



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2020

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

102

128

113

139

Total House Points for the Year To-date

1007

991

1040

1094

Merit Badges

Reception

AK

Year 1

SS

Year 2

EP

Year 3

EK

Year 4

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Year 5

EMcK

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Year 6

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Mathletics Winners

Mathletics

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Golden Table

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Y3

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Y4

EK

Y5

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Y6

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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Anti Bullying Week Odd Sock Day



The children have been taking part in many activities across the school focused on being united against bullying and the importance that each and every person is different and unique. To start of the week off we held our Odd Socks Day raising money in aid of the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Grand total raised £94.20

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

Click on the link below for tools parents and carers can use to further the children's learning from the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachment/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202020%20-%20pack%20for%20parents.pdf>

Internet Safety Week Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November



Week commencing Monday 23rd November is Internet Safety Week, the children will be learning about the importance of staying safe online.

PTA Christmas Bauble Competition Commences Monday 23rd November



Baubles to decorate will be sent home with the children next week along with the competition rules. All competition entries must be returned to school by Monday 7th December together with a £1.00 entry fee. Winners will be announced on Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day Friday 11th December. All money raised in aid of Avalon PTA.

Children In Need - Feel Good Friday



Grand total raised £816.00.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

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 asked that children only bring healthy snacks such fruit or vegetables for their break time snack. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 9th November



Lunch menu for the week commencing 23rd November 2020



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

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Spaghetti & Meatballs
Pudding	Iced Sponge Cake

PTA

Join the PTA!



There are still ways you can help support the PTA:

If you shop Amazon Black Friday Week deals from 20th - 30th November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1046280-0 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Avalon School Parent Teacher Association at no extra cost.



Thank you for supporting us through the buying of The Mini Travellers Little Museum adventure book which has enabled Karen to make a donation to the PTA.

Whilst we can't hold any actual events, we are holding our Christmas Raffle. Thank you for all the donations received so far - if you are able to donate a raffle prize, please email kate22manorwilliams@live.co.uk or put a message on your group WhatsApp so we can arrange to pick it up.



Thank you!

PSHCEE First Aid Week

Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December



As part of the curriculum the children from Reception to Year 6 will taking part in the British Red Cross "First Aid Champions" programme which is design to equip the children with basic first aid skills and what to do in an emergency.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

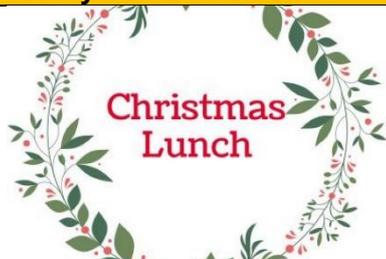


We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive on Friday 11th December.

We would therefore kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each children, to be brought in on the day. If they would like to wear a Christmas Jumper and own clothes (ie: a non-uniform day). For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

Whole School Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 11th December



Our amazing Catering Team are gearing up ready to prepare our whole school Christmas lunch with all the trimming on Friday 11th December to coincide with our Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas Break

Wednesday 16th December to Wednesday 6th January 2021



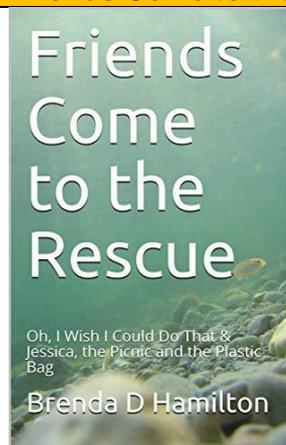
School Closes for the Christmas holidays at 12 noon on Tuesday 15th December and re-opens to the children on Thursday 7th January 2021.

Spring Term 2021



The children return for the spring term on Thursday 7th January 2021. We will keep you updated with any new COVID-19 restrictions and guidance in time for the start of the new term.

Friends Come to the Recure E-Book Offer



The author Brenda D Hamilton has published an e-book on Amazon kindle, designed for children between the ages of approximately 4 - 8 years of age.

It consists of two stories, one about a seagull, George, who could not fly, and the second about the dangers of plastic pollution in our seas and oceans. The theme of these stories is help and friendship.

The cost of download the e-book is £2.35. Any money raised from the sale of this e-book (after tax) will be given to Claire House Children's Hospice.

Class Website Pages

Class Web Pages



Click on the links below to check out all the fun and exciting activities the children at 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

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. Please may we remind parents and children that the age recommendations for using this app is **13 years and above**.

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 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.

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 Caldy 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.

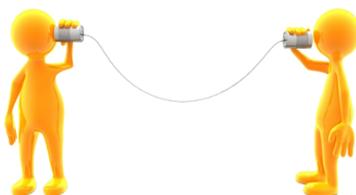
**This is with the exception of siblings, where parents and carers may wish to drop off and collect children at the allocated time for the eldest sibling.

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

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

NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th Internet Safety Week

Monday 23rd Christmas Bauble Competition opens

Monday 30th November to 4th December PSHCEE First Aid Week

DECEMBER 2020

Monday 7th Last date for entries to the Christmas Bauble Competition

Friday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 15 th	School Closes for the Christmas Break
Wednesday 16 th December to Wednesday 6 th January	Christmas Break

JANUARY 2021

Wednesday 6 th	Staff INSET Day
Thursday 7 th	Children return to school



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

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