



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 1 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful and fun filled Summer?

We are looking forward to meeting all our new families in Preschool and Reception this week, we hope that your children will be very happy here.

I am grateful to be returning this year with the most 'normal' routines that we have seen in recent years. We are looking forward to an exciting year with lots of opportunities for our children. We have decided to hit the ground running and start as many activities as possible, as soon as possible.

Our Curriculum looks exciting and jammed packed (please view our curriculum maps on our website) with children being able to take full advantage of our amazing facilities, staff and resources. We have already started booking trips and visits as well as swimming for Year 4 and an external sports club for our younger children.

I am excited to see what this year holds for us all.

Just to confirm, as I believe there has been some confusion, the start dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 & 2 - 8.30am

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 8.30am

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Reception - 8.30am (if parents want to walk their children to the classroom, please arrive at the playground gate at 8.50am)

This week Reception parents have their 1:1 meetings on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - individual timings have been issued.

### School Hot Meals

If you have not booked a meal for Wednesday for Yr 1-6 you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch. All menu's are on the web site as well as our Theme days so please have a look before you book your meals.

Universal Free School Meals is for Years R-2, these need to be booked via the School Gateway app.

### Wrap Around Care

Our wrap around care starts tomorrow (Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September) for both before and after school care. These sessions need to be pre booked as per our communication in the Summer. Reception children can access these once they start full time on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## Enrichment clubs

Enrichment Clubs will be live to book on the School Gateway tomorrow. Please find below the clubs for this term:

| Club               | Year Group | Staff         | Day       | Max number | Time        | Cost     |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|
| Sports             | 1,2,3      | Sports Factor | Monday    | TBA        | TBA         | TBA      |
| Netball            | 4,5,6      | HH/LP/GR/LG   | Monday    | 40         | 3.00-4.15pm | £12/term |
| Gardening          | 4,5,6      | LS/KF         | Monday    | 20         | 3.00-4.15pm | £12/term |
| Choir              | 3,4,5,6    | GR            | Wednesday | 20         | 8.00-8.40am | £12/term |
| Board Games        | 3,4,5      | HM            | Wednesday | 20         | 3.00-4.15pm | £12/term |
| Book/Story Telling | 1-6        | CL            | Wednesday | 20         | 3.00-4.15pm | £12/term |
| Drama              | 4,5,6      | JW/AN         | Wednesday | 20         | 3.00-4.15pm | £12/term |
| Film               | 1,2,3,4    | EL            | Thursday  | 20         | 3.00-4.15pm | £12/term |
| Art                | 4,5,6      | LJ/FS         | Thursday  | 20         | 3.00-4.15pm | £12/term |
| Sports             | 5,6        | NO            | Friday    | 20         | 3.00-4.15pm | £12/term |

Each space is £1/per session/per club for the Autumn term, payable in advance online via the school gateway app, this will secure the place. Without payment there will be no space for your child.

We will not be opening up the payments for additional children after the deadline of the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022, you will not be able to be added at a later date. This is to secure all registers and the movement of children after school.

Clubs will begin w/c 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and end w/e 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

There will be no clubs on the days where there is Parents Evening or Open Evening.

To ensure all children are given the opportunity to attend a club we will be reviewing the bookings to ensure no child is booked onto multiple clubs and other children not able to be booked onto any. Pick up will be at Gate A at the time listed above. Please remember that the car park will be open and cars may be leaving at the same time so all children need to be with their adult and not on scooters or running around for their own safety.

## Football

We are also pleased to announce that we have secured an evening coaching session with Simon Eastwood and Wayne Brown from Oxford United Football Club.

These gentlemen were part of our Primary Sports Week last academic year and loved our school. Many of our children expressed an interest in some professional coaching and as a result they have decided to run an academy here (on our secondary astro-turf) on a Wednesday from 5pm-6pm and 6pm -7pm.

This is an amazing opportunity for boys and girls to work with a current first team goalkeeper and coach. Spaces are limited and must be pre-booked. Please see the attached information.



The poster features a stylized 'FG' logo at the top, with the word 'FUTURE' in large, glowing letters below it, and 'GOALKEEPER' in smaller letters underneath. The text continues with 'WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER', 'AYLESBURY VALE ACADEMY SCHOOL', and two time slots: '6 TO 10 YEAR OLDS-5PM TO 6PM' and '11 TO 16 YEAR OLDS-6PM TO 7PM'. At the bottom, it states '£20 FOR 3 SESSIONS IN SEPTEMBER' and provides the email address 'INFO@FUTUREGOALKEEPER.COM'.

## Uniform

I had many conversations with parents at the end of last year about children outgrowing uniform and shoes. We were understanding to this and tried to help where possible. Please ensure that children are returning to school in the correct uniform (including PE kit) and school shoes. We are hoping to have a second-hand uniform sale very soon, we will send out information nearer the time. We strive to keep our uniform as affordable as possible with many items being available in the local shops and supermarkets. If you are struggling with this please contact the office.

## Communication

Phase Leaders will be sending out a phase newsletter this week with information about this term for each year group. This will include which days the children have PE (and can come into school in their PE kits) and if they have any 'themed' days.

Our Phase Leaders are:

Preschool & Reception - Mrs Clark

Year 1 & 2 - Miss Gonzalez

Year 3 & 4 - Miss Granville

Year 5 & 6 - Mrs Stewart

## Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance team work tirelessly to support children and families both at home and in school. As you will be aware we are not able to authorise any holiday from school. It is vital that children are in school as much as possible and are on time for school each morning.

We have an assembly each day as soon as the children are registered and if a child is late to school it impacts on their personal wellbeing and learning. Please work with our team to help your child.

If you need any support (especially in these difficult financial times) please remember our pastoral team (Mrs Khan and Ms Bryant) are here to listen and help where they can.

## 11+ / Secondary Transfer (Year 6)

Our Year 6 children will be sitting their 11+ / Secondary Transfer test on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. If you do not wish your child to participate you must put this request in writing to me before the test date.

Please also be mindful that the online portal (Buckinghamshire Council) will be opening for you to apply for a secondary place if your child is in Year 6. This includes if you wish your child to stay with us here at AVA Secondary.

## Staff roles

We are pleased to announce that the following staff are starting new roles within the school.

Mrs Haydon is stepping up from Assistant Head Teacher to Acting Deputy Head Teacher whilst Mrs O'Neill is on maternity leave.

Mrs Foulger and Miss Granville are undertaking the roles of Assistant Head Teachers.

Mrs Stewart is now Phase Leader for Year 5 and 6.

We wish you all the very best of luck.

Finally, we cannot wait to hear all the exciting tales of the summer and see all of the children.

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs C Baughan**