



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2019

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

102

118

128

117

Total House Points for the Year To-date

2493

2933

2913

3011

Merit Badges

Reception

BVdL

Year 1

FS

Year 2

OS

Year 3

ML

Year 4

NN

Year 5

AP

JG

Year 6

JA

JK

Golden Table

Rec

CE

Y1

FMcW

Y2

OA-Z

Y3

ML

Y4

EB

Y5

RW

Y6

EA

Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

Menu for Week Comm. 4th March

Main: Chicken Goujons
Pudding: Chocolate Crunch



Follow this link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Wellbeing Quote of the Week



Each week we will be sharing a 'Well Being quote' with the whole school community to encourage everyone to take a little time out of their busy schedules to use mindfulness and to think about their well-being.

The place to be happy is here; the time to be happy is now.

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

MARCH 2019

Mon 4th

PSHCE Visitor from Stick & Step

Tue 5th

Parent Workshops
RSE
Reception to Year 4 at 1.30pm
Year 5 & Year 6 at 2.30pm

Wed 6th

Year 5 Essential Life Skills – Session 2

Year 6 Bikeability Course

Thur 7th

World Book Day

Mon 11th to Fri 15th

National Science Week

EYFS Stay & Play Week

Tue 12th

Year 6 Oaklands Parent Meeting at 3.45pm

Wed 13th

M&M Theatre
A Little Princess

Thur 14th

Football Match v Prenton Prep

Friday 15th

Red Nose Day

Mon 18th

STOP PRESS! Fruit Loot!

Year 6 have some very exciting news

Last year our "Healthy Tuck Shop" raised just under £500 for a local charity, "Stick & Step". Due to popular demand our tuck shop is to be relaunched under the new name of "Fruit Loot". To develop our enterprise and leadership skills, we in Year 6, are running the whole operation from ordering, finance, advertising to selling. The launch date for our fabulous "Fruit Loot" enterprise is Monday 4th March. Our exciting range will include fresh fruits such as apples, oranges, bananas, pears as well as other seasonal fruits. We will also be selling dried fruits and toast and popcorn on alternate weeks. Prices start from an amazing 20p up to 50p maximum.

So, put the date in your diary and help us raise even more money this year!

Thank you

Year 6

Price List

Fresh Fruit – 30p each

Dried Fruit – 20p per pack

Toast – 20p per slice

Year 6 Trip – Stockport Aid Raid Shelter

The children in Year 6 visited the Stockport Aid Raid Shelter on this week. Check out the [Year 6 Class](#) website page for photos.

Lent Event at St Bridget's Church

The children from Reception to Year 6 attended the Lent Event at St Bridget's Church this week where they learnt about Lent and Easter. Thank you to everyone at St Bridget's Church for inviting us.

Reception to Year 4 – PSHCE Visitor – Dentist

The children in Pre School to Year 4 welcomed a team of dentists into school this week and learnt all about keeping their teeth healthy.

PSHCE Visitor from Stick & Step Monday 4th March

On Monday 4th March we will be welcoming Dina Cottier from the charity Stick & Step to update us on the current news and events happening at the charity.

RSE Parent Workshops Reception to Year 4 at 1.30pm Year 5 & Year 6 at 2.30pm Tuesday 5th March

We would like to invite all parents to a meeting to discuss our planned programme of RSE lessons and for parents to see the age appropriate resources that we will be using with an opportunity to ask questions.

We will be running two meeting sessions on Tuesday 5th March:

- 1.30pm-2.30pm for parents/carers with children in Reception to Year 4
- 2.30pm-3.30pm for parents/carers with children in Year 5 & Year 6

Year 2 Class
Assembly at 9.05am
– Parents Welcome!

Any resources or materials used will be uploaded to our website for those parents who are unable to attend the meeting.

Year 5 Essential Life
Skills – Session 3

Year 5 – Essential Life Skills Session 2
Wednesday 6th March

The children in Year 5 will be taking part in the second session of the Thumbs Up Essential Life Skills programme on Wednesday 6th March.

Year 5 Parent
Meeting Secondary
School Entrance
Assessment at 6pm

Year 6 Bikeability Level 3 Course
Wednesday 6th March

The Level 3 Bikeability course will take place on Wednesday 6th March. The children should wear the PE kit including long PE tracksuit bottoms, outdoor coat and gloves. Children will also need a roadworthy bike and helmet to undertake the course. Bikes should be brought to school in the morning and parked outside the site manager's office.

Wed 20th
Year 5 Essential Life
Skills – Session 4

Parents' Evening
Meetings
Reception, Year 1,
Year 4 and Year 6

World Book Day
Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and invite the children to come to school in an animal themed costume. The children will be participating in many exciting activities, sharing their favourite book and enjoying books with children in other classes. As part of World Book Day the children will receive a £1 book voucher which they can use at any book shop.

Thur 21st
Parents' Evening
Meetings
Year 2, Year 3 and
Year 5

National Science Week
Monday 11th to Friday 15th March

As a whole school we will be taking part in National Science Week, the children will be participating in a variety of science related activities. Look for more information next week.

Chadwick Cup
Netball Tournament

Fri 22nd
Drama sharing of
work 4.15pm

EYFS Stay & Play Week
Monday 11th to Friday 15th March

We would like to invite parents/carers of the children in Nursery, Pre-School and Reception to "Stay & Play" sessions on the following dates:

Mon 25th
Performing Arts
Concert at 2pm

Nursery (Explorers & Discoverers)

Tuesday 12th March 1.45pm to 3pm
Wednesday 13th March 1.45pm to 3pm
Thursday 14th March 9am to 10.30am

Tue 26th
Year 5 and Year 6
RSE Session led by
DARA

Pre-School (Adventurers)

Monday 11th March 1.45pm to 3pm
Wednesday 13th March 1.45pm to 3pm
Thursday 14th March 9am to 10.30am

Wed 27th
Year 5 Essential Life
Skills – Session 5

Reception

Tuesday 12th March 9am to 10am
Wednesday 13th March 9am to 10am
Thursday 14th March 2pm to 3pm

Year 4 Delamere
Parents Meeting at
3.50pm

Fri 29th
School Finishes for
Spring Break at
3.40pm

During the sessions you will have the opportunity to join in with learning activities and games. Please complete the reply slip if you wish to attend. Reply slips can be obtained from the school office.

Year 6 Oaklands Residential Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday 12th March

**S4YC Holiday Club
Available for
Spring Break**

**SPRING TERM
MON 1ST TO
MON 15TH APR**

APRIL 2019

Mon 15th
Staff INSET Day

Tue 16th
Children Return to
School at 8.40am

On Tuesday 12th March at 3.45pm we will be holding an information meeting for the parents and children in Year 6 who will be attending the Oaklands Residential trip in May.

**M&M Theatre – A Little Princess
Wednesday 13th March**

On Wednesday 13th March we will be welcoming M&M Theatre to school. The children in Reception to Year 6 will be watching their performance of “A Little Princess”.

**Christopher Turner Football Tournament
Thursday 14th March**

A team of children will represent Avalon School on Thursday 14th March in a football tournament at Bebington Oval. Mrs Kililiku has sent details home with the children involved. Good Luck Team Avalon!

**Red Nose Day
Friday 15th March**

As a whole school will be taking part in the charity event, ‘Red Nose Day’ on Friday 15th March. Look out for more details next week.

West Kirby Sailing Club



**2019 Optimist Class
Pre-Season Social
for old and new families**

Friday 8th March 2019 5.30pm

Find out what's planned for 2019
Mini-Green, Green, Blue, Red fleet orientation
Meet the Raceteam
Fun, games, raffle, dinner

Signup & pre-pay dinner here: <https://webcollect.org.uk/optimist/event/2019-wksc-optimist-class-season-opener>

There will be a new sailing course for beginners starting in May 2019 ideal for children in Year 2, 3 and 4. Families can go along to the Family Social Event to find out more details.

Supervision at the end of the school day

Please could we ask that parents / carers ensure that children are safely supervised once they have been dismissed by school staff. There have been some recent incidents where children have wandered away from parents/carers and had an accident or behaved inappropriately with others.

Internet Safety

You may be aware of the recent media interest in a worrying online challenge called Momo. The 'Momo Challenge' and other similar 'crazes' are targeting young children, as young as 6, through pop ups on apps that would usually be deemed harmless by many adults including YouTube and WhatsApp. Further to our recent 'Share Aware' online safety assembly at school, we strongly recommend and remind parents to closely monitor children's

internet use and reiterate the guidance that we give to our children about what to do if they see anything online that worries or upsets them.

We will continue to encourage and remind the children that if they see anything that upsets/scares them, then they are to do what they have always been taught to do and that is to tell a parent/teacher/carer ASAP. If they have seen it on a social media site then they must tell, report and block. If it is sent to them over a messaging app then they must tell, delete and NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES send it on.

Our children are taught about digital resilience and we regularly speak to them, at an age appropriate level, about their online life. They know that the World Wide Web contains many things that are inappropriate, harmful and scary and they also know that in order to continue an online presence, they will have to learn how to address such things.

Guidance for parents is:

- Ensure they know what their children can access online
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell their children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe

The following poster is a useful resource to start a conversation about your child's internet use: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/seven-questions-to-ask-your-child/>

You can find more information about the Momo Challenge here: <https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3q1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/MOMO-Online-Safety-Guide-for-Parents-FEB-2019.pdf>

Should any parents have further concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Callaway or Mrs Ellsmoor (ICT Subject Leader) for assistance.

How to Keep Safe Online

Online games like Fortnite and FIFA are evolving into social spaces where children meet with their friends — and make new ones. However they can be dangerous places for children to be, if they are not given the right knowledge, advice or support to stay safe. See the link below from [parentzone](#), for parents on how to keep their children safe if children are using in-game chat.

Flash Sale – S4YC Holiday Club

Holiday Club Flash Sale **7th to 14th March**

S4YC Holiday Club will be holding a flash sale on their up and coming holiday clubs for Spring Break. Check out their website for details. <https://s4yc.schoolipal.co.uk/>

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a range of Girls' Pinafore Dresses, Summer Dresses & Cardigans and Boys' V Neck Jumpers, plus a few other bits and pieces. If you would like to buy some or would like more information, please [email uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) - we have a list of all Pre-Loved Uniform which we can email out. If you have any items that you would like to donate, then again please email. We will be organising a date for a Sale/Drop Off so please look out for our notices. Thank you for your support to date

Uniform Supplier

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below <http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

Uniform Sizing Room opening times are:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 8.30am to 8.45am
Tuesday & Friday – 3pm to 4.30pm

Please call into the school office and the admin team will assist you.

**Save the Date – PTA May Ball
Saturday 11th May**



Scam Emails Warning

We have been made aware by the Independent Schools Council of recent email scams involving people posing as prospective parents to try to gain access to school details including logo's, email templates etc. This information is then fraudulently used to scam parents into making payments into their accounts.

If you do receive an email of this nature or if you are unsure about an email we would be most grateful if you could contact the school immediately.

Please be assured that our own bank account details have not and will not, for the foreseeable future, change. Avalon School does not send out emails regarding unsolicited discount rates. Any emails you receive containing invoices or statements will be sent from either accounts@avalon-school.co.uk, vellsmoor@avalon-school.co.uk or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Used Stamps

We are collecting used stamped for St John's Hospice. If you would like to donate any used stamps there is a collection box in the school office reception area.

Term Dates 2018-2019 & 2019-2020

2018/2019

Spring Term	
Starts	Mon 7 th Jan 2019 Staff INSET Tue 8 th Jan 2019 Children Return
Half-Term	Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb 2019
Ends	Fri 29 th Mar 2019 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Starts	Mon 15 th Apr 2019 Staff INSET Tue 16 th Apr 2019 Children Return
Easter May Day	Fri 19th & Mon 22nd Apr 2019 Mon 6th May 2019
Half-Term	Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May 2019
Ends	Fri 12 th Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time

2019/2020

Autumn Term	
Starts	Mon 2 nd Sept 2019
Half-Term	Mon 21st Oct to Fri 1st Nov 2019
Ends	Fri 13 th Dec 2019 - 12 Noon Finish
Spring Term	
Starts	Mon 6 th Jan 2020
Half-Term	Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb 2020
Ends	Fri 3 rd Apr 2020 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Starts	Mon 20 th Apr 2020
May Day	Mon 4th May 2020
Half-Term	Mon 25^h May to Fri 29th May 2020
Ends	Fri 10 th Jul 2020 – Normal Finish Time

Four Staff INSET Days to be confirmed for Year 2019-2020



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
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Avalon School

Parent Toddler Group



SPRING

1.45pm to 3pm
every Thursday
during term time
£3 per child
including refreshments

Come along for great fun, toys, craft sessions,
& activities
Guest session leaders.



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