



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

### House Points

207

175

151

162

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

207

175

151

162

### Merit Badges

Reception	SS-S		
Year 1	CS		
Year 2	ME		
Year 3	LE		
Year 4	GF	EW	
Year 5	HS		IMcK
Year 6	LS & HM		

### Golden Table

Rec	SMcW	Y1	MB	Y2	HW
Y3	OA-Z	Y4	JP	Y5	NN
		Y6	LS		

## Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

**Main:** Cheese & Ham Pinwheels  
**Pudding:** Shortbread

## Menu for Week Comm.

16<sup>th</sup> September



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 best thing you'll ever do is believe in yourself.**

## Dates for Your Diary

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### SEPTEMBER 2019

#### Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

Extra-Curricular Clubs start this week

#### Thur 19<sup>th</sup>

Pre-School Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home

Pre-School to Year 2 Parents Phonics Workshop 5.30pm

#### Fri 20<sup>th</sup>

St Anselm's College Entrance Assessment

EYFS & Infants Afternoon Tea at 3.05pm to 4pm

#### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>

11+ Grammar School Entrance Assessment

#### Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Beach School Session

Juniors Afternoon Tea at 3.40pm to 4.30pm

### Safeguarding Booklets

There are still a few Safeguarding Booklets that have not been returned to school. If you have not already done so, we would be most grateful if you could review the information held and return the booklet to the school office by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please return the booklet even if there are no amendments. If you require an additional copy of your child's booklet please contact Mrs Evans on [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk) Thank you.

### Secondary School Entrance Assessments

Best wishes to our Year 6 children who will be taking the Wirral Grammar Schools and other secondary entrance assessments over the next couple of weeks. We are very proud of all your hard work.

### Extra Curriculum Clubs

All Extra-Curriculum Clubs start week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### Pre-School Visit to Caldy Manor Care Home Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

We are continuing to forge links with our local community and support Caldy Manor Care Home. The Pre-School children will be visiting Caldy Manor on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September to talk part in a "Talk Like A Pirate" morning. Please bring your child's car seat to the Pre-School at morning drop off. Thank you.

### Pre-School to Year 2 Parents Workshop Phonics & Early Reading Skills Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Phonics Workshop available to all parents with children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm. The aim of the workshop will be to increase parent/carer confidence and understanding about how children learn and are taught phonics at Avalon using the Letters and Sounds Programme. We will also share strategies with you for supporting children's early reading and writing at home, which reflects how phonics is taught in school. There will be opportunities to chat informally with staff and to see some examples of books from our reading schemes. We look forward to seeing you there.

### EYFS & Infant Afternoon Tea Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.05pm

We would like to invite all EYFS and Infant parents and children to our Afternoon Tea Party to welcome you back to school. The Afternoon Tea will be held on

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 5 Grammar  
School  
Assessment  
Parents  
Information  
Meeting at 6pm

## **OCTOBER 2019**

**Tue 1<sup>st</sup> to Fri 4<sup>th</sup>  
Oct**  
EYFS Stay & Play  
Week

**Thur 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Individual &  
Siblings  
Photographs

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Macmillan Coffee  
Morning at 8.45am  
  
Young Minds  
Sponsored Event

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 5 Class  
Assembly 9.05am

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Visiting Morning  
9am to 12 noon

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Whole School  
Harvest  
Celebration at  
9.15am

**Thur 17<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Halloween  
Disco at 5.30pm

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>**  
School Finishes  
for Half Term

**S4YC Holiday  
Club Available  
for  
Half Term Break**



**HALF TERM**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.05pm to 4pm in the school hall. Please complete and return the reply slip for catering purposes. Thank you

### **Year 6 Beach School Session Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

As part of our new initiative "Beach School" the Year 6 children will be taking part in a session on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at West Kirby beach. Look out for more details next week.

### **Junior Afternoon Tea Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 3.40pm**

We would like to invite all Junior parents and children to our Afternoon Tea Party to welcome you back to school. The Afternoon Tea will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 3.40pm to 4.30pm in the school hall. Please complete and return the reply slip for catering purposes. Thank you

### **Year 5 Grammar School Assessment Parent Information Meeting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm**

We are holding a Parent Information Meeting for our Year 5 parents in connection with the grammar assessment process on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.

### **EYFS Stay & Play Week 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be holding Stay & Play Sessions for all EYFS classes during the week of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. More details will be sent home next week.

### **Individual & Sibling Pupil Photograph Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the morning. All children will have an individual photograph taken and siblings will have a group photograph taken also. Children should attend school in their smart winter uniform including blazers.

Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Thursday will be supervised by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday, but would like their child to have their photograph taken, should arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. We do ask that Parents/Carers remain on the site while the photograph is taken, for supervision purposes.

Photographs will be available to order via the photography company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8.45am**

We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We would be delighted if you would join us in the school hall from 8.45am until 9.30am where we will be providing refreshments and cake for a suggested donation of £2.50.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes or biscuits for the coffee morning. Cakes or biscuits can be either homemade (please provide a list of ingredients) or shop bought (in their original packaging). All donations must **NOT** contain nuts or traces of nuts in any form.

The children will be allowed to purchase one cake or biscuit at break time for a suggested donation of 50p. Any remaining cakes or biscuits will be sold at the end of the day.

Donations should be brought in on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 8.15am and taken directly to the school hall.

**21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER  
TO  
2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER**

### **Young Minds Sponsored Event Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be holding a Young Minds sponsored event on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Look out for more information and sponsor forms next week.

### **Pre-Loved Uniform**

If you would like any items of pre-loved uniform please contact [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com)

Pre-Loved Sales will also take place during the Afternoon Tea sessions on 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September, in the school hall.

### **Uniform Supplier**

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

Uniform Sizing Room will be opened upon request. Please call into the school office and one of the admin team will assist you.

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

### **Term Dates 2019-2020**

#### **2019/2020**

#### **Autumn Term**

Staff Training Days	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2019
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2019</b>
Ends	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 - 12 Noon Finish

#### **Spring Term**

Staff Training Day	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2020</b>
Ends	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020 – Normal Finish Time

#### **Summer Term**

Staff Training Day	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020

May Day	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Half-Term	Mon 25 <sup>h</sup> May to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Ends	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020 – Normal Finish Time



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,  
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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# Parent Toddler Group

**1.45pm to 3pm  
every Thursday  
during term time.**

**£3 per child  
including refreshments**

**Guest  
Sessions Leaders  
each week.**

**Come along for great  
fun, toys, craft  
activities and lots, lots  
more!**

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