



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

100

106

147

102

Total House Points for the Year To-date

1709

1585

1772

1796

Merit Badges

Reception

LL

Year 1

SS

Year 2

NS

Year 3

MW

Year 4

LJ

Year 5

CMc

SB

Year 6

TW

SP

Achievement Certificates



Reception

AK

Year 1

HX

Year 2

EP

Year 3

HW

Year 4

AN

Year 5

IA

BB

EMc

SS

Year 6

IMc

Headteacher's Award



Year 6

JS

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!

Mathletics

Reception to Year 2 SG

Year 3 & Year 4 IW

Year 5 & Year 6 NJ

Certificates



NJ
EP



NJ
CMc
SMc
EP
EP
HR
HS



EB
TD
JG
RH
KH
EH
LJ
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NP
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Golden Table

Rec
Y3

NP
EW

Y1
Y4
Y6

HX
HL
CE

Y2
Y5

SG
EB

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to everyone who has donated in support of our Comic Relief Red Nose Non-Uniform Day today.

The staff and children enjoyed a fun filled day.....



For more photos please click on the link to our photo gallery: [Red Nose Day Fun!](#)

You can still donate by following the link to our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/avalon-school1>

So far, we have raised an amazing **£720.70** from online donations and sale of red noses.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

Parent Evening Meetings Reception to Year – Week Commencing 22nd March



The appointment booking system has now closed. Should you require assistance with making a book or wish to make any changes after this date please contact Mrs Evans annevans@avalon-school.co.uk



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

Unfortunately, we will have to postpone the Year 1 Parents Evening appointments as Mrs Parkins is unwell and is likely to be off school for the whole of next week. Please be assured that this is not COVID related. We will re-arrange the dates of the Year 1 Parents Evenings in due course and confirm these to parents next week. Parents will not need to rebook appointments, they will remain at the time already booked just the date will change. Once the new dates have been confirmed parents will receive an email from school and also from School Cloud. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Year Group	Date
Reception	Monday 22 nd March 2021
Year 1	POSTPONED
Year 2	Monday 22 nd March 2021
Year 3	Tuesday 23 rd March 2021 Wednesday 24 th March 2021
Year 4	Tuesday 23 rd March 2021 Wednesday 24 th March 2021
Year 5	Wednesday 24 th March 2021
Year 6	Thursday 25 th March 2021

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 22nd March 2021.



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

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Chilli, Rice and Nachos
Pudding	Truffle Cakes

Parent Evening Meetings

Nursery & Pre-School – Week Commencing 29th March



**APPOINTMENT BOOKING
SYSTEM IS NOW OPEN!**

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.

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dated and should be booked accordingly:

Key Worker	Date
Mandy Elliott	Monday 29 th March 2021
Alison Prandle	Monday 29 th March 2021
Julie Bache	Tuesday 30 th March 2021
Jackie Duffy	Tuesday 30 th March 2021
Jo Rice	Wednesday 31 st March 2021

To logon to School Cloud, please visit <https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Appointment can be made from Friday 19th March at 4pm until Thursday 25th March at 4pm. Should you require assistance with making a book or wish to make any changes after this date please contact Mrs Evans annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Safer Road Watch Team



The Safer Road Watch Team has been in touch with School regarding their concerns over the speed of car along Caldly Road and the safety implications involved. We have been asked to make our whole school community aware that a group of vetted volunteers will shortly be issued with handheld speed radar guns and will be operating speed checks along Caldly Road. The group is hoping to establish a 20mph speed limit for Caldly Road, something that we have been campaigning for too.

Pick Up and Drop Off 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	Arrival Time	Pick-up Time
Nursery	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)
Pre School	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)
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

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.

Easter Break

Friday 2nd to Tuesday 20th April



We will be closing for our Easter Break on Thursday 1st April at the usual time and reopening to the children on Tuesday 20th April at the usual time.

Please note Before and After School care provision will be available as usual, see note below for further information about our wraparound facility.

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](#)

Sibling Drop Off and Collection

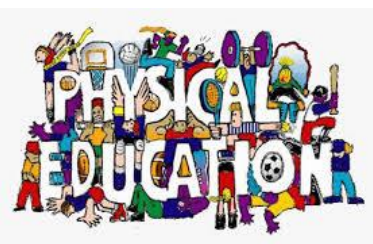


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

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 skorts. 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.

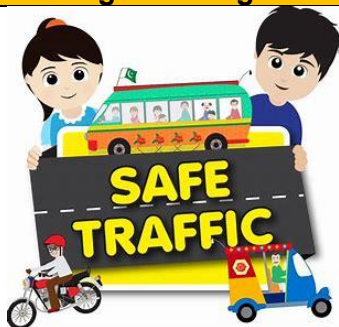
Year Group	Days
Reception	Fridays
Year 1	Wednesdays & Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays & Fridays
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays

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 5.30pm. 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



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 logos, 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.

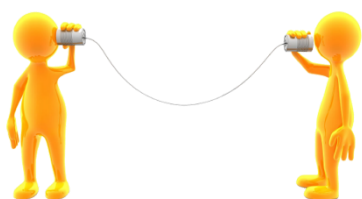
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

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 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.

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

Week Commencing Monday 22 nd	Parents Evening Meetings – Reception to Year 6
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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