

**AVALON SCHOOL** Weekly Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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### **NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS**

#### Rise to the Challenge Week – WOW What a Week!



The children have enjoyed a wonderful and inspiring week during our Rise to the Challenge activities. We started the week with an assembly all about how to deal with and manage challenge. We have been adopting Karen Ennis' mantra (used in her seven oceans swimming challenge), 'I can, I will, Watch Me!' to help us develop perseverance, resilience and determination. The children have faced lots of different challenges, quests and tasks this week both mentally and physically, including the Colossal Climbing Wall, Awesome Archery and lots of other practical puzzles and sporting challenges. Well done everyone!





#### Tam O'Shanter Farm Vegetable Donations Vegetable Drop – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June School Council Visit – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June



The school council will be visiting Tam O'Shanter Farm again on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June for an education visit. School council would like to support a local charity and have chosen to support Tam O'Shanter Farm and our sponsored animal, 'Avalon', the rabbit. The farm solely relies on volunteer support to enable it to run.

School council will be taking root vegetables to donate to the animals. The farm accepts donations of all root vegetables except sprouts and onions, these donations can be brought into school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June only. Donations can be dropped off at the school office foyer. We hope you can support our local farm and the animals it cares for.

#### Nursery & Pre-School Den Building Session Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9am to 11am



We would like to invite all our Nursery and Pre-School parents to a "Den Building" session on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 from 9am to 11am. You will have the opportunity to join your child and the EYFS staff in lots of creative den building activities. Refreshments will be provided.

Children who do not usually attend on a Thursday are invited to come along and join in the fun with their parents/carers and should arrive at school for 9am. Parents/Carers must stay with their child during the session.

Please complete the attached reply slip indicating that you wish to attend by **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** 

Parents/carers must report to the Nursery office to sign in prior to attending the session. For any further enquiries, please contact the school office or your child's key worker. Come along and join in the fun.

Den Building Session Letter and Reply Slip

## Sport Relief Power Pledge & Nathan Young Silent Reflection



As you will be aware we are taking part in the Sport Relief 'Lap of Hope' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The children will be challenged to complete as many laps of the school ground as possible in the time given. As part of this challenge the children will be taking part in a silent reflection to encourage them to think about equality, mental health and wellbeing, and how with help and support people survive and thrive. We are asking the children to write a power pledge for their hopes for the world they want to see, and we enclose a power pledge for them to complete at home and to return on the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> June.

The children will need to wear their PE kits and bring their power pledge and have suitable shoes or trainers for running in. We kindly ask for a suggested donation of £3.00 to raise funds for these worthy causes.

Sport Relief & Power Pledge

#### **PSCHEE Lessons - Drug & Alcohol Awareness**



Please click on the link below to access the learning materials which will be shared with the children from Year 1 to Year 6 in PSHCEE lessons this half term. As ever if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's form teacher.

PSCHEE Lesson Material - Drug & Alcohol Awareness

#### **Reception to Year 2 Visit to Ellesmere Port Boat Museum**



The reception, year 1 and year 2 children enjoyed a fun and educational visit to The Boat Museum this week. They had a wonderful time exploring the different canal boats, the history of Ellesmere Port canal, and enjoyed an art class.

#### Reception Class September 2022 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July



On behalf of the staff, governors and children, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to Avalon School. We look forward to your child starting with us in the Reception class in September.

During the summer term we will be supporting your child with the transition from Pre School to Reception through several special sessions. The dates for these sessions are listed below. Your child will have the opportunity to meet the Reception staff and spend time together as a class, whilst enjoying some fun activities.

The dates are as follows:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm – 3pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 1.30pm – 3pm Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm – 3pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm – 3pm

We have also arranged a <u>New Reception Parents Meeting on Tuesday</u> <u>5<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm</u> which will include an opportunity for parents to meet and chat with the Reception staff team and receive further information prior to the autumn term. We do hope that you will be able to join us, and we will confirm any further details nearer to the date.

Reception Class Transition Letter

#### Year 1 Beach School Sessions Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June



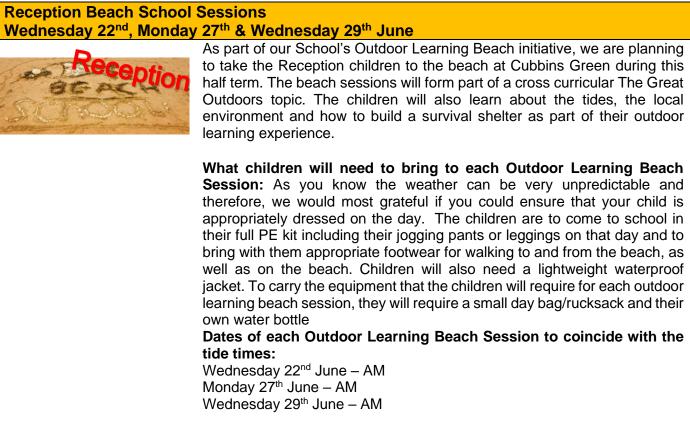
As part of our School's Outdoor Learning Beach initiative, we are planning to take the Year 1 children to the beach at Cubbins Green during this half term. The beach sessions will form part of a cross curricular Famous People by the Sea topic. The children will also learn about the tides, the local environment and how to build a survival shelter as part of their outdoor learning experience.

What children will need to bring to each Outdoor Learning Beach Session: As you know the weather can be very unpredictable and therefore, we would most grateful if you could ensure that your child is appropriately dressed on the day. The children are to come to school in their full PE kit including their jogging pants or leggings on that day and to bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach, as well as on the beach. Children will also need a lightweight waterproof jacket. To carry the equipment that the children will require for each outdoor learning beach session, they will require a small day bag/rucksack and their own water bottle

Dates of each Outdoor Learning Beach Session to coincide with the tide times:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – AM Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – AM Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – AM

#### Year 1 Beach School Letter



#### Reception Beach School Letter

#### Suncreen



As the weather is becoming warmer and sunnier, we would ask that parents apply sunscreen to their children prior to attending school each morning, especially exposed areas such as face, arms and legs. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please also ensure that children have a refillable water bottle each today to keep them hydrated.

It has been brought to our attention that Nivea Kids Protect and Care Coloured Spray SPF 50+ contains organic almond oil, can we please ask parents to be aware of this when purchasing sunscreen for your child(ren).

#### Reception Class Assembly Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am



The children of Reception would like to invite you to their Class assembly on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Please access the school hall via the Astro turf, and doors will open at 8.50am.

#### **BABY NEWS**



Huge congratulations to Miss Robertson and her partner on the birth of their baby daughter, Eleanor Romy Isabella Cody, born 28.05.22 and weighing 7lbs 7oz.

Both mum and baby are doing very well and we look forward to them visiting school very soon!

#### Oliver JR Performances Matinee – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm Evenings – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June



Rehearsals for the end of year junior production of "Oliver" are well underway and the children are eager to share with you, what they have learned.

The evening performances on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June will begin at 6pm (doors open at 5.45pm) and will last for just over one hour. There will also be a matinee performance on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, commencing at 2pm (doors open 1:45pm). This may be more suitable for younger children to enjoy the production. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard area outside the hall before the performances commence.

Tickets will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. Any tickets for Avalon children, past or present are free. There will be no limit to the number of tickets that people can purchase. You may, of course, purchase tickets for any of the performances. To purchase tickets please complete and return the attached order form to the school office. Payment options are detailed on the order form. Unfortunately owing to restrictions on the performance licence we will not be able to produce a DVD of the whole show.

Oliver Performances Letter & Order Form

#### PTA Stawberry Tea Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 3pm



The PTA will be holding their Strawberry Tea on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 from 3pm to 5pm. Entrance to the fair is £5.00 per adult which includes strawberries and cream, and children are free. There will be lots of exciting stalls and events including bubble football, Year 6 stocks, donkey rides and many more plus an ice cream stand with ice cream specially made for Avalon School.

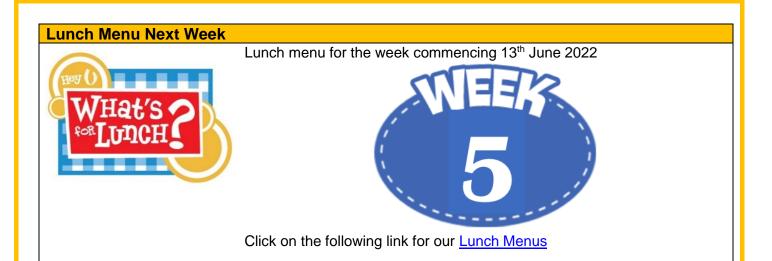
The PTA will also be running a summer raffle and raffle tickets will be sent home with the children next week. The money and ticket stubs (please retain ticket part) together with any unsold tickets should be returned to school no later than Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The PTA are always grateful for your support which helps raise money that directly benefits all children at Avalon School. Recently the PTA have helped fund many different activities including Mathletics, Challenge Day, and the purchase of iPads.

Extra-curricular clubs will not be taking place, however After School Care is available as usual should you wish to book a place for your child.

The PTA are running a 'create an Avalon ice cream flavour' competition as part of this year's Strawberry Tea. All children may enter the competition by colouring in the attached ice cream poster, naming the flavour created and then explaining what flavour it is. Entries must be returned to the school office by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** together with a competition entrance fee of 50p which will be donated to the Avalon PTA funds.

Ice Cream Competition information



#### Parking & Driving Around School



To help keep all members of our school community and our wider community safe please remember <u>not to park on the zig-zag lines</u> 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 <u>extra careful and aware of pedestrians</u> using this route to access school.

It would also be much appreciated if parents consider the through traffic along Caldy Road and avoid attempting U-turns in the road. These sorts of manoeuvres in the road can be particularly dangerous for all road users and pedestrians during these busy times of day. Please be mindful when parking and avoid parking across residents driveways.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

#### **Extra Curricular Clubs**



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

#### Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
	Ballet	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2
Monday		3.35pm	
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Tuesday	Multi-Sport	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2
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Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2
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Thursday	Dance	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2
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Friday	Drama	12.35pm to	Y1 & Y2
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#### Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
	Football	3.40pm to	Y4 - Y6
Monday		4.30pm	
	Tinkercad	12pm to	Y6
		12.30pm	
Tuesday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to	Y5
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	Multi-Sport	3.40pm to	Y3 – Y6
		4.40pm	
Wednesday	Oliver!	3.40pm to	Whole Cast
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	Oliver!	3.40pm to	Invite Only
Thursday		4.30pm	
Thursday	Netball	3.40pm to	Y4 – Y6
		4.30pm	
	Drama	12pm to	Y5 & Y6
		12.35pm	
	Drama	10.20am	Y3 & Y4
Friday		to	
		10.45am	
	Chess	3.30pm to	Y3 to Y6
		4.30pm	

To sign up for:

Ballet and Jazz Dance click on this link Sign up letter

Football click on this link Sign up letter

Drama Club click on this link Sign up letter

For all other clubs this is done via Google forms, please click on the links below:

Key Stage 1 Sign Up Form (Reception to Year 2) Key Stage 2 Sign Up Form (Year 3 to Year 6)

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snack



We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

We have also noticed recently that children are bringing in break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks. These snacks are not appropriate to brought into school.

#### **Arriving Late to School**



For safeguarding purposes, can we please remind parents that if your child is going to be late for school, that you bring your child to the school office so we can ensure that your child has been signed in.

#### Start of the Day Arrangements



Before school club is from 7.45am to 8.30am. Children attending before school club should enter the hall via the main school glass entrance doors.

From 8.30am to 8.50am parents may drop children off at the school gate which will be manned by Avalon staff. Alternatively parents and carers who may wish to bring their child onto the school site and drop their child off at the allocated entrance doors.

For reception, Year 1 and Year 2, this will be at the main glass entrance doors. For all Junior children, Year 3 to Year 6, this will be at the front door of the junior building.

Late attendance (after 8.50am). If your child is late coming into school, we then ask that parents ring the intercom for assistance and bring their child directly into the school office for registrations.

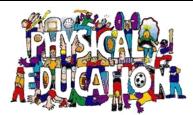
#### End of the School Day



Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

Collection Time	Class	Where to collect your child
At the end of nursery or pre- school session or nursery wraparound	Nursery & Pre School	Main nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Reception	Nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 1	Main school glass entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 2	Nursery entrance doors
3.40pm	Year 3	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 4	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 5	Main school glass entrance
3.40pm	Year 6	Main school glass entrance

#### **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	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Monday

Pre-Loved Uniform	
Pre-Loved	Thank you all for your continued support of Pre-Loved Uniform. We are now in a position to take donations. Please note we no longer accept the P.E uniform.
	If you can ensure the donations are clean and in good condition and wearable. Please leave donations with the school office.
Uniform	If you do need any uniform, please email <u>uniformpta@gmail.com</u> with any queries you may have. We have lots of items in stock.
	Thanks again.
	Pre-Loved V

Uniform Supplier	
UNIFORMITYSchoolwear	Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below: <a href="http://www.uniformityschools.com/">http://www.uniformityschools.com/</a>
	Click on the following link for a list fo required uniform items: Uniform List - Nursery to Year 6

#### **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

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## Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021		
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	
Term Starts	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	
Half-Term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
Ends	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 12:30pm Finish	
Spring Term 2022		
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	
Half-Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	

Ends	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 – Normal Finish Time
:	Summer Term 2022
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Staff Training Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Half-Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
Ends	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Normal Finish Time

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Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
Term Starts	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Half-Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 12 noon Finish
	Spring Term
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Term Starts	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Half-Term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 – Normal Finish Time
	Summer Term
Staff Training Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Half-Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
Ends	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2022	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Den Making – 9.30am-11am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief Challenge Day (Nursery to Year 6)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Parent Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 2pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Performance – 6pm
Thursday 30th	Main School Transition Afternoon 1-3pm
July 2022	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	3pm: PTA Summer Strawberry Tea
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm: New Reception Parents' Information Meeting
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Pre-School Graduation
-	Year 6 Fun Day (TBC)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Infant Achievement Celebration
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Junior Achievement Celebration
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	1.20pm: Y6 Leavers' Assembly
	School Closes for the Summer
	Should you have any concerns or suggestions,

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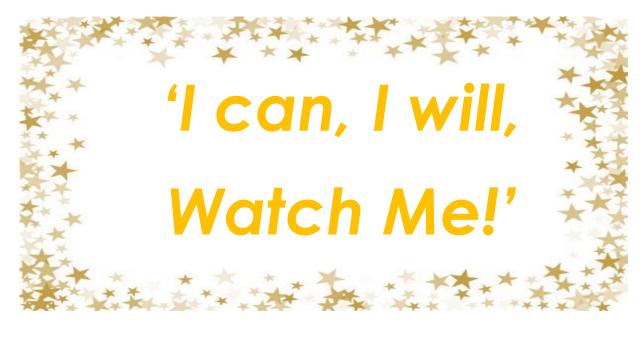


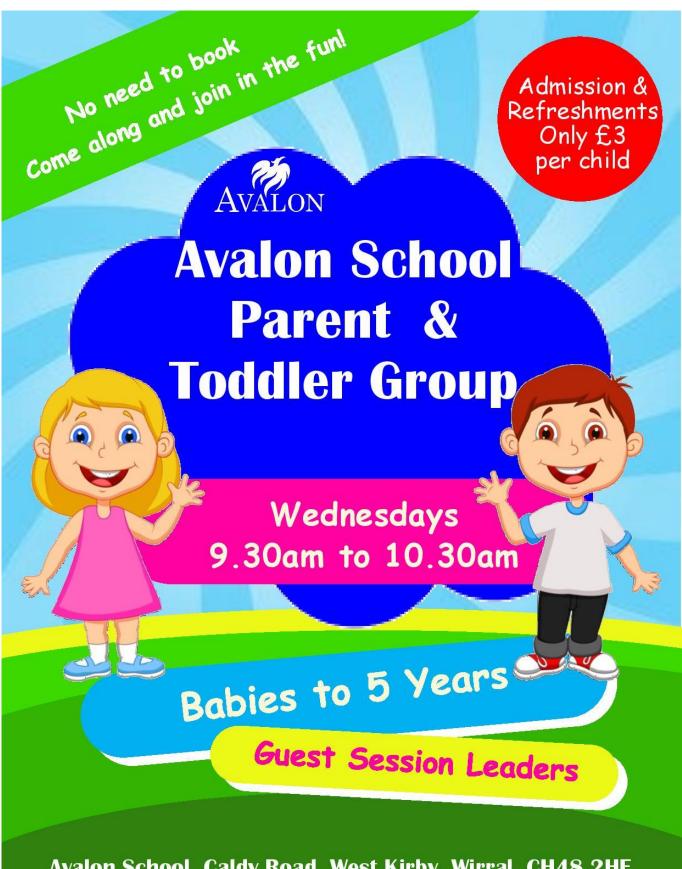
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## Quote of the Week





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