



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 7

13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week seems to have flown by! We have had a busy week in school. Our KS1 children flew to France, our School Parliament met to start planning Children in Need and discussed ideas on how we can make our school even better and the harvest donations have been flooding in filling the classrooms.



As you can see by the photos the children thoroughly enjoyed their WOW day to France. The checking in process was nice and smooth and the flight departed on time with no delays, if only all travel was that easy. The children listened very attentively to their inflight safety video and enjoyed the flight entertainment. They then participated in a range of different activities from building the Eiffel Tower out of art straws, food tasting, drawing French flags, learning about the French culture.



There are **NO ENRICHMENT/TEACHER** led clubs next week due to Parents Evening.

Half Term – full day on 20th October normal pick-up times.

This month is Black History Month in the UK and we at Aylesbury Vale Academy will be marking it by recognising and valuing the inspirational individuals and events that have shaped the black generation. With the

help of Year 5, our Monday assembly will reflect on these important figures and discuss how they have modelled our AVA values, helping to contribute to and help our society today.

11+ Results

Today the parents of our Year 6 children that sat the secondary transfer test (11+) can access the scores online. If you would like to discuss the score with Mrs Baughan please email cbaughan@theacademy.me to arrange an appointment. Well done to all of our Year 6's, they really are thriving at the moment and continue to make us proud every day.

Please note that the portal for making applications for a Year 7 place closes on the **31/10/23**. Please ensure that you make your application for your secondary choices by them via the portal even if you are wanting to remain at Aylesbury Vale Academy you still need to complete the application:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/submit-your-school-application/>

Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6's go on their residential next week and the adults in school have been busy preparing a range of exciting activities for the Harry Potter themed week in school.

Please can we remind all parents to bring the children's medication into school first thing to be signed in for the trip. No medication is to be given to children to bring into school.

Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccinations are on the 19th October.

If your child is sick or on residential there will be a catch up day on the 8th November.

Attendance at AVA Primary

We would just like to say a huge well done and thank you as this week has seen our best weekly attendance so far this academic year! At 97.5%, this is a fantastic achievement! Please continue to send your children into school, even if they are a little under the weather – let us know on the gate, and we will keep a close eye on them throughout the day. Please take a look at the '**Is my child well enough for school?**' document if you are unsure. It is vital that children attend school even if they have a cold, so they don't miss out on their learning. Thank you again for your support.

Key Stage 2 Author Visit - REMINDER

It is only a week to go before the fantastic Matt Brown visits Years 3, 4 and 5! The author and TV presenter is visiting us to talk about his new book, '*Kevin the Vampire*' and his life as an author.

If you would like to order a copy of the book to be signed on the day, you can do so by following this link:

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/kevin-the-vampire-a-most-mysterious-monster/>

This visit has been organised through our links with 'OUR BOOKSHOP' in Tring. By ordering the book using the link above, you will receive a discount, whilst also supporting this fantastic bookshop!

The signed books will be given to your child on the day. **Books needed to be ordered by Wednesday 18th October.**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT 'OUR BOOKSHOP' - Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

Wrap Around Care

Please can we remind all parents to book all wrap around care in advance, the school office will not be booking sessions on the day. There are no credits for wrap around care even if your child is ill on the day. If you are using children's vouchers please ensure that the payment has been transferred in enough time to allow it to clear the bank accounts as we cannot credit without the payment being received. If there is no credit on the account to pay you will need to pay when you book.

Please can all parents check their School Gateway accounts and clear any outstanding payments.

School Photos

School Photos and Sibling Photos are now on **FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER.**

If you would like your child to have a sibling photograph, please complete the sibling form, the link can be found below. If you do not complete the form, it will be assumed that you do not want a sibling photo.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsN4kVFab6KxPuyAzXmmVJelUMehQUzIRWjExMTZIV0xHWEpTQk9DRkFaTS4u

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Tuesday 17th Oct - Reception-Yr 4, 3.30pm- 6.00pm

Thursday 19th Oct- Reception-Yr 4, 3.30pm-6.00pm

This booking closes on 15th October at 6pm

We are unable to provide appointments outside of these sessions, if you are unable to make any of the sessions, please email the school office and they will get an email update sent to you.

Open classrooms

Open classrooms will be Tuesday 31st October from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This is an opportunity to see your child's classroom, books/work and the staff that work with your child.

Scholastic Book Fairs – Diary Dates

We are excited to be teaming up with Scholastic again this year to run three book fairs throughout the year. These will be held in the Primary Hall from 9am to 12pm. The dates for these are:

- Saturday 18th November 2023
- Saturday 23rd March 2024
- Saturday 22nd June 2024

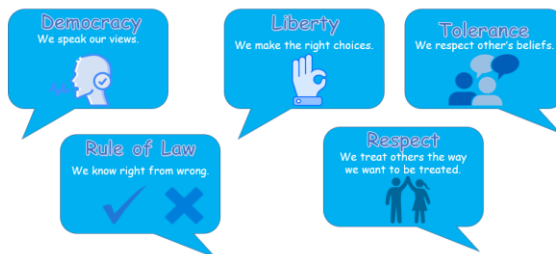
More information about each of these fairs will be sent out in due course.

Reflection

This week in the Primary Phase we enjoyed an assembly by Miss Pickett. where she explained to us about Fundamental British Values.

These Values are...

1. Respect for the rule of law
 2. Individual liberty
 3. Democracy
 - 4 Mutual respect
- and
5. Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs



We value these because they help students develop a sense of identity, respect for others, and an understanding of the society we live in.

The AVA community is made stronger by the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of our society.

As we end the week, we invite you to join with us in this prayer...

Dear God,

We pray for our school and the chance to make new discoveries every day.
Help us to challenge prejudice, treating everyone equally and with respect.
Help us to make our community and your world a better place for everyone.
Amen.

Have a restful weekend.

**Kind regards,
Mrs S O'Neill**

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If you have any initial concerns regarding your child please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/CD1CHTscFR>

For all of our latest news, to keep up to speed with events, for sharing 'wow' moments, and to stay 'in the loop,' follow us on social media. We have 3 platforms- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theaylesburyvaleacademyprimary>



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/avaprimary?s=09>



Instagram: <https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

Any questions, please contact avaprimary@theacademy.me FAO: Mrs Clark