable to be swapped so please ensure that your child wishes to attend before booking.

## End of Autumn Term

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December Preschool closes for Christmas and on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

We return to school on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023** at normal time.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all of the support and kindness that you have shown both myself and our staff throughout 2022. This year has had its own set of challenges but has also had its highs and we have created happy memories.

I am in such a privileged position and thoroughly enjoy being able to lead such a wonderful school, within an amazing community and with very special children. My job is made easier by those around me and the staff here at AVA are all so committed to the school and passionate about the learning, care and progression of the children in our charge, I really couldn't ask for a better bunch! I hope that you are all able to spend time with those closest to you over the next fortnight and remember the true, importance of Christmas which is love.

## Reflection

### Weekly Reflection for Advent...

The Fourth Week of Advent Represents: Love

During this final week of Advent, we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.



"And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11

Candle Name: The Angel'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, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts.

As Christmas draws closer, let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter.

May our hearts be open to you.

Amen.

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Have a lovely weekend and a wonderful time with your loved ones.

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs C Baughan**