



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 24th November 2017

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

224

147

183

201

Total House Points For the Year To-date

1976

1545

1801

1848

Merit Badges

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| Reception | | | HK | |
| Year 1 | SP | | | |
| Year 2 | | | | RC |
| Year 3 | | EB | | |
| Year 4 | OE HM | DH | | |
| Year 5 | | | | AM ST |
| Year 6 | HA | | | AP |

Golden Table

OC (Rec)
HH(Y3)

HC (Y1)
OE (Y4)
MG (Y6)

GK (Y2)
ES (Y5)

Children's Favourite Dishes of the Week!

Main: Cheesy Baguettes
Pudding: Ice-Cream & Oreo

Dates For Your Diary

NOVEMBER 2017

Mon 27th Nov – Fri 1st Dec

Reception Stay & Play Week

Mon 27th

Year 3 Class Assembly
Parents Welcome
9.05am

Tue 28th

Year 2 Geography Walk

Thur 30th

Year 5 Trip to Spaceport

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm

DECEMBER 2017

Fri 1st

PTA Christmas Fair

Tue 5th

Junior Theatre Trip

Wed 6th

Nursery & Pre-School Nativity

Thur 7th

Parent Toddler Group
1.45pm

Fri 8th

School Christmas Lunch

All Extra-Curricular Clubs Finish This Week

Mon 11th

Infant Christmas Concert

Tue 12th

Infant Christmas Party

Thur 14th

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Children In Need

THANK YOU!

Well done everyone; we raised £859.38!

Year 3 Class Assembly

Monday 27th November

The children of Year 3 would like to invite their parents/carers to their class assembly on Monday 27th November 2017 starting at 9:05am in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available from 8.50am. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Reception Class Stay & Play Sessions

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th November

We would like to invite the parents/carers of our Reception children to a "Stay and Play" session during the week commencing 27th November 2017. You will have the opportunity to stay with your child and join in with learning activities. The Reception Class staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have. Sessions are available either in the morning or the afternoon; please return the reply slip to the school office.

Tuesday 28th November – 9-10.15am

Wednesday 29th November – 1.45-3pm

Thursday 30th November – 9-10.15am

Progress Reports

Reception to Year 6

Progress Reports have been sent home with the children today.

Year 2 Geography Walk

Tuesday 28th November

As part of Road Safety week and Year 2's geography topic, the children will be going on a local area walk to post a letter home. If you do not want your child to take part in this activity please inform Mrs C Roberts. Thank you.

Year 5 Trip to Spaceport

Thursday 30th November

The Year 5 children will be going to Spaceport on Thursday 30th November. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9:30 am. School will be providing the children with a packed lunch, which will be eaten at Spaceport. We should arrive back at school in time for normal pick up (traffic permitting). School uniform must be worn, including blazers.

PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 1st December

See flyer below for more information.

Donations of cakes and mince pies are to be brought into school on the morning of the fair. Likewise, any alcohol for the bottle tombola is to be brought in on the morning of the fair as we are unable to store alcohol on the school premises. Thank you.

Year 3 to Year 6 Trip to the Storyhouse Theatre, Chester

Tuesday 5th December

The children from Year 3 to Year 6 are going to see the first ever stage

Christmas Celebration
Rehearsal at St
Bridget's Church

Fri 15th

Christmas Celebration
at St Bridget's

**Finish for Christmas
at 12 noon**

CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 18th Dec to
Mon 8th Jan 2018

production of Enid Blyton's "The Secret Seven" at the Storyhouse, Chester on Tuesday 5th December. We would ask that children bring with them a bottle of water and a healthy snack to eat during the interval. The coach will be leaving at 9:15am and will return to school in time for lunch. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear full school uniform.

Safe Parking

Please can we ask that Parents and Carers park safely and respectfully when dropping off or collecting children from school. We are experiencing increasing numbers of drivers who dangerously disregard the Zig Zag lines and park on them outside school. Clearly this is a safety risk to our children which can be prevented.

Sadly we have also had a number of complaints from local residents who have been frustrated and inconvenienced by a minority of parents who have parked across their driveways.

If we are to avoid suggestions such as 'naming and shaming' drivers by car registration plate, we must keep to our agreement to avoid blocking residents' driveways and to the law of not parking on Zig Zag lines outside the school entrance.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance.

Safeguarding - Morning Drop Off

After the morning bell has signalled for the children to line up in their classes, we politely ask that parents and carers should vacate the playground area, enabling staff to organise the children efficiently and escort them safely into school.

Wirral Borough Council Health Alert

Due to the prevalence of illnesses as we approach Winter, please see below some key points regarding **hand, foot and mouth**.

- Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common infection that causes mouth ulcers and spots on the hands and feet.
- The symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease usually develop between three and five days after being exposed to the infection.
- If you have hand, foot and mouth disease, the best thing to do is to stay at home until you're feeling better. There's no cure for it, so you have to let it run its course.
- You don't usually need medical attention if you think you or your child has hand, foot and mouth disease. The infection will usually pass in 7 to 10 days, and there isn't much your doctor can do.
- Antibiotics won't help as hand, foot and mouth disease is caused by a virus.

It's not always possible to avoid getting hand, foot and mouth disease, but following the advice below can help stop the infection spreading.

- **Stay off work, school or nursery until you or your child are feeling better** – there's usually no need to wait until the last blister has healed, provided you're otherwise well.
- **Use tissues to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze** and put used tissues in a bin as soon as possible.
- **Wash your hands with soap and water often** – particularly after going to the toilet, coughing, sneezing or handling nappies, and before preparing food.
- **Avoid sharing cups, utensils, towels and clothes** with people who are infected.
- **Disinfect any surfaces or objects that could be contaminated** – it's best to use a bleach-based household cleaner.

- **Wash any bedding or clothing that could have become contaminated** separately on a hot wash.

For further information please see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

PTA Reps Needed!

The PTA are looking for representatives from parents of children in Reception and Year 2. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Danielle Jones (mum of Mia and Layla Jones) on danielleroberts1@hotmail.com

Card Payments

Unfortunately, as from 1st December 2017 we will no longer be able to offer the facility of making payments by credit or debit cards. The facility has been used by a very small number of parents over the last two years and is therefore not cost effective to continue to offer the facility. We do apologise if this caused any inconvenience.

Uniform Supplier

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

Uniform Sizing Room opening times are:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 8.30am to 8.45am

Tuesday & Friday – 3pm to 4.30pm

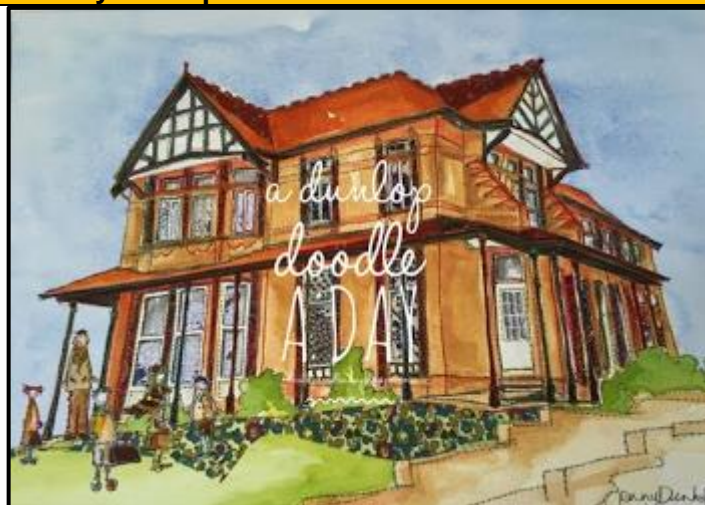
Please call into the school office and the admin team will assist you.

Should you wish to return or exchange an item of uniform. You will need to contact Uniformity to make the arrangements. Items can then be brought to the school office ready for Uniformity to collect on a Thursday.

Parent Toddler Group

Our Parent Toddler Group runs every Thursday during term time at 1.45pm. This term's guest sessions will include "Splat Messy Play" and "Globe Boppers". Admission is £3 which includes all activities and refreshments.

For Sale - Jenny Dunlop Picture of Avalon



The PTA have a number of copies of this beautiful picture of Avalon School by the local artist, Jenny Dunlop. If you would like to purchase a copy, order forms are available from the school office.

A4 (30cm x 40cm) unframed £35.00

A3 (40cm x 50cm) unframed £45.00
A4 (30cm x 40cm) framed (black or white) £55.00
A3 (40cm x 50cm) framed (black or white) £70.00

PTA Funding Raising Scheme

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR AVALON PTA BY DOING YOUR NORMAL SHOPPING

Shop online with THOUSANDS of retailers and they will donate a percentage of what you spend to Avalon PTA!!



1. JOIN



2. SHOP



3. RAISE

It's FREE, All you have to do is sign up! Find out more and join here:

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/avalonpta

or contact Danielle Jones

07717 315 752 or danielle.jones@salonsdirect.co.uk

RETAILERS INCLUDE....

[amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

M&S
EST. 1884

ASOS

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TESCO

Booking.com



John Lewis

trainline



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

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017 | 6-8PM

Dear Parents, Teachers & Children,

Please accept our invitation to join us at Avalon Christmas Fair.

Father Christmas will be waiting to meet the children in the Grotto. The Grotto only costs £5 per child and (new for 2018) includes a grotto gift bag, suitable for everyone. Parents are encouraged to take their own photos in the grotto and look out for some North Pole wildlife too. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis (with nursery children having priority over the early slots) and will fill up fast, so please return the enclosed form at your very earliest convenience.

To help ensure the evening is a success, please can you bring in donations of any of the following.

- **Bottles (from shampoo to spirits) for the tombola**
- **Lightly used Toys & Games**
- **Prizes for the Toy Tombola and the Raffle**
- **Mince Pies & Cakes (NO NUTS & ingredients clearly labelled)**



The Children's favourite stalls are the Tub Tombola and the Toy Tombola. Please fill the plastic box provided with goodies (sweets, toys, stationery items, hair accessories) to help ensure that all children have an opportunity to win one.

There will be some great Raffle prizes up for grabs, so return your completed slips to be in with a chance of winning! The list of prizes will be displayed on the noticeboards and in the newsletter and will be regularly updated as additional gifts are received.

Admission is £2.50 per adult, payable on the night, which entitles you to a hot chocolate with cream and sprinkles & a mince pie. Children are free.

We look forward to seeing you all there and hope you have a very enjoyable evening!

Avalon School PTA

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!

As always, help on the night is one of our greatest needs. There are 3 new stalls for the children this year but without the volunteers, these may have to be dropped. Even if you can spare just one hour to help on a stall it would be greatly appreciated. The success of these events depends heavily on the involvement of willing parents. So please volunteer if you can!

Fill in the form overleaf if you can give us a hand!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER
TO HELP IF YOU CAN!





Name

Contact Number

SANTA'S GROTTO TICKETS

Please can I have ticket(s) to see Father Christmas at the cost of £5 each – times will be sent by text on or before the 1st December, please make sure you add your mobile number at the top of this form.

Total amount enclosed £ Cash or cheques payable to 'Avalon School PTA' please.

Child's Name Year

Child's Name Year

DONATIONS

I can donate the following items for the Fair: -

- ☐ Lightly used Toys / Games
- ☐ Bottle(s) for the Tombola (Alcohol cannot be stored on school premises so please bring that in on the day)
- ☐ NEW toy for Children's Tombola
- ☐ Mince Pies (please state how many)
- ☐ Cakes/Baked goods (ingredients clearly labelled)
- ☐ Raffle Prize Donation (please list item and approximate value)

*Please bring these gifts to the School Office. **The cakes & mince pies can be brought in on the morning of the Fair.**

Help! PLEASE OFFER TO HELP IF YOU CAN!

I would be able to lend a hand from: -

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3pm to 4pm for SET UP | <input type="checkbox"/> 6pm to 7pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4pm to 5pm for SET UP | <input type="checkbox"/> 7pm to 8pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5pm to 6pm for SET UP | <input type="checkbox"/> 8pm to 8.30pm to clear up |

*Please see the Rota on the notice board for your allocated time

Please return the:

Raffle ticket stubs, Tub Tombola (filled or not) AND this form at your very earliest convenience to avoid disappointment. **We cannot guarantee places as this year there is only one grotto.**

LAST DATE TO RETURN IS MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Any queries contact the Christmas Fair Coordinator Fiona Ellis on 07725 170 285

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Monday 27th November - Friday 1st December

Crafts for Christmas



Juice & biscuit on arrival
Range of healthy snacks at 4:45 pm