



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

### This Week's Winners



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

#### House Points – This Week

**132**

**144**

**161**

**165**

#### Total House Points for the Year To-date

**791**

**777**

**787**

**821**

#### Merit Badges

**Reception**

FS

**Year 1**

RP

**Year 2**

SG

**Year 3**

OS

**Year 4**

JG

**Year 5**

AC

AR

FW

**Year 6**

AD

#### Mathletics Winners

**Mathletics**

AW

IW

TW

#### Golden Table

**Rec**

FS

Y1

RK

Y2

HL

**Y3**

ZD

Y4

CR

Y5

JP

Y6

CMcW

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Goodbye and Good Luck



After 7 years as part of our Admin/Finance Team Mrs Mollard leaves us today as she has secured a full-time post and will be putting her excellent finance skills to great use. We are very sad to see her go and wish her and her family the very best as they move on with their new adventures. Goodbye and good luck Mrs Mollard.

### Parents' Evening Online Consultations

Reception to Year 6

Week Commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November



**The closing date for booking parents' evening appointments by Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm.**



To book appointment you will need your child's name and date of birth. Please click on the link below to access the booking system.

<https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dates:

Reception	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Year 1	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Year 2	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Year 3	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Year 4	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Year 5	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Year 6	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Cauliflower Christmas Card Design & Orders

Deadline for Orders and Returning Artwork – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November



The children in Year 1 to Year 6 have brought home today the artwork form for them to create their Christmas card designs over the half term break. Children in Nursery, Pre-School and Reception will be completing their card designs in school and will bring home their artwork sheet after the half term break. Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. To place an order, type the following link into your browser <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

\*PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below\*

#### 1 Place Your Order Online

To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:

**<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>**

You will need your unique two part code printed at the top of this form to place your order.

When placing an order, you will need the following information/codes:

School Details: Avalon School

School Code: 2666

Unique Code: this can be found at the top of your child's card design sheet:

	*PARENTS ORDER CODE*		* SCHOOL DETAILS *
	School Code 2666	Unique Code H6T9JX	Avalon School

Please return your child's card design sheet to school by **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** so all artwork can be sent on to the Cauliflower Group. This will enable them to produce your order. **If your child's design sheet is NOT returned to school, you will NOT receive any orders placed.**

### Year 2 Walk to the West Kirby War Memorial Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November



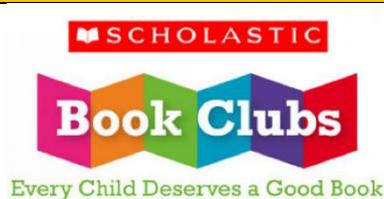
As part of their topic on WW1 the children of Year 2 will be walking to West Kirby War Memorial on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting. Please ensure that your child has their waterproof coat with them. Should you not wish your child to take part in the walk please inform the office by 9am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### Spanish Dia de los Muertos Mask Competition Deadline for Competition Entries - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November



Thank you to all students who have submitted their entries for the Spanish 'Dia de los Muertos' mask designing competition. There have been some beautiful entries. There is still time to submit your mask by next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. Spare templates can be picked up from Mrs Kyriacou or the office.

### Scholastic Book Club Deadline for Orders – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November



Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/avalonschool/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### Children In Need - Feel Good Friday Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November is **Children in Need** day! For the past few years, we have held our Children In Need Breakfast and other events in aid of the BBC Children In Need Appeal. However, due to the continuing pandemic, unfortunately this year we are unable to invite parents to join us for breakfast. Therefore, this year we have decided to hold a "milkshake and spotty cookies" event for the children on Feel Good Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The children will enjoy the refreshments, made by our amazing catering team, within their class bubbles for a suggested donation of £3.00 per child.

The children may also come to school in non-uniform and/or wear something spotty. Please bear in mind that the colder weather condition and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately.

We will also be selling the official Children in Need wristbands at a cost of £1 each from the school office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

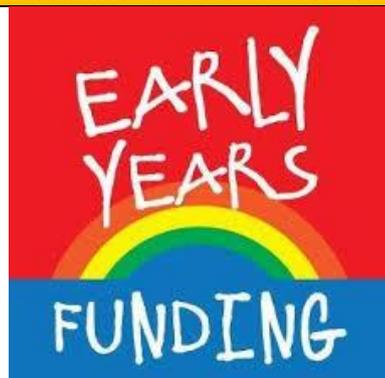


To make a donation please visit our Children In Need Just Giving page by following the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/avalon-school?newPage=True>

Thank you in advance for your support.

**3/4 Year Old Early Year Funding Parental Agreement and Declaration Forms  
Deadline to Return the Forms – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**



In order for Avalon School to claim the Early Years Funding Entitlement for your child from Wirral Borough Council for the spring term 2021 parents must complete a parental agreement form, if your child is new to the scheme or declaration, to allow Avalon School to claim the Early Years Funding.

Forms have been sent home to parents this week, we would be grateful if you could complete, sign, date, and return to the school office for the attention of Mrs Evans. Forms must be returned no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Forms not return by this date may result in you not receiving your child's funding.

**Lunch Menu  
Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November**



Lunch menu for the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Click on the following link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Korma and rice
Pudding	Chocolate crunch

**Parents' Evening Online Consultations  
Nursery & Pre-School  
Week Commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**



This term we are introducing School Cloud, as our new platform for  parent's evenings. We believe it is a more convenient system than what we have used before, enabling parents to set appointments with teachers and manage bookings online.

School Cloud is a website platform and thus can be accessed from all iPhone and Android phones, iPads, and tablets, as well as laptops and desktop devices.

Due to the COVID Pandemic, school cloud also offers us the ability to hold video calls with parents. This means you can have meetings with teachers at a place and time convenient to you. Following the consultation meetings, parents will receive a summative report showing the information discussed via Eylog.

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dates:

Keyworker - Julie Bache

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Keyworker - Jo Rice	Monday 16th November 2020
Keyworker - Jackie Duffy	Thursday 19th November 2020
Keyworker - Mandy Elliott	Thursday 19th November 2020

Appointments can be made from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 8am and will close on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

Please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter.)

**Parents should Login with the following information:**

- To login you will need to enter your own name, your email and your child's name, date of Birth.
- Parents should log in separately for each child where there is more than one sibling.
- Parents will receive an email confirming all appointment bookings made.

Please note that only one appointment per child can be made, with the exception for separated parents, who will be able to make individual appointments.

**Anti Bullying Week  
Odd Sock Day  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**



Look out for more details of our Anti-Bullying Week "Odd Sock Day" event next week.

**Internet Safety Week  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**



Look out for more details of our Internet Safety Week events next week.

**School Development Plan Questionnaire**



Thank you to those parents who completed the School Development Plan Questionnaire. We are in the process of analysing this data and we will share this with you in due course.

**Mini Travellers Mystery Book**



We've recently had a new book brought to our attention which we think you might like. It's a mystery for children ages 8-11 which involves a bit of French and Geography too. The authors are also willing to donate £1 per book sale to our PTA so not only will you be buying a lovely book for your child to read, you will be helping to contribute to PTA funds which aren't currently being topped up through our usual events. You can find all the details and how to buy it here.

<https://minitravellers.co.uk/product/the-little-museum-a-childrens-mystery-adventure/>

Please make sure you use the code AVALON when you purchase the book, and we will arrange for the book to be delivered to school and sent home with your child the week beginning 16th November.



EXTRAordinary  
TRAVELLERS

A MAGIC MAP, A CLEVER INVENTION AND AN EXCITING RACE THROUGH FRANCE. THE LITTLE MUSEUM IS A PAGE-TURNING TRAVEL ADVENTURE STORY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 8-11 WITH A LITTLE BIT OF FRENCH THROWN IN FOR GOOD MEASURE.

**BUY A COPY NOW USING THE CODE AVALON AND WE WILL DONATE £1 PER BOOK TO YOUR SCHOOL PTA**

**ORDER BEFORE 15 NOVEMBER 2020 AND WE WILL DELIVER YOUR BOOK TO SCHOOL FOR COLLECTION ON 16 NOVEMBER 2020**



JOIN THE EXTRAORDINARY TRAVELLERS ON THEIR QUEST TO DISCOVER WHY THE EIFFEL TOWER HAS DISAPPEARED, WHAT ELSE THE LITTLE MUSEUM IS GOING TO CONTAIN AND WHY THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE NEEDS THEIR HELP TO FIND THE MISSING TREASURES.

**Class Website Pages**

**Class  
Web Pages**



Click on the links below to check out all the fun and exciting activities the children are doing in school:

<a href="#">Nursery &amp; Pre-School</a>	<a href="#">Reception</a>	<a href="#">Year 1</a>
<a href="#">Year 2</a>	<a href="#">Year 3</a>	<a href="#">Year 4</a>
<a href="#">Year 5</a>	<a href="#">Year 6</a>	<a href="#">Before &amp; After School</a>

## 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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

## Reopening Documentation & Guidance



Parent Guidance for Full School Reopening

[COVID-19 School Reopening](#)

### **Guidance if a child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus:**

Further guidance has been issued to schools this week with regards to what to do if a child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus. Please note the guidance with regards to the self -isolation period below:

*If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow [covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](#), this is the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.*

*This sets out that they must:*

- self-isolate for **at least 10 days**
- arrange to have a [test to see if they have coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Parents should ensure that they keep school fully informed if any child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus and they must not attend school. Following a confirmed test result, parents should immediately notify school of the outcome.

## Parking & Driving Around School



To help keep all members of our school community and our wider community safe please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school when dropping off or picking up children and to aid visibility please avoid parking on the road directly outside school. We would also ask any parents using Warwick Drive to be extra careful and aware of pedestrians using this route to access school. We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

## Tik Tok



Staying  
Safe  
Online

Recently, Mrs Callaway sent an email to parents and carers warning of a particularly alarming video circulating on social media via the app Tik Tok. Please may we remind parents and children that the age recommendations for using this app is **13 years and above**.

Below is some more useful advice from the Safer Internet Centre on what to do if your child has seen something upsetting online:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>

Here are some further online resources for parents & carers to support key online safety topics from Childnet International:

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>

## Water Bottle



So that children can stay hydrated throughout the day and for health and safety reasons please ensure that your child brings to school each day a named refillable water bottle. Avalon School water bottles are available from the school for £2.00 each. If you would like to purchase a water bottle please email the school office, [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk).

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

## Drop Off & Pick Up Times



Parents and Carers, please ensure that you queue to the boundary wall side when dropping off or collecting children (so as not to block the full pavement width) and please keep social distancing, in the interests of everyone's health and safety. Thank you

Drop off and pick up from the main entrance on Caldly Road.

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Times
Nursery	9.00am	1pm / 3.15pm
Pre-School	9.00am	1pm / 3.15pm
Reception	8.55am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:55am	3:00pm
Year 2	8.50am	3:10pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.30pm
Year 4	8.40am	3.30pm
Year 5	8.35am	3.40pm
Year 6	8.30am	3.45pm

### Sibling Drop Off and Collection



Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

Please could we ask that all parents and carers ensure that they do follow the staggered timings (as above) to help us manage drop off and collection of all children in the safest way possible.

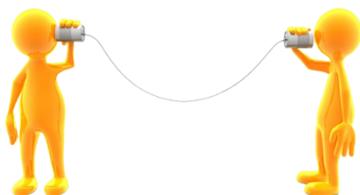
\*\*This is with the exception of siblings, where parents and carers may wish to drop off and collect children at the allocated time for the eldest sibling.

### Face Coverings



Can we please remind parents/carers that, in accordance with current government guidance and Wirral Local Authority Director of Public Health, we would kindly ask that face coverings are worn when collecting and dropping off your children at school, unless special exemptions apply.

### Lines of Communication

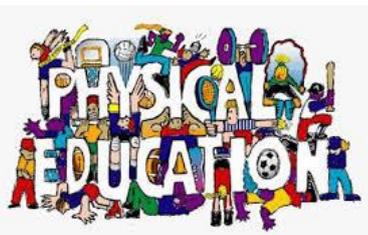


We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. \*\*Please note that teaching staff will endeavour to respond to emails by the next school day, however teaching staff will not respond to emails during weekends or holiday periods. For all other non-academic queries and concerns, please email the school office:

[schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Year Group	Email Address
Nursery & Pre-School	<a href="mailto:EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk">EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Reception	<a href="mailto:Reception@avalon-school.co.uk">Reception@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:Year1@avalon-school.co.uk">Year1@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:Year2@avalon-school.co.uk">Year2@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 3 & Year 4	<a href="mailto:Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk">Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 5 & Year 6	<a href="mailto:Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk">Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk</a>

### PE Days



Below are the days that the children will be having their PE Lessons. Children should come into school dressed in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them, particularly as the weather will soon be turning much cooler. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days

Year Group	Days
Reception	Fridays
Year 1	Wednesdays & Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays & Fridays

Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays

If you are having jogging bottoms / PE bottoms

### Pre-Loved Uniform



The PTA is currently working through all the current stock of the Pre-Loved Uniform and all the information is being put up on the Avalon PTA Facebook page. If you are after anything specific please either comment or message on the Facebook page or email [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) and we will respond as quickly as we can and arrange to get it to you. Unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to accept any uniform donations. Many thanks for your continuing support.

### PTA

## Join the PTA!



Due to the current pandemic the PTA activities are limited. The PTA would like to remind all parents that the PTA is registered on "Amazon Smile". This means that for those who shop on Amazon and set their account up to use 'Smile', and nominate the PTA as their charity, will result in Amazon making a donation to the PTA based upon a small percentage of what is spent. There should be no additional costs to use the site, and Amazon Smile is open to everyone.

All funds raised by the PTA directly benefit all the children of Avalon School from Nursery through to Year 6. The PTA are currently raising money to purchase iPads for the school.

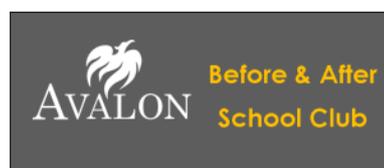
### Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

We are aware of some pe items and the girl's pinafore are being discontinuing. Please be assured that we are working closely with our suppliers to find some suitable alternatives. We will keep parents updated and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Before & After School Childcare Provision



Before and After School childcare provision will be available Monday to Friday during term time at the following times until further notice:

Before School will be available from 8am each morning.

After School will be available from 3pm to 5.30pm each afternoon.

**Please note that we will not be running extra-curricular clubs until further notice.**

Before and After School can be booked on an ad-hoc basis or on a weekly, monthly or termly basis, however it will help us immensely in terms of staffing and allocation of space, if we have a better idea of what parents' requirements will be for these services, for the next half term ahead.

## Term Dates 2020-2021



Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
Half-Term	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
Ends	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Half-Term	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>
Ends	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Normal Finish Time



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Consultations: Reception Year 1 Year 2
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Cauliflower Christmas Cards Design to be returned to school Last day for Cauliflower Christmas Card orders to be placed  Parents' Evening Consultations: Year 1 Year 3 Year 4

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Consultations: Year 3 Year 4 Year 5
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Walk to West Kirby War Memorial  Last day for Spanish Dia de los Muertos mask competition entries  Last day for Scholastic Book Club orders to be placed.  Parents' Evening Consultations: Year 6
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need – Feel Good Friday  3/4 Year Old Early Years Funding Forms to be return to school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week Odd Sock Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Consultations: Nursery & Pre-School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Consultations: Nursery & Pre-School
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Week
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November to 4 <sup>th</sup> December	PSHCEE First Aid Week

### DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the Christmas Break
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**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,  
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

Avalon School, Caldly Road, West Kirby, CH48 2HE  
Tel: 0151 625 6993

Email: [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway [jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk)