



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021

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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Re-opening of School Monday 8th March



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final day of remote learning, during this period of partial closure, on behalf of all the staff team at Avalon, I would like to express our sincerest appreciation to our parents and wider families and of course, to the children, for your incredible patience, support and flexibility over the last eight weeks. We understand the enormous responsibility and challenges that Remote Learning places on parents and children, as we know that you have been faced with creating time, working spaces, routines and a very different mindset for learning at home. This has been a difficult time for all of our families with many other needs, in addition to children's learning, that are just as critical and challenging to facilitate at home.

We are so thankful to all our families and children for the amazing gestures of kindness and messages of appreciation for the staff team, they go a long way! Whilst the situation this term has been far from ideal, we hope that the provision that has been in place at Avalon, has enabled the children to continue to progress and even added a few more new skills along the way.

I am in no doubt that there will have been moments of frustration sprinkled along the way, but hopefully you will have also enjoyed some wonderful moments and memories to treasure, as you have worked alongside your children this term. Your venerable patience, perseverance and collaboration have been fundamental to ensure that

our children have continued to be engaged and motivated for learning this term; thank you!

We now move positively towards the full opening of school on Monday 8th March. As we begin the process of reintegrating all children into the school environment and identifying the needs and next steps for each individual child across a range of aspects including academic development, mental health, emotional well-being and social/ peer relationships, any additional information which parents may feel would be important for us to be aware of, please do contact me directly or your child's Form Teacher. It is incredibly important for us to continue in partnership with you, to support your children.

I look forward to welcoming all our children back next week and hopefully being able to chat to and catch up with some more parents too; I do miss those informal 'get togethers' on the playground!

It now just remains for me to say once more, a heartfelt thank you and to wish you a restful and relaxing weekend, in the knowledge that together, we have made it through and come out of the other side of this period positively!

(Full Opening Parent Handbook with all the updated arrangements and details for the children's return to school. You can find these documents [here](#).)

Pick Up and Drop Off Times from 8th March



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.

Group	Arrival time	Pick-up time	Location
<u>Nursery</u>	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)	Main Entrance: Caldly Road
<u>Pre School</u>	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)	Main Entrance: Caldly Road
<u>Reception</u>	8.55am	3:00pm	Main Entrance: Caldly Road

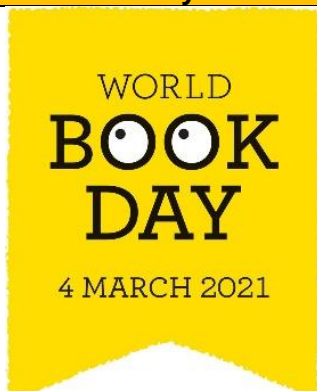
<u>Year 1</u>	8:55am	3:00pm	Main Entrance: Caldy Road
<u>Year 2</u>	8.50am	3:10pm	Main Entrance: Caldy Road
<u>Year 3</u>	8.45am	3.30pm	Main Entrance: Caldy Road
<u>Year 4</u>	8.40am	3.30pm	Main Entrance: Caldy Road
<u>Year 5</u>	8.35am	3.40pm	Main Entrance: Caldy Road
<u>Year 6</u>	8.30am	3.45pm	Main Entrance: Caldy Road

Return of Exercise Books



We would be most grateful if all children who have been remote learning could bring all of their exercise, text or reading books to school on Monday 8th March. Thank you for your co-operation.

World Book Day



Lots of fun was had by all the children and staff yesterday on World Book Day. The children joined in with many fun activities centred around sharing their favourite books with each other. The highlight of the day was the Masked Reader Competition, where the children had to guess which member of staff was behind the mask, describing and reading from their favourite book.



Each child has received a £1 book token which can be swapped for a special edition £1 book or can be used to be £1 off any full priced book from bookshops participating in the scheme. Tokens will be valid from 18th February until 28th March 2021.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 8th March 2021



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Returns Next Week
Pudding	

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 19th March 2021

RED NOSE DAY

To raise money, we will be having a non-uniform day and ask that one item of clothing to be red or nose related. We will also have lots of other fun activities throughout the day.

As we would like children to wear something red or red nose related, we would ask for a suggested donation of £2.00 for non-uniform which will go towards the total money raised. When making your donation we would request that you do not send cash into school. Donations should be made via our JustGiving page using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/avalon-school1>

We will again be selling red noses from the school office at £1.50 each (please note the increased price since last Red Nose Day). This Red Nose Day, there are 10 brand new Red Noses that are 100% plastic free! Children wanting to purchase a red nose should bring their money in a named envelope to the school office.

Thank you for your support!



Parent Evening Meetings

Reception to Year – Week Commencing 22nd March

Nursery & Pre-School – Week Commencing 29th March



We will again be using School Cloud, as our platform for parent's evenings.



From parent and teacher feedback we know that it is a more convenient system which enabling parents to set appointments with teachers and manage bookings online.

Login details and instructions on how to book appointments will be sent out to parents in due course.

Reception Class Places September 2021



There are still Reception class places available for Pre-School children. Should you wish to secure a place for your child in our Reception class please complete and return the reply slip. Follow the link below for the reply slip: [Reception Class September 2021 - Reply Slip](#)

Early Year 30 Hour Funding Eligibility Code for the Summer Term Deadline – 31st March 2021



If you qualify for the extended 15 hours Early Years Funding and to enable us to claim this additional Early Years Funding for your child from Wirral Borough Council for the summer term, eligibility codes must be applied by or re-confirmed by 31st March 2021.

To apply for or re-confirm your eligibility code follow the link:

[Childcare Choice - Funding Codes](#)

Once you have applied for / re-confirmed your code please inform Mrs Evans via email annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

It is the parent's responsibility to reconfirm their 30-hour eligibility code.

Sibling Drop Off and Collection

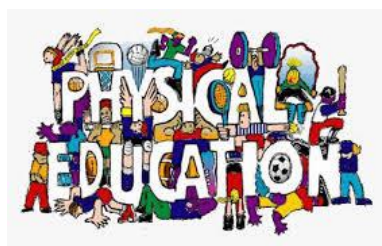


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

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.**

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. As the weather is still chilly we would request that the children wear either their school joggers or a pair on plain black jogger/leggings rather than shorts or skirts. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them. Hats and Caps will not be required on designated PE kit days

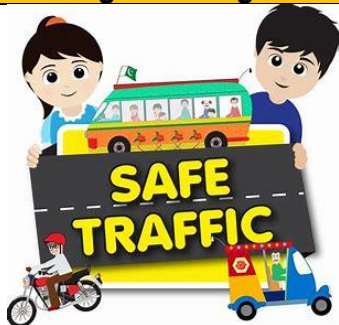
Year Group	Days
Reception	Fridays
Year 1	Wednesdays & Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays & Fridays
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays

Breaktime Healthy Snacks



We have noticed recently that children are bringing break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps and other sugary snacks. Please may we ask that children only bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables for their break time snack. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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.

Before & After School Childcare Provision



Before School Club is available from 8am for all eligible children attending school during the partial closure. After School Club is available from 3pm (infants) / 3.30pm (Juniors) until 5pm. Late collections for any children (including Nursery and Pre-School Wraparound) will incur an additional charge.

The routines and procedures for dropping off at Before School Club and collecting from After School Club will continue as the autumn term arrangements. **On arrival, please press the buzzer at the gate for assistance, your child(ren) will then be brought down to meet you at the gate.**

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

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:

Nursery & Pre-School	Reception	Year 1
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Year 5	Year 6	Before & After School

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

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.

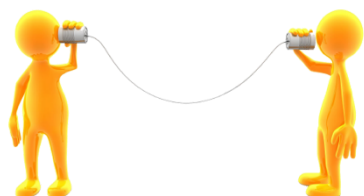
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

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

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

Pre-Loved Uniform



All the current stock of Pre Loved Uniform is now listed on the Avalon PTA Facebook. If there is anything specific you need please leave a comment on the page or drop an email to uniformpta@gmail.com and we will respond as quickly as we can and arrange to get it to you. So far this term **we have raised over £200** for the PTA which is great! Unfortunately we are unable to accept any more uniform donations at the moment, but we will review this in the New Year.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

We are aware of some 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.

Term Dates 2020-2021 & 2021-2022



Year 2020-2021

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

Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
Half-Term	Monday 18th October to Friday 29th October 2021
Ends	Tuesday 14 th December 2021 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Half-Term	Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022
Ends	Friday 1 st April 2022 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 th April 2022
May Day	Monday 2nd May 2022
Half-Term	Monday 30th May to

		Friday 3rd June 2022	
	Ends	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time	



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 2021

Monday 8 th	School Re-opens to all children
Friday 19 th	Red Nose Day – non-uniform day
Week Commencing Monday 22 nd	Parents Evening Meetings – Reception to Years
Week Commencing Monday 29 th	Parents Evening Meetings – Nursery & Pre-School

APRIL 2021

Thursday 1 st	School Closes for the Easter Break at the usual time
Friday 2 nd to Tuesday 20 th	Easter Break
Monday 19 th	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 20 th	Children Return to School



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

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