

AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter Friday 29th January 2021

The ABC



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Achievement Certificates



Reception FC
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Year 1 CP
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Year 2 TD
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Year 3 FMc
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Year 4 HE AN

Year 5 BB ML

Year 6

Headteacher's Award



Year 1 EU
Year 2 HL
LO
Year 5 EB
EW
Year 6 NJ
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Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2 SMc Year 3 & Year 4 OA-Z Year 4 & Year 5 EW

Certificates

Reception to Year 2

Year 3 to Year 6



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NEWS. NOTICES & REMINDERS

Remote Learning Parent Survey



This week we have sent out a short online survey to parents with children working remotely, to take feedback about our Remote Learning provision. We would be grateful if parents could complete the survey by Monday 1st February. Thank you.

Children's Mental Health Week: Inside Out Day - Wednesday 3rd February



As part of Children's Mental Health Week, on Wednesday 3rd February we are asking children to wear an item of clothing inside out as a special symbol to show that we never quite know how someone is really feeling inside.

Children in school and learning remotely will be taking part in a special session on Wednesday afternoon to learn more about looking after their mental health, showing kindness towards each other and looking at ways to encourage positive wellbeing.

For further information and to find out more about this forward-thinking organisation, please see the link below. https://nowandbeyond.org.uk/

There are also lots of further resources for parents and carers to support for children's mental health on the Place2Be website:

https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/

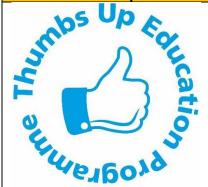
Pastoral Check In Calls for Remote Learners



Taking time to connect with each child not only helps maintain positive relationships but also allows us an opportunity to gather important pastoral information about how children are feeling and how things are going. In the school environment, this would be equivalent to informal check ins throughout the day or the kind of personalised conversations we have with children individually or in small groups. By making regular check-in calls with our remote learners, we will help them as much as possible, during this difficult time to continue to feel connected to school and to ensure that they know how much we care deeply about them and their learning.

Staff in school will be making pastoral 'Check In' calls to the children who are currently learning remotely. We will aim to make these on a regular basis during school hours. However, we would remind parents that staff time and availability is limited, due to the routines of the school day and the purpose for each call is for staff to 'Check in' with the children. Should parents need to discuss a query or concern, we ask that you refer to the usual channels of communication and make arrangements for an appointment with the member of staff who will best be able to assist you.

Year 5 Thumbs Up Essential Life Skills Sessions



The Year 5 children will be taking part in the "Thumbs Up" Education family wellbeing sessions. The sessions will be delivered in 3 remote sessions via Zoom. The children enjoyed a wonderful session with the Thumbs Up Team this week. There are 2 more sessions to go on February 4th and February 11th.

Meeting ID's and password's will be emailed to parents in the usual way, prior to these sessions.

Reception Class Places September 2021



The parents/carers of our Pre-School children, this week, received a letter regarding arrangements for children transferring from our Pre-School to our Reception class in September 2021. Reception class places are provisional held for all Pre-School children until Friday 26th February 2021. Should you wish to secure a place for your child in our Reception class please complete and return the reply slip no later than Monday 1st March 2021. Follow the link below for the reply slip: Reception Class September 2021 - Reply Slip

Lines of Communication



We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, during lockdown and 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

Before & After School Childcare Provision During Lockdown



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 assistances, 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.

Term Dates 2020-2021 & 2021-2022



Year 2020-2021

Autumn Term

Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd September 2020		
Thursday 3 rd September 2020		
Monday 19 th October to Friday 30 th October 2020		
Tuesday 15 th December 2020 – 12 noon Finish		
Spring Term		
Wednesday 6 th January 2021		
Thursday 7 th January 2021		
Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2021		
Thursday 1 st April 2021 – Normal Finish Time		
Summer Term		
Monday 19 th April 2021		
Tuesday 20 th April 2021		
Monday 3 rd May 2021		
Monday 31 st May to		

	Friday 4 th 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 18 th October to Friday 29 th 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 21 st February to Friday 25 th 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 2 nd May 2022		
Half-Term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2022		
Ends	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time		



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

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