



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 17 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy Friday everyone!

It has been a fun filled, busy week with lots of shared experiences and time spent together.

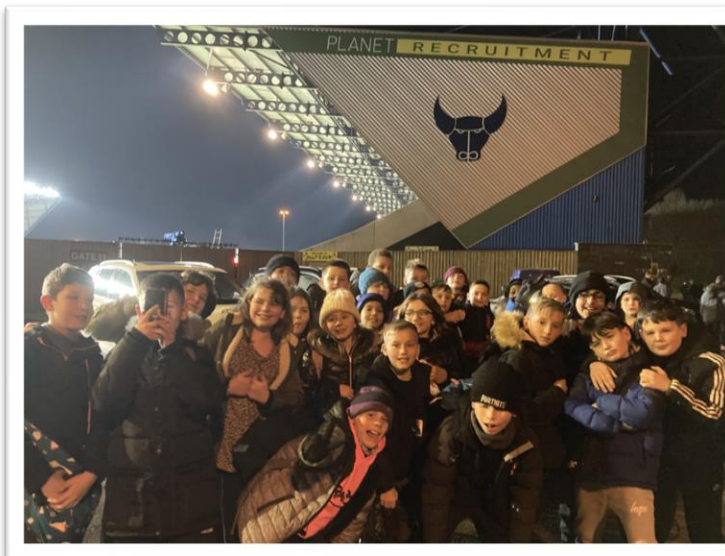
We started the week with our first whole school assembly of 2023. We spoke about Aspirations and how we can be the best citizens possible. It was lovely to hear the children and adults sharing ideas and thoughts and dreams for the future.



On Monday evening some of our Year 6 children and staff braved the cold to travel over to the Kassam Stadium to watch Oxford United 'v' Arsenal in the FA Cup.

It was a brilliant evening, and we all had lots of fun, came back a little hoarse and enjoyed experiencing the excitement of the game. The children were a credit to us and the staff at the club commented on how exceptionally well behaved they were.

There are very limited spaces available for children from Year 3-6 to join the different football clubs that we offer here at school. Please book via the YDP (Youth Dreams Project) website.



Our Year 4 Eagles started back at Swimming on Monday. The instructors were really impressed with how much the children had remembered and then started learning the next skills. They will continue swimming each Monday for this half term.

The after-school clubs are in full swing. Thank you for signing up so promptly. Once you have a space there is no way of moving children around as the clubs fill very quickly. We pride ourselves in offering a wide range of activities and giving children the opportunities to try different skills.

These clubs will run until Easter. We will be offering a club for Reception children at this point to help them with their transition to Year 1.

All children need to be collected from the playground gates at the end of the club.

### **The School Parliament**

At the moment, times are really hard for many of our AVA families. Therefore, the School Parliament would like to appeal for a monthly collection of various household necessities which will be passed on to our local food bank where it can be accessed by those in the community who really need them.

For January we would like to collect tinned foodstuffs e.g., baked beans, spaghetti, peaches. The collection will change for each month. Any donations can be brought into the school by pupils who can then pass them onto their teachers.

We hope that you will support this worthy cause and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Assessments**

Over the next fortnight we have our regular assessments. We use these to enhance our planning and ensure that children understand what they have already learned.

These are approached in an age appropriate manner. Many children will not know that they have had an assessment as it will have been done as part of their regular learning pattern.

Year 6 will use the same format as they previously have, to ensure that they are used to the routine needed for SATs.

### **SEND**

The ADHD Foundation have recently made available this free booklet resource for children and their parents. It helps enormously with the need to understand ADHD in themselves or their classmates.

Download link from The ADHD Foundation website - [https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ADHD\\_FOUND\\_Takeda\\_KidsBooklet\\_May22\\_2.pdf](https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ADHD_FOUND_Takeda_KidsBooklet_May22_2.pdf)

### **Parent Survey**

Recently we conducted our parental survey to establish what we are doing well and what we can do differently. Thank you to everyone who completed this for us. We had 260 Primary responses - which is awesome. Staff are working their way through the comments and have contacted many parents - where this was requested. I would like to share the following headlines with you:

- 98% of those who responded feel that their child is happy in school.
- 99% of those who responded feel that their child is safe at school.
- 95% of those who responded feel that their child does well at school.
- 82% of those who responded feel that their child knows the importance of prayer and reflection.

We will be paying particular attention to the importance of our collective worship, prayer and reflection moving forward. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **World Book Day - Advanced Notice**

The Primary Phase will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All year groups will spend the day exploring *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. On this day, children are encouraged to come into school wearing clothes in their favourite colour - this could be as simple as a coloured tee-shirt! More details will follow closer to the time.

## Reflection

This week in our Primary Assemblies we have reflected on our school value of Aspiration. We have thought about how we can aspire to a better future for ourselves but that this comes with responsibilities.

We reflected on how we need to consider the impact of our personal aspirations on others and how we can work together to make the world a better place for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs C Baughan**

Let each of you look not only to  
his own interests, but also to the  
interests of others.

-Philippians 2:4

