



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st September 2018

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

163

148

150

135

Total House Points for the Year To-date

333

394

380

377

Merit Badges

Reception			LO	
Year 1		LO'M		
Year 2		OS		
Year 3		EW		
Year 4		HH	EP	
Year 5	IK			AE
Year 6	LG		JK	

Golden Table

Rec	CE	Y1	SS	Y2	LE
Y3	IT	Y4	EB	Y5	HM
		Y6	ST		

Children's Favourite Dishes of the Week!

Main: Spaghetti & Meatballs

Pudding: Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 24th September 2018



All our fresh produce is now purchased from local supplier who support local producers.
Follow this link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Dates for Your Diary

SEPTEMBER 2018

Mon 24th
Board of
Governors
Meeting
5.30pm

Thur 27th
Y1 & Y2 Trip
to Claremont
Farm

Sat 29th
PTA Gin &
Beer Festival
7pm

OCTOBER 2018

Mon 1st
Year 5
Parents 11+
Information
Meeting at
6pm

Thur 4th
Children's
Photographs
(Individual &
Sibling)

Fri 5th
Macmillan
Coffee
Morning at
8.50am

Mon 8th
PTA AGM at
6pm

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Pre-School to Year 2 Parent Workshop – Phonics

Thank you to those parents attended this week's Phonics Workshop, we hope you found it informative. If you were unable to attend and would like an information pack please let your child's teacher/keyworker know.

Big Cook, Little Cook Club

Big Cook, Little Cook Club has started this week and everyone involved enjoyed their first week.



After School Club

After School Club this week have enjoyed building dens together. Great team work everyone!



Tue 9th
Reception -
Year 5 Flu
Immunisation

Wed 10th
Harvest
Celebration at
9.15am –
Parents
Welcome!

Thur 11th
Year 4 Trip –
Horrible
Histories

Fri 12th
Visiting
Morning

**Mon 15th – Fri
19th**
EYFS Stay &
Play Week
(Nursery, Pre-
School &
Reception)

Mon 15th
Year 5 Class
Assembly at
9.15am –
Parents
Welcome!

Thur 18th
PTA
Halloween
Disco

Fri 19th
School Finish
at Normal
Time for Half
Term

**S4YC Holiday
Club
Available for
Half Term
Break**

**HALF TERM
MON 22ND
OCT TO FRI
2ND NOV**

**PTA Beer & Gin Festival
Saturday 29th September 2018**

**LAST DATE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS
MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER**



**Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Claremont Farm
Thursday 27th September 2018**

The children of Year 1 and Year 2 will be going to Claremont Farm on Thursday 27th September 2018. The children will be leaving school in the morning and will return in time for lunch. The children should wear their full school uniform. The children will not need any spending money.

**Year 5 11+ Parent Information Meetings
Monday 1st October 2018 at 6pm**

We will be holding Year 5 11+ Parent Information Meetings on Monday 1st October at 6pm in the School Hall. Parents will also receive information regarding the preparation for 11+ assessments. We do hope you will be able to attend this important meeting.

**Individual & Sibling Pupil Photographs
Thursday 4th October 2018**

Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 4th October in the morning. All children will have an individual photograph taken and siblings will have a group photograph taken also.

**NOVEMBER
2018**

Mon 5th
Children
Return to
School

Wed 7th
Remembrance
Assembly

**Mon 12th to
Fri 16th**
Anti-Bullying
Week

Wed 14th
Parents'
Evening
Meetings –
Reception,
Year 1, Year 4
& Year 6

Thur 15th
Parents'
Evening
Meetings –
Year 2, Year 3
& Year 5

Sat 17th
ISA Swimming
Gala

Mon 19th
Year 4 Class
Assembly at
9.15am –
Parents
Welcome!

Tue 20th
Road Safety
Day

Fri 30th
LAMDA
Drama Exams

PTA
Christmas Fair

**DECEMBER
2018**

Children should attend school in their smart winter uniform including blazers. Nursery and Pre-School children who attend on a Thursday will be taken by the Nursery and Pre-School Staff. Parents/Carers of children who do not attend Nursery or Pre-School on a Thursday but would like their child to have their photograph taken, we would be grateful if you could arrive at Nursery for 9.30am. Parents/Carers must stay on the site while the photograph is taken. Refreshments will be available. Photographs will be available to order via the photograph company, details of which will be sent home with the children along with photograph proofs.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 5th October 2018**

We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Friday 5th October 2018 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We would be delighted if you would join us in the school hall from 8.50am until 9.30am where we will be providing refreshments and cake for a suggested donation of £2.50.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes or biscuits for the coffee morning. Cakes or biscuits can be either homemade (please provide a list of ingredients) or shop bought (in their original packaging). All donations must **NOT** contain nuts or traces of nuts in any form.

The children will be allowed to purchase one cake or biscuit at break time for a suggested donation of 50p. Any remaining cakes or biscuits will be sold at the end of the day.

Donations should be brought in on Friday 5th October 2018 from 8.15am and taken directly to the school hall.

**Reception to Year 5 Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 9th October**

The children in Reception to Year 5 will be having their flu immunisations on Tuesday 9th October. If you haven't already please return your completed consent forms, please return them to the office as soon as possible.

**Year 4 Trip to Horrible Histories
Thursday 11th October 2018**

As part of their History topic Ancient Egyptians the children of Year 4 will be going to the Floral Pavilion to watch the Horrible Histories show on Thursday 11th October 2018. The children will be leaving school in the morning and will return in time for lunch. The children should wear their full school uniform. The children will not need any spending money.

Well-Being Award for Schools

We are delighted to announce that, as part of our school development plan, Avalon will be working towards the Well Being Award for schools. Developed in partnership with the National Children's Bureau, this whole-school award focuses on ensuring effective practice and provision is in place that promotes the emotional wellbeing and mental health of both staff and pupils.

The award has a focus on changing the long-term culture of a school, and embedding an ethos where mental health is regarded as the responsibility of all.

To achieve this award schools are expected to demonstrate how they:

- Show their commitment to promoting mental health as part of school life
- Improve the emotional wellbeing of their staff and pupils
- Ensure mental health problems are identified early and appropriate support provided
- Offer provision and interventions that matches the needs of its pupils and staff
- Engage the whole school community in the importance of mental health awareness
- Capture the views of parents, pupils and teachers on mental health issues

Wed 5th
Nursery &
Pre-School
Christmas
Concert

Fri 7th
School
Christmas
Lunch &
Christmas
Jumper Day

Mon 10th
Infant
Christmas
Concert at
2pm
(Reception,
Year 1 & Year
2)

Tue 11th
Christmas
Parties
(Nursery, Pre-
School,
Reception,
Year 1 & Year
2)

Wed 12th
Junior
Christmas
Theatre Trip
(Wizard of Oz
at Story
House
Theatre,
Chester)

Thur 13th
Christmas
Celebration
Rehearsal at
St Bridget's
Church

Fri 14th
Christmas
Celebration at
St Bridget's
Church –
Parents
Welcome!

**Autumn Term
Finishes at
12 Noon**

Shortly, we will be commencing an audit of the school's well-being status and will then be developing an action plan to move through the award framework. If there is anyone within our school and parent community who would like to get more involved in this important project, please do contact Mrs Callaway, for further details.

**ISA Swimming Gala
Saturday 17th November 2018**

We have been invited to enter a team for the North Independent Schools Association swimming gala in Macclesfield on **Saturday 17th November 2018**. The competition is open to boys and girls in years 4 – 6 and children may swim in two individual scoring events from breaststroke, freestyle and backstroke. The individual events are very competitive and are over 50m (2 lengths so turns are included) so it is imperative that, firstly, children are competent in their chosen stroke, and secondly, they have some experience of swimming in a competitive race.

If you think that your child would like to represent Avalon in the gala or would like more information, please contact Mr Ashton via email (martinashton@avalon-school.co.uk) with preferred strokes, by **Friday, 5th October**.

**Curriculum Overviews
Reception to Year 6**

Curriculum Overviews have been uploaded on the school website. Please follow the link to our website. [Curriculum Overviews](#)

Wet Play Bags

If your child requires a new wet play bag please contact the school office. Thank you.

**UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge
Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6)**

This year Avalon school are entering all key stage 2 children into the UK Bebras Computational thinking challenge, run by Oxford University. The competition will be held during the first 2 weeks of November after we return from half term.



It consists of a 40 minute quiz where the children answer as many questions as they can in 40 minutes. The questions are in the form of engaging puzzles that start off relatively easy so every child can have a go and should get something out of the competition. For those children in year 3 to 5 there is an option to enter as a small group.

There is no prior computing/programming/ICT knowledge required but we will be practising in school using past examples found on their site.

For further information please contact Mrs Ellsmoor or use the link <http://www.bebbras.uk/> to their website. Their privacy policy can be found at <http://www.bebbras.uk/privacy-policy.html>.

Used Stamps

We are collecting used stamped for St John's Hospice. If you would like to donate any used stamps there is a collection box in the school office reception area.

Term Dates 2018-2019

2018/2019	
Autumn Term	
Starts	Mon 3 rd & Tue 4 th Sept 2018 Staff INSET Wed 5 th Sept 2018 Children Return
Half-Term	Mon 22nd Oct to Fri 2nd Nov 2018
Ends	Fri 14 th Dec 2018 - 12 Noon Finish

**CHRISTMAS
BREAK
MON 17TH
DEC TO FRI
4TH JAN 2019**

**JANUARY
2019**

Mon 7th
Staff INSET
Day

Tue 8th
Children
Return to
School

Spring Term	
Starts	Mon 7 th Jan 2019 Staff INSET Tue 8 th Jan 2019 Children Return
Half-Term	Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb 2019
Ends	Fri 29 th Mar 2019 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Starts	Mon 15 th Apr 2019 Staff INSET Tue 16 th Apr 2019 Children Return
Easter May Day	Fri 19th & Mon 22nd Apr 2019 Mon 6th May 2019
Half-Term	Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May 2019
Ends	Fri 12 th Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time

Violin Lessons

Mrs Gillian Evans our peripatetic violin teacher has availability for children who would like to take up the violin. If your child is interested please contact Mrs Evans directly on 07940401447

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.

School Fees and Before & After School Fees

Autumn terms Nursery/Pre-School and School Fees and Before & After School Fees are due to payment. We would be most grateful if these could be paid in accordance with the terms and condition as stated on the invoice. Thank you.
We would be most grateful if any payments over £40 could be made either by cheque or internet banking only; details can be obtained from the school office. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



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

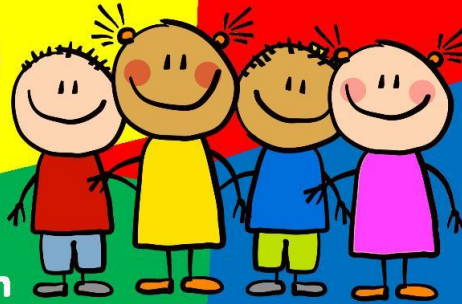
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Avalon School

Parent Toddler Group



1.45pm to 3pm
every Thursday
during term time
£3 per child
including refreshments



Come along for great fun, toys, craft sessions,
activities & fun.

Guest session leaders.



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