



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN 9

### 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't quite believe where the first half term has gone! As we close our doors this evening we would like to wish you all a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parental consultations this week. It is always a lovely evening(s) and we enjoy sharing the progress of your children with you. We will open our classrooms at 3.30pm (until 4.30pm) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November for you to look at your child's work in their setting.

Today we have had our school nursing team in school administering the FLU nasal sprays. We are grateful to the team who were as kind and patient as they always are with our children. Well done also to the children who were amazing.

The school photos are now live on the DSP system. Please use the codes provided to you to log in and place your order. The deadline for ordering is the 6<sup>th</sup> November after which time you will be charged additional fees. We are unable to order on your behalf and we can't change the deadline date so please ensure that you order in plenty of time directly with the provider.

If you are dropping in sweets for a celebration for a class please can we ask that these are individually sealed and are nut and seed free. Please can you also ensure that they have vegetarian options for our children that can't eat some by-products.

#### **Phonics and Early Reading Workshop**

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we would like to invite you to our Phonics & Reading workshop on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 4pm - 5pm.

This is an opportunity for you to see how we teach early reading to your children and how reading at home can help your child.

If you would like to join us, please complete the form attached:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5LCctJS3FE>

Please complete this form by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Anti-Bullying Week is even closer to our hearts this year as it's theme is 'Choose Respect'.

Respect is one of our three core values and it is a value that we talk about and show every day. To show our support for Anti-Bullying Week, children are welcome to wear odd socks this week.

Our PSHE lessons this week will have an anti-bullying focus and there will be a special assembly to explore anti-bullying as well.

## Reminders



## YDP

YDP are running a holiday camp over the half term please find the link below to book on.

[Holiday Camps | YDP Oxford](#)

Last week our school football team travelled to St Louis school to play a match. It was a closely fought battle and St Louis narrowly defeated us. The team are off to Bierton School today for their next fixture - we wish them the best of luck.

## Clubs

Enrichment clubs start again after half term (w/c 4 November).

## 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)

## Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated something for our Harvest collection. As always we have had such a great response and the Roman Park Food Bank were so happy with the donations so that they can continue to support struggling families in our local community.



## 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.

We will be selling poppies and other little pieces for remembrance after half term so please send in some money for your child to purchase a poppy.

## Reflection

As we end this half term, many in our community will be thinking about how we will spend our week away from the routine of the school day. At this time of year, the world rests, and we are invited to rest with it.

In Christian tradition, the coming week will also see the celebration of "All Hallows' Day" and the evening before which is called "All Hallows' Eve", from where we get the word Hallowe'en.

These festivals can mean different things to different people but for our reflection this week we would like to suggest using this time to...

- Mark the changing of the seasons and prepare for the coming winter.
- Think about the blessings that darkness brings — how we need the dark to see the stars, and how darkness can give us freedom to withdraw and encounter God.
- Think about how in darkness, the world rests.
- Consider how "As the trees shed their leaves, we can shed what we no longer need to carry.
- Remember as the rotting leaves nourish the germinating seeds, we can allow God to nourish our dreams until they are ready to grow into action.



As you reflect, we invite you to consider these words...

*We honour the passing of the summer and welcome the autumn, rejoicing in the Light of God, who is always with us through the dark nights of winter and the dark nights of our lives.*

*Amen*

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Wishing you a fun filled half term.

Best wishes.

**Mrs C Baughan**

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