



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2019



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – Last Week & This Week Combined

352

273

318

351

Total House Points for the Year To-date

1796

1560

1636

1565

Merit Badges – Last & This Week

Reception

SMcW

Year 1

AW

Year 2

FMcW
EW

Year 3

OS
HW

Year 4

AR

GK

Year 5

SJ
SP

Year 6

NV
IK

ZC

DB

Golden Table – Last Week

Rec

SO

Y1

EP

Y2

OC

Y3

OS

Y4

EB

Y5

HH

Y6

KM

Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

Menu for Week Comm. 2nd December

Main:

**Chicken Goujons,
Potatoes & Beans**

Pudding:

**Chocolate Crispy
Cake**



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.

Your actions are your only true belongings.

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

DECEMBER 2019

Mon 2 to Fri 6th
Well Being Week

Mon 2nd
Football & Netball
Matches

Wed 4th
PTA Christmas
Wreath Workshop
7pm-10pm

Thur 5th
Nursery & Pre-
School Nativity at
2pm –
Parents/Carers
Welcome!

Fri 6th
PTA Christmas
Fair at 3pm

Mon 9th
Infants (Reception
to Year 2)
Christmas Concert
at 2pm –
Parents/Carers
Welcome!

Tue 10th
Juniors (Year 3 to
Year 6) Theatre
Trip to see Peter
Pan at The
StoryHouse

PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 6th December at 3.30pm to 5.30pm



Chester at
10.30am

Infants & EYFS
Christmas Parties
in the afternoon

Wed 11th
School Christmas
Lunch &
Christmas Jumper
Day

Fri 13th
Whole School
Christmas
Celebration at St
Bridget's Church
at 10am –
Parents/Carers
Welcome!



**School closes for
the Christmas
break at 12 noon**



**CHRISTMAS
BREAK
16TH DECEMBER
2019 TO 6TH
JANUARY 2020**

JANUARY 2020



Mon 6th
Staff INSET Day

Tue 7th

JASS – Junior Award Scheme for Schools (Year 3 to Year 6)



There are still places available on the JASS Junior Award Scheme for Schools for children in Years 3 to 6. The scheme is similar to and is recognised by the Duke of Edinburgh Award but designed for primary school agreed children. If you would like your child to take part in this award scheme please complete and

return the reply slip with the registration fee of £15.00. A copy of the information letter and reply slip can be found on the [Current Letters & Documents Website Page](#).

Football & Netball Monday 2nd December

Good luck to our football and netball teams as they compete in tournaments at Abbey Gate College on Monday 2nd December.

Well Being Week Monday 2nd to Friday 6th December

Next week is our whole school Well Being Week; Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December. Avalon School is committed to supporting the health and well-being of its pupils and staff and as such we are holding a week of activities and workshops to raise awareness of the importance of well-being. We want to help the children to explore ways they can support their own mental health.



The children will be involved in:

Dance Move Monday
Dance Tracks Tuesday
Well Being Wednesday
Thud & Drum Thursday
Feeling Festive Friday

Extra Curricular Clubs

Please can we remind all parents/carers that Football and Netball Clubs finish at 4.15pm due to bad light.

All extra-curricular clubs finish next Friday, 6th December with the exception of:

- Creative Writing Club – last session Monday 9th December

Please note that Drama Club finished today, Friday 29th November due to the PTA Christmas Fair next Friday.

Christmas Bauble Competition

We are again running our, 'Decorate a Christmas Bauble,' competition. All baubles entered into the competition will be placed on the Christmas tree in the school hall and the winners from each class will be announced at the PTA Christmas Fair.



The children have brought home with them today a bauble to decorate, a name label and a letter outlining the competition. **All entries must be in school by Tuesday 3rd December together with the £1 entrance fee.** Good luck and happy crafting!

Children return to school

Mon 20th
Year 4 Class
Assembly –
Parents/Carers
Welcome!

Mon 27th
Year 3 Class
Assembly –
Parents/Carers
Welcome!

BEBRAS Challenge 2019

Congratulations to our junior children for competing in the Bebras 2019 computing challenge this term. Being the only primary school on Wirral to enter, our children were competing against secondary aged children. Photographed below are the winners of the 'Best in School' certificates.



PTA Christmas Wreath Workshop Wednesday 4th December at 7pm



The PTA will be holding a Christmas Wreath Workshop on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in the School Hall at a cost of £35.00 per person. There are 20 places available on the workshop; places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Payment can be made either in cash or cheque (made out the Avalon School Parent Teacher Association) in a named envelope and returned to the school office.

Nursery & Pre-School Nativity Thursday 5th December at 2pm

We would like to invite the Nursery and Pre-School parents to our Nativity on Thursday 5th December at 2pm. If your child does not normally attend sessions on a Thursday, we would be grateful if you could bring them to school at 1.30pm ready for the start of the nativity at 2pm. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

We politely request and remind all parents/carers to ensure that they park respectfully of our neighbouring residents while attending this event. Thank you.



Infants (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Monday 9th December at 2pm



We would like to invite the Infant parents/carers to our Christmas Concert on Monday 9th December at 2pm. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

We politely request and remind all parents/carers to ensure that they park respectfully of our neighbouring residents while attending this event. Thank you.

Junior (Year 3 to Year 6) Theatre Trip Tuesday 10th December

The children in Year 3 to Year 6 will be going to the Storyhouse Theatre in Chester on Tuesday 10th December to see their production of "Peter Pan". The cost of the trip is £15.50 which will be added to your spring term invoice. The children will leave after registration and return for a late lunch. The



children may take with them a healthy snack and a bottle of water. Please complete and return the consent form as soon as possible.

Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties **Tuesday 10th December**



The children in Nursery, Pre-School and Infants will be having their Christmas Parties on the afternoon of Tuesday 10th December. As we are fast approaching this busy session we would like to let you know the arrangements for the day.

Children can wear their own party clothes at the party. However:

Nursery and Pre-School – should come to school in their party clothes and wear them throughout the day. If your child does not normally attend on a Tuesday, they would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would ask that you bring them to the Nursery at approximately 1.20pm.

Reception – should come to school in their party clothes and wear them throughout the day.

Year 1 and Year 2 – should come to school in school uniform but bring their party clothes in a bag with their name on. They will change into their party clothes just before the party.

Christmas Jumper Day & Whole School Christmas Lunch Day **Wednesday 11th December**

We will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day on Friday 11th December. Children may come to school in their own clothes and a Christmas jumper to help make our Christmas lunch more festive. We would kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each child to be brought in on the day, if they would like to wear a Christmas Jumper and their own clothes.



Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church **Friday 13th December**



Once again, we will be holding our Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church on Friday 13th December. We will also be having a rehearsal at the church on Thursday 12th December. Please ensure that your children have an extra layer of clothing under their normal uniform as the church can be quite cold. We would

be most grateful if you provide a small new toy, gift or sweets for the service on the 13th December which will be donated to the Charles Thompson Mission. Please return the reply slip indicating where you will be collecting your child from, as soon as possible. Nursery and Pre-School sessions will continue their normal routine. **Don't forget school closes at 12 noon and there will be no After School Club service on this day.**

Christmas Holiday **Monday 16th December to Tuesday 7th January 2020**

The school closes for the Christmas Holidays at 12 noon on Friday 13th December and the children return on Tuesday 7th January 2020.



Parking around school

Yet again this week, we have received two complaints from frustrated and irate neighbours about the way that Avalon parents park their cars during drop off and collection times. One vehicle was observed this week, reversing into another parked car, (parked partly over the pavement) and then swiftly driving away, with no regard to any damage they had caused.

Please can we request that all parents ensure that they park respectfully of our neighbouring residents and to ensure that consideration and safety of all road users and pedestrians is paramount.

Thank you

No Dogs Allowed on the School Premises

For health and safety reasons please can we reminder parents/carers that dogs should not be brought on to the school premises at any time. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.



Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to all those who have supported the PTA's Pre-Love Uniform over the Summer holidays and at the School's Tea Parties. We raised the sum of £222.00, which brings the grand total of sales to **£586** which is fantastic. We have a wide range of uniform, so please do email us on ptauniform@gmail.com. Also, if anyone has any payment envelopes to return, please leave them with the school office and we collect from there. Many thanks.

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, vellsmoor@avalon-school.co.uk or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Term Dates 2019-2020

2019/2020

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 2 nd Sept & Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Half-Term	Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2019
Ends	Friday 13 th December 2019 - 12 Noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Half-Term	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020
Ends	Friday 3 rd April 2020 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 20 th April 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
May Day	Monday 4th May 2020
Half-Term	Monday 25^h May to Friday 29th May 2020
Ends	Friday 10 th July 2020 – Normal Finish Time

2020/2021

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 rd September 2020
Half-Term	Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2020
Ends	Tuesday 15 th December 2020 at 12 noon
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 6 th January 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 7 th January 2021
Half-Term	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021
Ends	Thursday 1 st April 2021 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 19 th April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April 2021

	May Day	Monday 3rd May 2021	
	Half-Term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021	
	Ends	Tuesday 13th July 2021 – Normal Finish Time	



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
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Parent Toddler Group

Spring Term

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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Rhythm Time Dates

9th January 2020
23rd January 2020
6th February 2020
27th February 2020
12th March 2020
26th March 2020

Story Explorers Dates

16th January 2020
30th January 2020
13th February 2020
5th March 2020
19th March 2020
2nd April 2020