

# AVALON SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter Friday 24th May 2019

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# CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners					
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	5	St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
			<b>House Points</b>		
		106	<b>78</b>	114	82
		Total House	Points for the Yea	r To-date	
		3613	3989	4199	4304
Merit Badges					
Reception Year 1		OB TC	7		
Year 2			FR	IT	
Year 3 Year 4			AT DELA		
Year 5 Year 6		LG	DH	DB JK	
Golden Table					
Rec Y3	LO EMc	Y1 Y4 Y6	GB AT DELAMERE WR	Y2 Y5	LE AP & KM

#### Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

Main: Chicken Goujons with

Potatoes and Peas

**Pudding:** Chocolate Fondue

## Menu for Week Comm. 3rd June



Follow this link for our **Lunch Menus** 

## Wellbeing Quote of the Week



Each week we will be sharing a 'Well Being quote' with the whole school community to encourage everyone to take a little time out of their busy schedules to use mindfulness and to think about their well-being.

You cannot control the results but you can control your actions.

Dates for Your Diary

# **NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS**

#### **MAY 2019**

S4YC Holiday Club Available for Half Term Break

HALF TERM BREAK MON 27<sup>th</sup> TO FRI 31<sup>st</sup> MAY

#### **JUNE 2019**

#### Mon 3rd

Children Return to School at 8.40am

#### Thur 6th

Parent Toddler Group 1.45pm-3pm

#### Thur 13th

Parent Toddler Group 1.45pm-3pm

#### Fri 14th

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Sports Afternoon 2pm-3pm

#### Wed 19th

Junior (Year 3 to Year 6) Sports Afternoon at Bebington Oval 1pm-3pm

#### Thur 20th

Nursery & Pre-School Walk (Time TBC)

Parent Toddler Group 1.45pm-3pm

#### **Independent Schools Swimming Gala**

The children who attended the Independent Schools Swimming Gala this week all swam fantastically well and enjoyed the experience. All children represented the school with excellent sportsmanship; some children even swam in year groups above their age. An impressive second place overall was achieved. Well done everyone!

#### **Class Photographs**

Class photographs were taken this week. We should have the proofs ready to send home when we return from the half term break, which will include ordering details.

# **Looking After Our Environment Poster Competition Winners**



Congratulations and well done to all our children who participated in the recent poster competition, 'Looking after our environment.' We had a tremendous response and some very innovative captions and creations! Some of the lucky winners are photographed opposite with their fantastic posters and gift vouchers. Look out for the winning posters which will be displayed around school!

#### **Year 4 Residential to Delamere**

The Year 4 children have had a fabulous time on the residential to Delamere. There are updates and photographs on our website. Please follow the link to see what they have been doing <u>Delamere Update</u>

# Half Term Break Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

The school will be closed for the half term break on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. S4YC Holiday Club will be available during the break.

S4YC will be running their holiday club at Avalon School during the half term break, from **Tuesday 28**<sup>th</sup> **to Friday 31**<sup>st</sup> **May** between 8am and 6pm. If you would like to book your child into holiday club for this half term, please visit <a href="http://www.s4yc.co.uk/">http://www.s4yc.co.uk/</a>

#### Fri 21st

PTA Strawberry Tea

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Junior Concert week

#### Tue 25th

Beauty & The Beast Matinee Performance at 2pm (doors open at 1.45pm)

#### Wed 26th

Nursery & Pre-School Sports Morning (Time TBC)

Beauty & The Beast Evening Performance at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)

#### Thur 27th

Parent Toddler Group 1.45pm-3pm

Beauty & The Beast Evening Performance at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)

#### Fri 28th

Beauty & The Beast Evening Performance at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)

#### JULY 2019

#### Mon 1st

Whole School Transition Afternoon

New Reception (Sept 2019) Parents Induction Meeting at 4.30pm

## Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pre-School
Graduation at 2pm

#### Thur 4th

Parent Toddler Group 1.45pm-3pm

#### Mon 8th

Infant (Reception to Year 2) Summer

If you are paying for your child's holiday club attendance with childcare vouchers, please allow a minimum of 5 days for the payment to be verified on the ipal system.

The main entrance gates will be set on manual override from 8am to 6pm, so that parents will be able to gain access to the holiday club more easily. For safeguarding of the children and staff it is essential that these gates are closed behind you on entering or exiting the school. We would ask parents to use the side hall door entrance to enter and register their children with S4YC, so that the staff have better visibility of them during drop off and collection times, therefore allowing better security and safeguarding. Barriers will also be in place at the playground entrance when any outside / sporting activities are taking place.

#### PTA Newsletter

The children have brought home with them today PTA Newsletter which details up and coming events and how you can get involved in raising funds for the PTA which will benefit each and every child at Avalon School. A copy of the newsletter can be found on the PTA Page of our website.

# PTA Strawberry Tea Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May



The children have brought home with them a <u>letter detailing</u> all the exciting activities planned for the PTA Strawberry Tea. We do hope that you will be able to join us on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Concert & Achievement Awards at 2pm

#### Thur 11th

Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am Juniors (Year 3 to Year 6) Achievement Awards at 2pm

Fri 12<sup>th</sup>
School Closes for the
Summer Break at
3.40pm

S4YC Holiday Club Available for Summer Break

SUMMER BREAK MON 15<sup>th</sup> JULY TO FRI 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

#### SEPTEMBER 2019

Staff INSET Days Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Term Starts**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

#### After School Creative Writing Club for Year 3-Year 6

Charlie Lea, a local author, will be running a creative writing club on Wednesdays after school from 3.40pm to 5pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6 starting on 5<sup>th</sup> June for 5 weeks (no club on 19<sup>th</sup> June due to Sports Day). The club costs £50 for the 5 week course. There are still places available if you would like to book a place for your child please email Charlie directly on <a href="mailto:charles@readnowritenow.org.uk">charles@readnowritenow.org.uk</a>

#### **Taekwondo Success!**



EP from Year 4 recently took part in the Taekwondo ITF Scottish Open Championships 2019. After training hard in the months running up to the championships, and with his pure determination to not to give up, he achieved 2nd place in his category. Well done!

#### **Sailing Success!**



Back in October 2018, PK-N in Year 6 was selected to take part in a British Youth Sailing training programme run by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), designed to help develop young windsurfers into future champions. He was the youngest member of the North & Midlands Zone Squad. PK-N's North & Midlands squad won the competition for the best team, with PK-N being the highest placed member of this squad in his particular category. The winter training should help PK-N to compete better during the summer's

windsurfing races and the National Championships in the autumn. PK-N sails with the West Kirby Warriors Team 15 club at the Marine Lake on Friday evenings. Good Luck Pascal!

#### **Tennis After School Club**

Thank you for everyone who has expressed an interest in the Tennis After School Club. Places will be allocated and parents informed the first week back after half term.

#### **Sports Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Reminder that only Avalon School PE Kit should be worn to all sports extracurricular clubs.

# Beauty & The Beast Tickets Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June

Tickets are now on sale for the Junior production of Beauty & The Beast. The performance times are as follows:

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm (doors open at 1.45pm)
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)

Tickets are now on sale and at a maximum of 100 tickets per performance. The order form can be found on the school website. Beauty & The Beast Order Form

#### Safeguarding: Parent Guide - Child safety and You Tube

You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on You Tube. These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they

include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on the videos become violent or disturbing. Follow this link to find out more: <u>A Parent's Guide To Child Safety On You Tube</u>

#### Parking around school

A polite request for parents to park with safety and consideration in mind, when dropping off or collecting from school. A number of parents are still parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside a school. This is illegal but also significantly reduces driver and pedestrian visibility around the school gates, making it extremely dangerous. Parking across residents' driveways is inconsiderate and selfish, even if only for a few minutes. Thank you for your co-operation and support to keep drivers, pedestrians and our local community safer at busy times before and after the school day.

#### Race for Life

Mrs McGregor will be taking part on the Race for Life in Birkenhead Park on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to donate to her giving page, please follow the link: Mrs McGregor Race for Life

#### Supervision at the end of the school day

Please could we ask that parents / carers ensure that children are safely supervised once they have been dismissed by school staff. There have been some recent incidents where children have wandered away from parents/carers and had an accident or behaved inappropriately with others.

#### **Pre-Loved Uniform**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Pre-Loved Uniform Shop. As there has been a huge amount of donates we will not be accepting any further donations at this time.

We have a full list of Pre-Loved uniform, so please email us at <a href="mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com">uniformpta@gmail.com</a> if you need anything. We do have a large number of Summer Dresses, mainly in Junior sizes. The sale of Pre-Loved School Uniform has raised over £100 for the PTA which is fantastic, so thank you for your support. We have also been able to donate white school shirts and yellow polo shirts to Wirral Free Uniform Primary School (<a href="https://www.wirralfuss.co.uk/wirral-f-u-p-s-free-uniform-for-primary-school/">https://www.wirralfuss.co.uk/wirral-f-u-p-s-free-uniform-for-primary-school/</a>) for which they were very grateful. Anything they are unable to reuse, is sold

#### **Uniform Supplier**

for recycling so avoiding landfill.

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

Uniform Sizing Room will be opened upon request. Please call into the school office and one of the admin team will assist you.

#### **Scam Emails Warning**

We have been made aware by the Independent Schools Council of recent email scams involving people posing as prospective parents to try to gain access to school details including logo's, email templates etc. This information is then fraudulently used to scam parents into making payments into their accounts.

If you do receive an email of this nature or if you are unsure about an email, we would be most grateful if you could contact the school immediately.

Please be assured that our own bank account details have not and will not, for the foreseeable future, change. Avalon School does not send out emails regarding unsolicited discount rates. Any emails you receive containing invoices or statements will be sent from either accounts@avalon-

## **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 & 2019-2020

#### 2018/2019

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Summer Term				
Starts	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Staff INSET Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Children Return			
Easter May Day	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 2019 Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019			
Half-Term	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019			
Ends	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019 – Normal Finish Time			

#### 2019/2020

2019/2020					
Autumn Term					
Staff Training Days	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2019				
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019				
Half-Term	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2019				
Ends	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 - 12 Noon Finish				
Spring Term					
Staff Training Day	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020				
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020				
Half-Term	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2020				
Ends	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020 – Normal Finish Time				
Summer Term					
Staff Training Day	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020				
Term Starts	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020				
May Day	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020				
Half-Term	Mon 25 <sup>h</sup> May to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020				
Ends	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020 – Normal Finish Time				



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