



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.

I hope that whatever your plans you were able to find time to relax and enjoy them.

We are aware that some children find the holidays (and returning to school) tricky and with this in mind we have extended our pastoral team and now have our own Play Therapist on site each week. She will be joining us for the first time tomorrow. I am sure she will love her time here with us.

The last term was extremely busy but felt warm and cosy with all our festive celebrations and activities. Thank you once again for your support and for joining us at so many of the events and performances. Thank you also for all the well wishes, Christmas cards and gifts that staff received. These were very much appreciated by all concerned. As a staff team we know how lucky we are to work with our families and community.

Children return to school tomorrow (Thursday) and we will be joined by some new faces. We have children joining us in Year 1, 3 and 5 tomorrow, please make them and their families feel welcome and help them where you can.

School lunches

Hot meals should have been booked by now for the remainder of the week, if you have not ordered a lunch for your child, please remember to send them with a packed lunch. Our dining staff only cook to order, and we do not have 'spare' hot food available. You can book the whole of this half term if that makes things a little be easier for organisation.

After School Club

Wrap around spaces also need to be booked - please remember that these are non-refundable (unless the school is closed). We need to cover the costs of staffing, resources and amenities and to do this we need to know how many children we are expecting at each session.



Our after-school clubs start mainly from next Monday (9th January). If you have signed up and paid for the space, you are booked on. If you were unable to pay, then the club is full.

All clubs continue to dismiss from the playground at the end of the session.

We have 4 external clubs this half term, Sports Factor, YDP Year 3&4 Football, YDP Year 5&6 Football and a Girls only Football Club. All of these need to be booked directly with the providers and spaces go VERY QUICKLY! Please book asap to ensure you have a space if your child wishes to attend one of these sessions.

Swimming

Swimming starts again on Monday for EAGLES (Year 4). This is their second block of swimming lessons for this academic year. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit and hat ready for Monday. With all of the traffic and road works around Aylesbury the coach has been returning a little later than the end of the school day on Mondays. We appreciate that this can be frustrating for parents collecting children however we have a set time that we book and use the swimming pool for and unfortunately this means that we can get delayed when we are returning to school.

Football match

On Monday evening we are taking some of our Year 6 children over to Oxford to watch a football match. This was a highly popular trip with limited spaces. All parents that had requested and paid for a space will receive confirmation and further details before Friday 6th January. If you were unable to pay for a ticket it means that they were sold out and no more spaces were available. We hope to run similar events in the future for other age groups.

Finally, we received the lovely news that Mr and Mrs Wehrle welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world just before Christmas. We would like to send them all of our love and best wishes for many happy times (and no sleepless nights) as a family of 4.



Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan