



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Phase Newsletter September 2024

Welcome to the Autumn term!

We are excited to have the children back and cannot wait to hear all the exciting adventures that they have been on over the summer.

Start and Finish times

The children should enter the school via the gate from 8:30-8:40. We are operating a soft start during this time where the children will complete morning starter work when they arrive in the classroom.

At the end of the day children will be dismissed at 3:10, Year 4 will leave from the gates nearest the school and Year 3 from the gates further up the playground.

Teachers will only dismiss children once the parent/guardian has been identified. If you need to arrange an alternative pick-up for your child, please notify the school office who will forward the message onto their class teacher. Please be patient whilst teachers are dismissing and leave plenty of space at the gate. Teachers will direct your child to leave once they have made eye-contact/wave in your direction.

Pencil cases

We have equipment that children will need in class, however if children wish to bring in a pencil case they can do. All children have their own drawers to keep them in. Please can pencil cases be named to avoid them being lost. We advise for one pencil case per child if they wish to have one.

Achievement points and Subject points

This year we will continue to give children, who are showing the Academy values, achievement points. Children who have completed exemplary work or have shown determination can be awarded Subject points. These get added up throughout the year and children are awarded certificates when they reach bronze, silver and gold levels.

PE

In Year 3 our PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

In Year 4 our PE days will be Monday and Thursday.

Children are expected to come into school in their full PE kit on PE days. Please remember that the weather can be very varied at this time of year, so please make sure children are equipped for both lessons inside and outside.

If you need a reminder of PE uniform, please go to the Academy website.

Year 4 also have swimming lessons this year starting after October half term. You will be sent a letter closer to the time regarding swimming kit and details.

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Homework

For the first few weeks of term, the only homework to be completed will be daily reading. This is so that children can start the term getting into good habits at home with their home learning. Once topic homework is set, children must be reading, and doing times table practise at least 4 times a week and complete one task from their homework grid.

Reading

Reading is an important skill that is needed across the curriculum, and we expect children to be reading regularly at home. We want children to enjoy a wide range of books so encourage them to read books of interest at home. Each child will be sent home, in the first couple of days, with their new reading record. Please remember to sign reading records every time your child reads at home. Reading records must be sent into school every day to be checked and record their in-school reading. We advise children read for a minimum of 4 times a week.

Snack

In LKS2 children are not provided with a snack and will need to bring their own. They can bring in fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar (no chocolate or nuts) to have at break time.

Water bottles

We encourage children to bring in a water bottle to have in the classroom. These should be named and should just contain water not juice/ squash.

NO Nuts or Sesame

Please be aware that we are a nut free school. This means NO NUTS, SESAME OR NUT/SESAME PRODUCTS should be brought into school. We have staff and children in the school who will need hospital attention if they come into contact with nuts, sesame or nut/sesame products such as peanut butter, chocolate spread, hummus etc. We really appreciate your help in keeping everybody safe.

Topic

We are looking forward to starting our Topics 'Through the Window' (Geography based) for Year 3 and the Romans for Year 4. You will be able to find our topic maps which show what is covered in these topics on the school website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the school office and these will be forwarded to the class teacher or myself.

Miss Russell

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