



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 2 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers



Yesterday evening we heard the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II passed. Today in school we have held a special assembly with Reverend Lane for the children in Years 1-6.

We prayed together, watched footage of the Queen and learnt about King Charles III. At school we have kept our prayer candle alight all day and have opened a book of condolence. The children understand this to be a memory book in which they can add pictures, messages, poems or memories.

We feel it very important to support the children to create memories.



Despite this sad news, I have thoroughly enjoyed returning to school this week. It is lovely to see all of the children and catch up with colleagues as well as seeing parents and families on the gates. It already feels like Autumn and with this in mind please send your child into school with a coat and suitable school shoes. Children are able to wear their 'summer' uniform until October half term but with the down turn in the temperature please include a jumper or cardigan in this.

### Open Evening

We have our annual Open Evening for new and prospective families for Reception spaces on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022. As always this will mean the school will close from 1.00pm on this day.

Please collect your children from the 'normal' collection points at the following times:

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

Breakfast club will still run on this day but there will be NO after school club(s). If you booked onto an afternoon wrap around session this has already been credited back to your account. Due to the early closure Preschool will NOT be open on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We have taken the opportunity to use the morning to update all of the staff training for the team.

## Phase Newsletter

You will have now received your first newsletter from your Phase Leader. This will give you important information including your child's PE days. On these days your son/daughter should wear their PE kit and trainers to school. They should still bring a coat and the school PE jumper for outside PE lessons and social times. Tracksuits should be plain black or navy - not brightly coloured or patterned. Football kits are also not permitted for PE.

We are super excited to welcome James Smith from Sports Factor into our school this year. He will be leading PE for our younger children and running a sports club for them on a Friday after school. The club needs to be booked directly with him (please refer to the previous information). We know that he will be very happy here and that our children will love working with him.

## Swimming

Swimming will start 19<sup>th</sup> September for Year 4 Eagles. Unfortunately, the cost for this has increased and we are asking for parental assistance with the cost of the coach travel to and from the pool. We will continue to pay for the weekly lessons for every child. There is the option for a £5.00 voluntary contribution on the School Gateway. This will cover the whole term and equates to approximately 50p a week. This will help us greatly, thank you in advance for your support.

We also have some children who need help with their swimming garments and towels and are looking for donations of swimming costumes and towels for both boys and girls. If you have any that you would be able to donate, please drop at the school office. Thank you once again.

We finally feel that we are in the position to have sports teams competing against other schools and would love to set up a Key Stage 2 football team. In the past parents have kindly offered their time to help with this. If you feel that you could spare an hour a week to assist with training and matches, please contact the school office. Miss Large will be overseeing this.

## Medical

Please could all parents who had children with medication in school but were unable to collect it at the end of last term, please come to the school office to collect and check the medication.

Every school year we need new medical forms completed please find these attached and medication sent into the school office boxed, with a label and in date.

Please note we do not administer medication unless it is prescription and will not administer medication such as antibiotics unless it is required 4 times a day.

## Appeal

As you will be aware from the horrific images in the news many people in Pakistan are suffering following the recent floods.

We are working with our local community to try and offer some support. We will be collecting items here at the school which have been identified as needed in Pakistan. We have organised for all donations to be taken to a central collection point and then to be shipped abroad to the areas in need.

If you can help, please drop any of the following items to either the Primary or Secondary reception before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Items of need:

- Tinned/Packets of food (Halal/Vegetarian)
- Cereals
- Energy Bars
- Bottled water
- Coats
- Hats

- Scarves
- Shawls
- Gloves
- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Calpol
- Nappies
- Feminine hygiene
- Soap

## Reflection

As we end our first week in school many of us will have stopped and wondered 'what will this year bring'? Of course, we do not know. It's likely to bring its usual times of work and play, and all the things that are part of school life. It is a new beginning, the planting of a seed that will grow for a year, the seed of fruits we will harvest in times to come. It offers new hope. Hope for learning, friendship, hard work and fun.

As we start our new school year, we invite you to join with us in the prayer...

Loving God,

You have created each of us in your own image and likeness.

You have made us equal and great in your sight.

You have blessed us with many talents and abilities.

Guide us, as we begin this new school year, not to be anxious about the months ahead, but to place all our trust in you.

Help us each day to share your love, kindness and compassion with all those we meet.

Amen.

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs C Baughan**