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**NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS**

**Welcome Back!**



Dear Avalon Families,

We were delighted to welcome back all our children, staff and parents this week for the start of our new academic year.

The children all arrived with smiles on their faces ready to meet their new teachers, start new learning and catch up with friends. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this coming term, so please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter, the website and social media pages for all the most current information, news and updates.

Very best wishes,  
Mrs Callaway

**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 8.45am 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.

## Arriving Late to School



Late attendance (after 8.45am). 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.

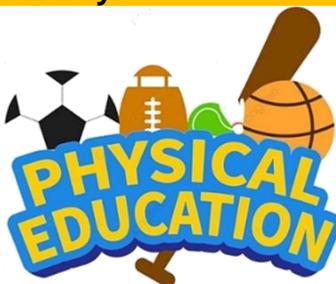
## End of the Day Arrangements



Children's collection arrangements will be as follows:

Year Group	Collection Time	Collect From
Nursery & Pre-School	At the end of session	Nursery Entrance
Reception	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 1	3.05pm	Nursery Entrance
Year 2	3.05pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 3	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 4	3.40pm	Junior House Front Door
Year 5	3.40pm	Main School Glass Entrance
Year 6	3.40pm	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	PE Day
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

## IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snacks



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.

Snack which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks are not appropriate to be brought into school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Safeguarding Booklets

### Safeguarding



The children from Nursery to Year 6 have this week, brought home with them, their safeguarding booklets, which we would be grateful if you could review the information and make any necessary amendments. Please ensure that it is returned to the school office by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**It is vitally important that we have the correct and most up to date information for your child.**

## Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra Curricular Clubs will commence on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Details of how to book onto the clubs will be sent out to parents next week.

## Assessment & Monitoring



Children in Reception to Year 6 will shortly be commencing the InCAS assessments which helps to provide us with age-related diagnostics information and recommendations for each child, where required. The children will be undertaking these computer-based assessment modules over the next few weeks.

## Year 5 Re-arranged Parent Information Meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5pm



At the beginning of each academic year, we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and Form Teachers to discuss information about the year group curriculum, classroom routines, assessment and reporting information, along with lots of other helpful material.

Meetings for parents of children in Year 5 will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm.

For further information please click on the link below:

[Year 5 Parent Information Letter](#)

## Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6 Parent Information Meetings

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5pm



At the beginning of each academic year, we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and Form Teachers to discuss information about the year group curriculum, classroom routines, assessment and reporting information, along with lots of other helpful material.

Meetings for parents of children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6 will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm in your child's classroom.

For further information please click on the link below:

[Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6 Parent Information Letter](#)

## Nursery and Pre-School Parent Information Meetings

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5pm



At the beginning of each academic year, we find it very useful and important to hold a meeting for parents/carers and the early years team to get to know each other and to discuss information about daily routines, the early years framework and EyLog online journal, along with lots of other helpful material.

Meetings for parents of children in Nursery and Pre-School will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm in your child's classroom.

For further information click on the link below:

[Nursery and Pre-School Parent Information Meeting Letter](#)

## European Day of Languages

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September



Following a very successful and enjoyable celebration day last year, we are inviting the children to participate in this year's European Day of Languages, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023. More details to follow next week.

## Year 5 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term

### Session 1 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 5 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, on the following dates:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there. They may also need a sunhat and sunglasses depending on the weather.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Year 5 Beach School Session Letter](#)

## Year 6 Beach School Sessions Autumn Term

## Session 1 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September



As part of our Beach School initiative the children in Year 6 will be going to the beach at Cubbins Greens during this half term, on the following dates:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

On these days the children should wear their Avalon School PE kit including joggers or leggings, their waterproof jacket and bring with them appropriate footwear for walking to and from the beach and while there. They may also need a sunhat and sunglasses depending on the weather.

More details can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Year 6 Beach School Session Letter](#)

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8.50am



We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We would be delighted if you could join us in the school hall from 8.50am until 9.30am for refreshments and cake with a suggested donation of £2.50. Donations of cakes and biscuits, **NOT** containing nuts, can be dropped off at the school hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> from 8.15am. Children will be allowed to purchase one cake or biscuit at break time with a suggested donation of 50p each.

## Wet Play Bags



As we start a new academic year, if any children need a new wet bag play, please contact the school office via email [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk). New wet play bags are charged at £3.00 each.

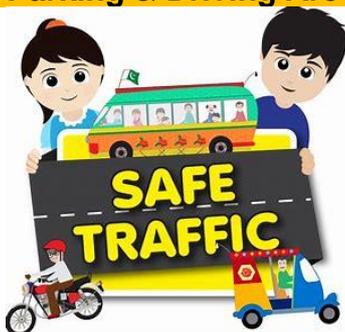
All children in Reception and new children throughout the main school will be provided with a wet play bag and instructions as to what can be included.

## Avalon School Water Bottles



Should any children need a new Avalon School water bottle, please contact the school office via email [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk). New water bottles are charged at £2.50 each.

## 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.

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.

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

## Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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

## Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below:  
<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

## Pre-Loved Uniform



If you have any requests for uniform please email on [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com). Whilst we are now in a position to accept donations, please can you make sure that all items donated are wearable and not threadbare, and clean. Also, we can **only** accept the following Avalon specific uniform, given the introduction of the new sports kit:

- Blazers/Black Raincoats
- Caps/Hats/Boaters
- Brown V Neck Jumpers/Cardigans
- Brown PE Sweatshirts/Joggers
- Tunics/Summer Dresses

Please leave with the School Office. Thank you.

## 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)

## Term Date 2023-2024



Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Term Starts	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half-Term	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
Ends	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half-Term	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024</b>
Ends	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>
Ends	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Normal Finish Time

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

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### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Rearranged Parent Information Meeting at 5pm  
Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6 Parent information Meeting at 5pm  
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**OCTOBER**

Wednesday 4th

Thursday 5th

Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

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