



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

### This Week's Winners



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

### House Points – This Week

**158**

**115**

**137**

**139**

### Total House Points for the Year To-date

**1165**

**1106**

**1177**

**1233**

### Merit Badges

**Reception**

OS

**Year 1**

EH

**Year 2**

EP

CE

**Year 3**

ZD

**Year 4**

AN

**Year 5**

SB

**Year 6**

SH

CMcW

### Mathletics Winners

Mathletics

CS

HMcW

EW

### Golden Table

**Rec**

EM

**Y1**

HX

**Y2**

LO

**Y3**

MW

**Y4**

EP

**Y5**

IT

**Y6**

EMcW

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Internet Safety Week

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November



This week has been Internet Safety Week, the children have been learning about the importance of staying safe online, learning songs, playing games, sharing scenarios, and creating their own SMART rules for staying safe online. Ask your child what have they learned about online safety this week?

From age-specific online safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, you'll find a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world – click on the link below for more useful tips and advice:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

The Think U Know website is also a great resource for children and parents to get advice and activities to find out more about staying safe online: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

### PTA Christmas Bauble Competition

Commences Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November



Baubles to decorate have been sent home with the children this week along with the competition rules, which are

#### To enter the competition:

1. Decorate the bauble provided
2. Attach the label provided, to the bauble, clearly marked with the child's name and class
3. Return the decorated bauble, label and a £1.00 donation in the envelope provided, to your child's form teacher to complete your entry
4. Competition winners will be announced on Christmas lunch / Christmas jumper day.

**All competition entries must be returned to school with a £1 donation by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December to be entered into the competition.**

Winners will be announced on Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Decorations received will be displayed on the tree in the hall until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, when children can collect them to take home. All money raised in aid of Avalon PTA.

### PTA Christmas Raffle



Unfortunately, due to the current government restriction and guidance the PTA are unable to run their annual Christmas Fair this year. However, to get us all in the festive spirit they have put together a fantastic Christmas raffle with some amazing prizes to be won.

This week the children will be bringing home with them two books of raffle tickets (10 tickets in total) at a cost of £1.00 per ticket. Ticket studs, payments and any unsold tickets should be returned to school by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in an envelope marked for the attention of the PTA Raffle. Payments can be made either by cash (correct amounts only) or cheque (payable to Avalon School Parent Teacher Association).

The winner will be drawn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Good Luck!

### PTA Amazon Shop Black Friday Week



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](https://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.

### PSHCEE First Aid Week

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December



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

### British Heart Foundation Elf Kick

Starting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December



We are excited to inform you that in December, we are going to be taking part in the British Heart Foundation's Christmas fundraising initiative, **'The BHF Elf Kick'**! Details will be sent home with the children shortly. If you would like to take part and/or make a donation to the British Heart Foundation, please follow the link below to their online just giving page. Please do not send cash into school, this is an online donation event only. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Avalon-SchoolELF>

### 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.

### Lunch Menu

Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November



Lunch menu for the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020



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

#### Favourite Meal of the Week

|         |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| Main    | Lasagne, salad and garlic bread |
| Pudding | Melting moments                 |

### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> December.

We would therefore 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 (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 11<sup>th</sup> December



Our amazing Catering Team are gearing up ready to prepare our whole school Christmas lunch with all the trimming on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December to coincide with our Christmas Jumper Day. Full menu will be in next week's newsletter.

### Charles Thompson Mission Appeal Donation Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December



We will again be supporting the Charles Thompson Mission this Christmas. More information will be sent out next week.

### Christmas Performances



The children and staff have been busy putting together Christmas performances. Sadly due to the current government restriction and guidance we will not be able to invite parents to share in these special events as we usually would. We will however be recording performances which will be shared with parents digitally.

### Christmas Parties

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December



All children from Nursery up to Year 6 will be having a class Christmas party on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. More details to follow next week.

### Christmas Break

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021



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

**The After School Club service will not be available on this day, due to the early school closure at 12 Noon.**



## Spring Term 2021



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

## 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:

|  |                           |   |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| <a href="#">Nursery &amp; Pre-School</a> | <a href="#">Reception</a> | <a href="#">Year 1</a>                    |
| <a href="#">Year 2</a>                   | <a href="#">Year 3</a>    | <a href="#">Year 4</a>                    |
| <a href="#">Year 5</a>                   | <a href="#">Year 6</a>    | <a href="#">Before &amp; After School</a> |

## 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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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 Caldý 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.

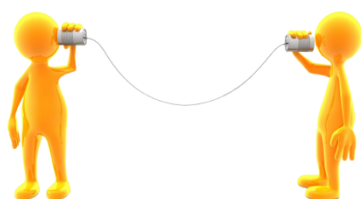
**\*\*This is with the exception of siblings, where parents and carers may wish to drop off and collect children at the allocated time for the eldest sibling.**

## 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

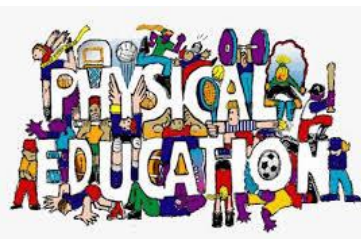


We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. **\*\*Please note that teaching 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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

| Year Group           | Email Address  |
|----------------------|--|
| Nursery & Pre-School | <a href="mailto:EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk">EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk</a>               |
| Reception            | <a href="mailto:Reception@avalon-school.co.uk">Reception@avalon-school.co.uk</a>     |
| Year 1               | <a href="mailto:Year1@avalon-school.co.uk">Year1@avalon-school.co.uk</a>             |
| Year 2               | <a href="mailto:Year2@avalon-school.co.uk">Year2@avalon-school.co.uk</a>             |
| Year 3 & Year 4      | <a href="mailto:Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk">Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk</a> |
| Year 5 & Year 6      | <a href="mailto:Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk">Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk</a> |

## 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 designed 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   |

If you are having jogging bottoms / PE bottoms

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

**\*\*After School Club will not be available on 15<sup>th</sup> December due to the early finishing time of 12 Noon.**

**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 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020             |
| Term Starts         | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020  |
| Half-Term           | <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>   |
| Ends                | Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 12 noon Finish                        |
| Spring Term         |  |
| Staff Training Day  | Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021   |
| Term Starts         | Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021  |
| Half-Term           | <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b> |
| Ends                | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Normal Finish Time                       |
| Summer Term         |  |
| Staff Training Day  | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021   |
| Term Starts         | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021  |
| May Day             | <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>  |
| Half-Term           | <b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>           |
| Ends                | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Normal Finish Time                        |



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December PSHCEE First Aid Week

### DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> British Heart Foundation Elk Kick Starts

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Last date for entries to the Christmas Bauble Competition

Late date for PTA Christmas Raffle tickets to be sent into school

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

PTA Christmas Raffle Draw

Charles Thompson Mission donations to be sent into school

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Nursery to Year 6 Class Christmas Parties

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

School Closes for the Christmas Break at 12 noon

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Christmas Break

### **JANUARY 2021**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Staff INSET Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Children return to school



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

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