



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th September 2018

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

136

186

190

177

Total House Points for the Year To-date

469

580

570

554

Merit Badges

Reception		NS		
Year 1				EW
Year 2	SP			
Year 3			EB	
Year 4	LJ		NN	
Year 5	IS & HM			
Year 6				ST & AM

Autumn Term House Captains



JA & IS



WR & GS



AH & JK



LM-P & P K-N

Autumn Term Prefects

PREFECT

Please following the link to the [Year 6 Class Page](#) for a full list of Prefects for the Autumn Term.

Golden Table

Rec	CS	Y1	EB	Y2	IW
Y3	SS	Y4	NN	Y5	IK

Children's Favourite Dishes of the Week!

Main: All Day Breakfast

Pudding: Flapjack

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 1st October 2018



Follow this link for our [Lunch Menus](#)



To celebrate "National Cake Week" the Catering Team will be producing a different cake each day!

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

OCTOBER 2018

Mon 1st

Reception to Year 6
Chester Zoo Safari
Workshops

Year 3 & Year 4 Trip
West Kirby Library

Year 5 Parents 11+
Information Meeting
at 6pm

Tue 2nd

Year 6 Trip – West
Kirby Library

Year 1 & Year 2 Visit
from a Local Author

Thur 4th

Children's
Photographs
(Individual & Sibling)

Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Cross Country Race

Fri 5th

Macmillan Coffee
Morning at 8.50am

Tue 9th

Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Claremont Farm

A fantastic day was had by all the children and staff when they visited Claremont Farm this week. Check out the [Year 1](#) and [Year 2](#) class pages on our website for more details and photos of their day at the farm.



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 2018 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.

Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to West Kirby Library

Monday 1st October 2018

The Year 3 and Year 4 children will be walking to West Kirby Library on Monday 1st October 2018. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear

Reception - Year 5
Flu Immunisation

Pre-School Trip –
Caldy Manor Care
Home

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

Thur 11th
PTA Informal Coffee
Meeting at 9am in
the School Hall

Year 4 Trip –
Horrible Histories

Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Fri 12th
Visiting Morning
9am to 12pm

PTA Informal Coffee
Meeting at 2.45pm
in the School Hall

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
Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

PTA Halloween
Disco

Fri 19th
School Finish at
Normal Time for Half
Term

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

HALF TERM

and waterproof coat as they will be walking along with Wirral Way. The Year 3 children will be taking part in a session on Romans and the Year 4 will be taking part in a session on Egyptians.

**Reception to Year 6 Safari Workshops
Monday 1st October 2018**

On Monday 1st October 2018 the children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in Safari Workshops run by Chester Zoo. Check out next week's newsletter for what the children learnt at their workshops.

**Year 6 Trip to West Kirby Library
Tuesday 2nd October 2018**

The Year 6 children will be walking to West Kirby Library on Tuesday 2nd October 2018. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear and waterproof coat as they will be walking along with Wirral Way. The children will be taking part in a session on World War 2.

**Year 1 & Year 2 Visit from a Local Author
Tuesday 2nd October 2018**

The Year 1 and Year 2 children will be welcoming Jimmy Garrett, a local author, who will be reading his latest Fairy Tale to them on Tuesday 2nd October 2018. The children will also have the opportunity to purchase Jimmy's book. If you would like your child to purchase a book, please send in £6.99 (cash) in a named envelope with you child.

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

Individual and sibling pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 4th October 2018 in the morning. All children will have an individual photograph taken and siblings will have a group photograph taken also.

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.

**Year 4 – Year 6 Cross Country Race at Birkenhead Park
Thursday 4th October at 4.15pm**

Some children from Year 4 to Year 6 will be representing Avalon School at a cross country race in Birkenhead Park on Thursday 4th October 2018 at 4.15pm. Mrs Kililiku has sent details home with the children involved. Good luck Team Avalon.

**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.

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

NOVEMBER 2018

Mon 5th

Children Return to
School

Wed 7th

Remembrance
Assembly

Thur 8th

Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Mon 12th to Fri 16th

Anti-Bullying Week

Wed 14th

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

Thur 15th

Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

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

Thur 22nd

Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Thur 29th

Parent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Fri 30th

LAMDA Drama
Exams

PTA Christmas Fair

DECEMBER 2018

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

Christmas Card Designs

Cauliflower Cards – Placing Orders

The children are currently completing their Christmas card designs. Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until 28th October 2018. To place an order please click or copy and paste the following link into your browser

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

PARENTS please complete steps 1-3 in the box below

1 Place Your Order Online

To purchase cards, gift tags or mugs personalised with your child's artwork order online at:

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

You will need your unique two part code printed at the top of this form to place your order.

When placing an order you will need the following information/codes:

School Details: Avalon School

School Code: 2666

Unique Code: this can be found at the top of your child's card design sheet:

PARENTS ORDER CODE		* SCHOOL DETAILS *
School Code	Unique Code	Avalon School
2666	H6T9JX	

Please return your child's card design sheet to school by Monday 15th October 2018 so all art work can be sent on to the Cauliflower Group. This will enable them to produce your order. If your child's design sheet is not returned to school you will not receive any orders placed.

Reception to Year 5 Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 9th October 2018

The children in Reception to Year 5 will be having their flu immunisations on Tuesday 9th October 2018.

Pre-School Visit to Caldry Manor Care Home

Tuesday 9th October 2018

Preschool children will be visiting Caldry Residential Manor on Tuesday 9th October 2018 for 'Talk like a pirate' day. The children will be travelling by mini bus and will need their car seats, we would be grateful if you could drop your child's car seat off at the Nursery Office. The children will be taking part in pirate related activities with the residents including a pirate hat competition. We cannot wait to see your wonderful creations.

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 9.15am

This year our Harvest Festival Assembly will be on Wednesday 10th October at 9.15am in the School Hall. Look out for more information next week.

PTA Informal Coffee Meeting

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th October 2018

We will be holding two informal coffee meetings on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 9am and Friday 12th October 2018 at 2.45pm in the school hall in support of the PTA. We do hope that you can join us.

Wed 5th
Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Concert

Thur 6th
Parent Toddler Group 1.45pm-3pm

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**

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

JANUARY 2019

Mon 7th
Staff INSET Day

Tue 8th

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.

Visiting Morning Friday 12th October 2018 9am to 12pm

On Friday 12th October 2018 we will be opening the school to visitors, friends and families to come and have a tour and see the school in action between 9am and 12pm. More details will be sent home with the children next week.

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**.

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>.



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

Children Return to School

- 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

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.

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
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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