



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have had in the run up to half term next week. A gentle reminder that there is an INSET day on the 25th October after which will be half term.

It was an absolute pleasure to invite Hannah Gold into school this week to talk to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 about her new book, 'Turtle Moon' and her life as a relatively new author! She was wonderfully inspiring, encouraging the children to look after the natural world around them – a theme that runs through all her novels.

Many children are now determined to become authors and this is why these visits are so important. Thank you all, as always, for supporting the AVA and Our Bookshop to ensure these visits can go ahead successfully.



There are no enrichment/teacher led clubs next week due to parents evening. External clubs are still running.

Please can we remind parents that we are a nut and seed free school, this includes chocolate spread of any kind and foods such as hummus. We have staff and students with severe allergies who will need hospitalisation should they come in contact.

Our staff will check lunchboxes to make sure that the contents is ok and that it is a balanced and healthy lunch. We always encourage the children to eat a balanced diet and would ask that this is also reflected in the packed lunches.

We continue to struggle with parking at drop off and collection times please can we ask all parents to park away from the entrances to the school and not to block roads, driveways or the entrance to the car park.

We need to remember that we must have clear routes to allow emergency vehicles through and must be mindful of the impact on our local community and the safety of all our children.

Please report any issues with parking to the council via the FixMyStreet link at the end of the bulletin.

Scholastic Book Fair

Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair & Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

On Saturday 16th November 2024, we will be holding our first Scholastic Book Fair! It will run between 9:00am and 12:00pm in our Primary Hall and is a perfect time to buy some Christmas presents!

Whilst we run the book fair, we will also be selling our pre-loved uniform items – all items available will include the AVA logo.

Scholastic Book Fair – card only

Pre-loved Uniform – cash only (donations)

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Harvest

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, the School Parliament at AVA Primary are asking for donations to support those in need during these difficult times. The following two groups of items are those most desired:

Food: sugar, flour, tinned vegetables and meat, pasta, dried rice, noodles, breakfast cereals, sauce jars, baby food, biscuits, crisps, crackers, jams, and spreads.

Toiletries: soap, shower gel, disposable nappies, toothpaste, toilet rolls, shampoo, and deodorant.

The closing date for sending in donations is Thursday 24th October 2024, on that day the items will be picked up by representatives of the Roman Park Community Trust Foodbank. Last year the Primary School alone collected over 1,000 items. With your help, we hope to match or even beat this amazing total this year.

Many thanks,
The School Parliament

Remembrance

I am writing to you to give you advanced notice of our Remembrance Day plans for November this year. On Monday 11th November, I would like to invite and encourage our students to bring in their uniforms of any groups they attend outside of school, to help us commemorate Remembrance Day within our school community. This could be Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Cadets, Boys/Girls Brigade, St John's Badgers or any other uniformed groups. Last year, we had a fantastic turn out with so many children (and staff!) wearing their uniforms with pride. I hope that this year lots of children will enjoy joining our Remembrance efforts, and I look forward to wearing my own uniform to come together with you all. We hope to have a photo together in our uniforms to commemorate the occasion.

We are happy for children to wear their special uniform to school - no need to bring in any school uniform. If it is a PE day, they are welcome to bring a PE kit and trainers to change into.

Many thanks,
Miss Parker

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October. This is a face-to-face meeting with the class teacher and is booked via the School Cloud system, information has been sent out.

The deadline for booking parents evening is Monday 21st October.

If you can't attend, you can request an email update on your child but we will not be booking any additional individual appointments with teachers outside of these dates.

Reflection

This week we ask our community to remember those with Invisible disabilities.



"An invisible disability is a condition that is not visible from the outside, yet can limit or challenge a person's movements, senses, or activities. Unfortunately, the very fact that these symptoms are invisible can lead to misunderstandings, false perceptions, and judgments" – Invisible Disabilities Association

As we end the week, we invite you to join us in a prayer for those living with an invisible disability as we strive to include everyone in our AVA community.

Loving God,

Thank you for making each of us unique, created in your image.

Thank you for all of the things we can learn from each other, our similarities and our differences.

Allow us to see the special talents in everyone around us.

Help us to move beyond stereotypes and preconceived notions to nurture the true spirit of all in our midst.

Provide us with the resources, courage and resilience needed to discover how we can each give back to you and our community, in our own creative and extraordinary ways.

Amen.

...adapted from a prayer by Dawn Artwick

Wishing you a restful weekend

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

Primary SEND concerns

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

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