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URGENT APPEAL FOR PTA SUPPORT

Dear Parent/Carer,

Unfortunately due to poor ticket sales, the PTA have taken the decision to cancel the Gin and Beer Festival. This is very disappointing, not only due to the time and effort members of the PTA have put into organising the event, but the financial loss to the PTA, which ultimately impacts on the PTA purchases for the children. This decision was therefore not taken lightly by the PTA but was required to ensure that losses were minimised.

We appreciate that this will be a disappointment to those who have purchased tickets. Envelopes with a full refund will be available from the school office from Thursday pick up.

The PTA is an integral part of the school community. It has been a tremendous source of help and support to the school over the years, both in terms of fundraising and social activities, and assisting at school events and with various projects. As you know the PTA have worked incredibly hard over recent years organising among other things the PTA school discos, Strawberry Tea, Family Fun Day, the May Ball, Christmas Fair and many more, including the addition of the Gin & Beer Festival. The School is grateful to all parent/carers who find time to help during their busy lives. As you can appreciate however, the PTA needs a strong team of volunteers to commit to keep it functioning.

The funds raised by the PTA help to finance a variety of projects, equipment and special visits for the children. A major project that the PTA have recently funded was to refurbish the main playground; landscaping and resurfacing a large section with bonded rubber mulch, to create a designated area for children to play structured games at break times. All children from Reception to Year 6 benefit from the Athletics subscriptions that the PTA fund each year. Other activities funded by the PTA include sailing lessons, sports day at the Oval, a drumming and beatboxing day and Year 6 leavers' gifts.

PTA events are often well attended, raising important funds for the children of Avalon and the school is very thankful for all the time and hard work that the PTA have dedicated to achieve this. Unfortunately however the committee is made up of a very small number of parents who now feel that, for a variety of reasons, they may be unable to continue in their present roles, unless additional support from other parents can be rallied. This may mean that we will not be able to hold any further events this term, including the Christmas Fair, until a strengthened PTA committee is formed.

The school would very much like the PTA to continue, but this is reliant on a number of parents and/or relatives being prepared to take on the various roles that are required for the PTA to run and for enough 'Friends of the PTA' to be available to support with the organisation of events.

In order to try and encourage parents or relatives to get involved with the PTA, there will be two informal coffee meetings where anyone who is interested in helping to support the PTA can find out more.





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If there is enough support and people prepared to share in the organisation of events, the PTA will continue. The two coffee meetings will be on Thursday 11th October at 9:00am (following school drop off) and Friday 12th October at 2.45pm. We really hope we can continue to work with a wide range of parents and relatives in order that the PTA can continue with the fantastic work that it has done for our pupils over the last few years.

Even if you are unable to drop in to one of the coffee meetings, but would still like to register your interest in supporting the PTA, please complete and return the slip below to the school office by 5th October and we will get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher

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I am / We are interested in supporting the PTA and would like to attend the informal coffee meeting on Thursday 11 th October at 9am in the school hall.	Tick as appropriate
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I am / We are interested in supporting the PTA and would like to be contacted for further information, but unfortunately I / we cannot attend either meeting.	
Parent / Carer Name (s):	
Preferred Contact details: Telephone: Mobile: Email:	
Child's Name: Child's Form/Class:	