



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of the week I often reflect upon what we have achieved. This week I sat and watched the children singing, laughing and learning new songs in our assembly and felt overwhelmed with emotion. Life is busy and often we overlook the smaller aspects. The past year has taught us to appreciate more. I am thrilled that we are able to experience more and more each week and that our children are thriving.

On Monday we welcomed Jessica and Jennifer Gadirova into our Values assembly. This was a very exciting surprise for all of the

children and staff! The Olympic bronze medallists were truly inspiring and so warm with all of the primary children. They answered questions and spoke of their journey to Tokyo.

We truly have such talented youngsters at our school.



Some of our year 6 children and staff have been away at Manor Adventure this week. They have had a week jam packed with activities such as abseiling, climbing, team building and hiking. We welcome them back after school this evening and cannot wait to hear how much fun they have all had. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the visit.

In school the other year 6 children have had a Harry Potter themed activities week. They have created artefacts, played quidditch, made lotions and potions and invented board games. A massive thank you to Mrs Heal, Mrs Nicholls and the other staff for making this such a huge success.



Miss Granville is updating our sports board in school....we are looking for photographs of your children playing sports to include. If you would like your child to be included in the display please send a photo into school with them or email a copy to the office for the attention of Miss Granville.



Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. We have children and staff with severe nut allergies, which could be life threatening if they come into contact with them. These allergies are both airborne and ingested- which means the person could react if in the same environment as the nuts. For this reason we ban all types of chocolate spread- including in sandwiches, brioche and pancakes. If a child has these in their lunch they will be removed to protect other people.

We have successfully appointed new office administrators this week who will be joining our school over the next few weeks. Please say hello when you see them and welcome them into our AVA family.

We are looking forward to showing you our classrooms and work on Tuesday 28th September. Please enter through the main reception from 3.30pm. You must wear a mask and sanitise when coming into the school and classrooms.

We will be closing from 1.20pm on Thursday 30th September for our annual open evening event. The collection timings are as follows:

- 1.20pm - Reception (Playground gates)
- 1.30pm - Year 1 & 2 (Playground gates)
- 1.35pm - Year 3 & 4 (Playground gates)
- 1.35pm - Year 5 & 6 (Hall gate)

Thank you for the positive feedback on the new collection times and locations. I am pleased it feels better for parents. Remember to give each other space and allow children to pass through the groups of parents safely.

Kind regards

Mrs C Baughan



HM Government



If you have any of the following symptoms:



A new, continuous cough



A high temperature



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test as soon as possible.
Stay at home until you get the result.**

Well-being Matters

The current situation is a challenge for all, and we appreciate our students may find the uncertainty of the pandemic difficult. The safeguarding team are always here to support our students and we can be reached directly using the following email address: safeguarding@theacademy.me

There are several charities who can support your child if you are concerned about their mental health, these are listed below:



Kooth - online counselling for young people

www.kooth.com



Every Mind Matters

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



Mind

www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing



Mental Health Foundation

<https://mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

**Thank you for everything you are doing at this difficult time in support the children at the
Aylesbury Vale Academy.**