



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

79

87

60

60

Total House Points for the Year To-date

407

421

363

408

Merit Badges

Reception

FC

Year 1

HX

Year 2

CE

Year 3

EW

Year 4

KH

Year 5

ML

Year 6

AD

SP

Mathletics Winners

Mathletics

NL

IW

IA

Golden Table

Rec	FPS	Y1	FL	Y2	CS
Y3	ME	Y4	JG	Y5	SS
		Y6	AR		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Autumn Walk Reception Monday 5th October



The children in Reception will be going on an Autumn walk (weather permitting) on Monday 5th October to support their learning and their new topic "Autumn". The children will be hunting for various autumn objects and signs of autumn in Caldys Wood, located just behind school. Please may we ask that your child brings with them a pair of wellington boots and raincoat in a plastic bag on Monday. Thank you.

Wirral NHS Flu Immunisation Programme Reception to Year 6 Thursday 8th October 2020



Protecting your
child against flu

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be having their flu immunisation on Thursday 8th October 2020. Children will remain within their class bubbles at all times. All appropriate PPE and sanitisation will be used during the immunisation, as per our protective measures for COVID-19.

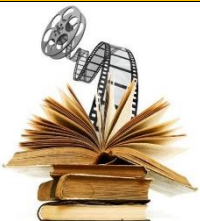
Milkshake & Cookie Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser Nursery to Year 6 Friday 9th October 2020



For the past few years, we have held our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support however due to the continuing pandemic, unfortunately this year we are unable to invite parents to join us. Therefore, this year we have decided to hold "milkshake and cookies" for the children on Friday 9th October. 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.

Macmillan Cancer Support have requested that all donations are made cashless by using their online donation page. Avalon School personal coffee morning link is <https://thyg.uk/BUU004389543>. Thank you in advance for your support.

Book & Film Comparison Year 4



Books
VS
Movies

The children in Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed reading "How To Train Your Dragon"! We would like to enhance the curriculum further by watching the film as part of a comparison of the book and film, particularly as we are coming to the end of our topic.

We therefore ask your permission to allow your child to participate in watching "How To Train Your Dragon" which is classified as a PG film. If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to participate in this activity, please inform the school office by email no later than 9am on **Tuesday 6th October**. Schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

Individual & Sibling Photographs Nursery to Year 6



The children all look very smart yesterday as they had their individual and sibling photographs. Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs once we have received them.

Half Term Break Monday 19th to Friday 30th October



The school will close for the half term break on Friday 16th October and re-opens on Monday 4th November.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 5th October 2020



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

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Spaghetti and Meatballs
Pudding	Shortbread

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 or 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



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.

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 Bottles



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.

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 Caldry 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

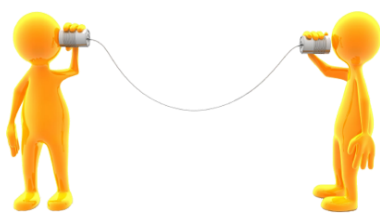


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

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.**

Lines of Communication

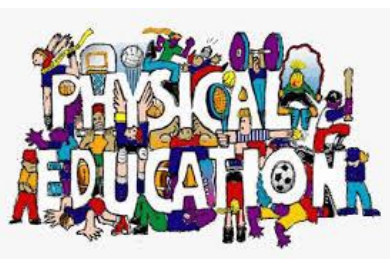


We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. **Please note that teaching 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

Year Group	Email Address
Nursery & Pre-School	EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk
Reception	Reception@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 1	Year1@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 2	Year2@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 3 & Year 4	Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 5 & Year 6	Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk

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 designated 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

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 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/>

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 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 – 12 noon Finish

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 13 th July 2021 – Normal Finish Time



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2020

Monday 5 th October	Reception Class Autumn Walk
Thursday 8 th October	Wirral NHS Flu Immunisation Programme – Reception to Year 6
Friday 9 th October	Milkshake & Cookie Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser
Friday 16 th	School finishes for the October Half Term at normal time
Monday 19 th to Friday 30 th	October Half Term Break

NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
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**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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NEWSLETTER

September 2020

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WELCOME TO AVALON'S PTA!

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter.

We hope you are all keeping well & safe.

Usually, this Newsletter would be full of the exciting events we'd planned for both the children and parents/grandparents/carers. Given the uncertainty surrounding things at the moment, we are unable to organise any of the usual events - Movie Nights/Christmas Door Wreath Making Evening/Christmas Fair - but rest assured we will be liaising with Mrs Callaway to work out how we can host a virtual event, even if it is a Christmas Raffle. If you do have anything you'd be able to donate to a raffle, then please do email us - kate22manorwilliams@live.co.uk.

In the meantime, you can raise funds for the PTA by simply doing your regular shopping... please see "Guilt Free Shopping" below. Last year, we were able to fund the School's annual Mathematics subscription and the gifts for the Year 6 Leavers and we will continue to support both these, whilst continuing to raise funds for Project iPad. If you would like to join the PTA Committee then please email Kate Williams, our secretary, at kate22manorwilliams@live.co.uk or text on 07967 007 335.

Any PTA news will be included in the School's weekly newsletter; on the PTA page of the School's website and our Facebook page, so please make sure you like and follow us on @AvalonSchool-PTA

NO DATES FOR THE DIARY FOR THIS TERM AS YET...

Hopefully we will be able to do something towards the end of term, even if it's an online Christmas Raffle, so we will keep you posted!

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Project iPad

Our new fundraising project launched last year, is to raise funds for 20 new iPads. Many children these days are confident using mobile technology and use them for research, creativity, games and much more. In school, they have enormous educational potential.

For example, from supporting work in history lessons through enabling children to conduct research into their topic to using video capture capabilities in PE to review and refine their sequences in gymnastics. The versatility and accessibility of the iPad means that even our youngest children will be able to use them with age specific games and activities to support their learning and development. They are a powerful tool for the 21st century learner.

Given the success of the PTA events held last year, it was agreed that the PTA would fund the acquisition of the **first 10 Apple iPads**, which will hopefully be rolled out during the course of the year to be used by the whole school. The PTA will keep fundraising for the second 10 iPads.

Thank you to you all for your Support.



Pre-Loved School Uniform

We have managed to get the boxes of Pre Loved Uniform from school, and are currently going through the stock. We will put up details of what we have on the Avalon School PTA Facebook page and also try and get a message out on each year group's WhatsApp. If you do have any requests for uniform please email on uniformpta@gmail.com.

Guilt Free Shopping

You can also help to raise funds for the PTA simply by shopping online with 1000s of retailers, including Tesco, John Lewis and M&S.

Register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk - search Avalon PTA - click and join us.

Alternatively download the app - that's all it takes. To date around £2,000 has been raised through this giving site which is amazing - thank you for those who have signed up to it.

It is also possible to support the PTA everytime you shop on Amazon, at no extra cost to you. Just go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk, choose "Avalon School Parent Teacher Association" as your charity of choice and then shop away! AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the purchase price to us.