

AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter Friday 18th October 2018

Half Term Break School Closes TODAY Friday 19th October and Re-Opens on Monday 5th November 2018

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winner

14
(2)
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St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick	
	House Points			
167	253	218	212	

Total House Points for the Year To-date

895 1096 1020 997

Merit Badges				
Reception				CE
Year 1			HK	
Year 2			CR	
Year 3	ML			
Year 4			NN	
Year 5	OE	VV		
Year 6	IH		AH	

Golden Table						
Rec	BVL	Y1	NS	Y2	OA-Z	
Y3	AR	Y4	EP	Y5	VV	
		Y6	ES			

Children's Favourite Dishes of the Week!

Main: Chicken Roast Dinner Pudding: Lemon Drizzle Cake

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 5TH NOVEMBER 2018



Follow this link for our **Lunch Menus**

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

OCTOBER 2018

S4YC Holiday Club Available for Half Term Break

HALF TERM 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

Year 6 Trip to Old Garden Residential Home

Mon 12th to Fri 16th Anti-Bullying Week

Tue 13th

Year 6 Bikeability Course – Day 1

Wed 14th

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

NO AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Thur 15th

Half Term Holiday Club

The school will close for the half term break today, Friday 19th October 2018 and re-opens on Monday 5th November 2018. The S4YC holiday club will be running during the half term break. An information pack outlining all the exciting activities planned has been sent home with the children. Click the link to find out more information <u>S4YC</u>.

Year 6 Trip to Old Garden Residential Home Thursday 8th November

As part of enriching our local community links the Year 6 children have been invited to The Old Garden Residential Home on Thursday 8th November 2018. The Year 6 children have been studying World War 2 this term, as part of their History topic they will be sharing some of their topic work with the residents as well are performing songs, stories and poems from the era.

Year 6 Bikeability Course Tuesday 13th & Tuesday 20th November

The Year 6 children will be undertaking a Bikeability course on Tuesday 13th and Tuesday 20th November 2018. If you wish your child to take part in this course please ensure that you return the consent form. Children will not be able to part in the course without a completed consent form. Thank you.

Parents' Evening Appointments Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th November

Appointment times have been sent out to parents this week. We have tried our best to accommodate all appointment requests however should this appointment not be convenient please contact the school office and an alternative appointment will be arranged on a different day. Refreshments will be available in the school hall.

Please note that there will be NO extra-curricular clubs after school on these days.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform

The PTA will be setting up a Pre-Loved Uniform shop. If you have any unused uniform they would be grateful for donations.

Items must be:

- 1. Clean
- 2. Free from name tags
- 3. Wearable and not threadbare

During the initial set up period, they will be unable to accept any shoes or pumps.

Please do not drop your donations at the school office. Donations can be made on the following days in the playground:

8.20 - 8.40am Monday 12 November

8.20 - 8.40am Wednesday 14 November

Parent Toddler Group 1.45pm-3pm

Parents' Evening Meetings – Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5

NO AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Sat 17th ISA Swimming Gala

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

Tue 20th Road Safety Day

Year 6 Bikeability Course – Day 2

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

Wed 5th Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Concert

Thur 6thParent Toddler
Group 1.45pm-3pm

Fri 7thSchool Christmas
Lunch & Christmas
Jumper Day

Mon 10th Infant Christmas Concert at 2pm 3.15 - 3.45pm Thursday 15 November 2.45 - 3.15pm Friday 16 November

If you can help, in any way, please email: uniformpta@gmail.com

EYFS Stay & Play Sessions

The Nursery, Pre-School and Reception Classes have welcomed parents in this week to their "Stay and Play" sessions. We do hope that those parents who were able to attend found it enjoyable, fun and informative.



Follow the link to the class pages on our website for more details: <u>Nursery & Pre-School Class</u> page and <u>Reception Class</u> page.

PTA News

Thank you to all parents and carers who supported last night's Halloween Disco; it was very much appreciated! The decorated pumpkins were amazing and the children's costumes just get better and better every year!

Details about the PTA Christmas fair are being sent out to parent volunteers and more details will follow at the start of next half term.



(Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Tue 11th
Christmas Parties
(Nursery, PreSchool, 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
Children Return to
School

Local Building Work

You may have noticed that demolition work has started on the site previously owned by Newhall Cars. Blue Oak estates have informed us that they have been granted planning permission to build 6 new properties, in three blocks, on the 'Newhall Cars' site. They will have off road parking and access onto the road frontage. Building will take about 12 months to complete. There will be a traffic management plan in place due to some disruption to street parking availability along Caldy Road during working hours whilst the building work is being done, but contractors' vehicle parking and deliveries will be controlled as far as possible.

Science Competition Deadline Extended

The Pfizer Science competition deadline for entries has been extended until 9am on Monday 5th November. Please give you entries to Miss Tweed. Good Luck!

Christmas Card Designs Cauliflower Cards – Placing Orders

LAST DATE FOR CARD DESIGN TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL IS MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

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



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:



If your child's design sheet has not been returned to school you will not receive any orders placed.

Cross Country Race, Bebington Park



Well done to our cross-country team, who competed at Bebington Park on the 18th October 2018. We were very proud to see every single child compete with commitment, resilience and stamina.

Year 3 Trip to Chester



The Year 3 children enjoyed a trip to Chester this week as part of their topic on Romans. Follow the link to the class page for more details and photographs. Year 3 Class page.

Term Dates 2018-2019 & 2019-2020

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 22 nd Oct to Fri 2 nd 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 18 th to Fri 22 nd 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 19 th & Mon 22 nd Apr 2019 Mon 6 th May 2019	
Half-Term	Mon 27 th May to Fri 31 st May 2019	
Ends	Fri 12 th Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time	

2019/2020

Autumn Term			
Starts	Mon 2 nd Sept 2019		
Half-Term Mon 21 st Oct to Fri 1 st Nov 2019			
Ends Fri 13 th Dec 2019 - 12 Noon Finish			
Spring Term			
Starts	Mon 6 th Jan 2020		
Half-Term	Mon 17 th to Fri 21 st Feb 2020		
Ends	Fri 3 rd Apr 2020 – Normal Finish Time		
Summer Term			

Starts	Mon 20 th Apr 2020
May Day	Mon 4 th May 2020
Half-Term	Mon 25 ^h May to Fri 29 th May 2020
Ends	Fri 10 th Jul 2020 – Normal Finish Time

Four Staff INSET Days to be confirmed for Year 2019-2020

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.

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.bebras.uk/ to their website. Their privacy policy can be found at http://www.bebras.uk/privacy-policy.html.

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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