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Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

Main: Chicken Goujons

Pudding: Flapjack

Check out our fantastic salad bar available to all children



Menu for Week Comm. 9th September



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.

Take some time to simply be.

**Dates for Your
Diary**

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Welcome Back to School!

SEPTEMBER 2019

Mon 9th

Upton Hall
Entrance
Assessment

Wed 11th

Tour of Britain
Cycling Event

Thur 12th

Upton Hall
Entrance
Assessment

Pre-School to
Year 6 Parent
Information
Meeting at 6pm

Fri 13th

PTA Meeting at
2pm

Thur 19th

Pre-School to
Year 2 Parents
Phonics Workshop
5.30pm

Fri 20th

St Anselm's
College Entrance
Assessment

Mon 23rd

11+ Grammar
School Entrance
Assessment

Fri 27th

Y6 Beach School
Session

**Mon 30th Sept to
Fri 4th Oct**

EYFS Stay & Play
Week

Mon 30th

Year 5 Grammar
School
Assessment
Parents
Information
Meeting at 6pm

OCTOBER 2019

Dear Avalon Families,

We were delighted to welcome back all of our children, staff and parents this week for the start of our new academic year. The children have all arrived with smiles on their faces ready to meet their new teachers, start new learning and catch up with friends. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this coming term, so please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter, the website and social media pages for all the most current information, news and updates.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Callaway

Safeguarding Booklets

All children have brought home a safeguarding booklet this week, which includes all the contact and medical information we hold for your child. It is very important that we have current and up-to-date information in case of an emergency. If you have not already done so, we would be most grateful if you could review the information held and return the booklet to the school office by Monday 9th September. Please return the booklet even if there are no amendments. Thank you.

School Fees and Before & After School Fees

School Fees are now due for payment. We would be most grateful if any outstanding fees could be paid by Friday 13th September 2019 to avoid incurring any late payment charges, thank you.

Likewise, we would be grateful if all outstanding Before and After School balances could be cleared by Friday 13th September 2019. Thank you.

Should you require copies of outstanding invoices please contact Ann Evans on annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

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.

Secondary School Entrance Assessments

Best wishes to our Year 6 children who will be taking the Wirral Grammar Schools and other secondary entrance assessments over the next couple of weeks. We are very proud of all your hard work.

Tour of Britain

Wednesday 11th September

The Tour of Britain Peloton is coming to Wirral on 11th September and will in fact pass through Caldy Road. As is usual for travelling sporting events, there will be necessary road closures and parking restrictions and since the Peloton passes in front of Avalon, you may appreciate that these will inevitably have a direct effect on school and how we can operate safely and smoothly on the day. As the riders will be passing Avalon at around 2.30pm which will affect collection on the day. We propose therefore, some flexible option for parents, to ease with these logistics:

- Parents may collect their child at **1pm** from the school office, if an earlier collection is beneficial for them and perhaps parents may wish to take advantage of being able to take their own child to view the peloton.
- Parents may delay collecting their child until **4pm**, when local roads should be re-opened. Please note, any collection of children after this time will be charged for at our After-School Club rates.

Thur 3rd
Individual &
Siblings
Photographs

Fri 4th
Macmillan Coffee
Morning at 8.30am

Young Minds
Sponsored Event

Mon 7th
Year 5 Class
Assembly 9.05am

Fri 11th
Visiting Morning
9am to 12 noon

Wed 16th
Whole School
Harvest
Celebration at
9.15am

Thur 17th
PTA Halloween
Disco at 5.30pm

Fri 18th
School Finishes
for Half Term

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



**HALF TERM
21st OCTOBER
TO
2nd NOVEMBER**

- c) For those parents who live locally and are able to walk to school on foot, there will be no need change collection routines

Please complete and return the reply slip indicating your preferred collection option.

Extra Curriculum Clubs

The Extra-Curriculum Clubs letter has been sent home with the children today. Please completed and return the selection list as soon as possible to secure places for clubs.

Pre-School to Year 6 Parent Information Meetings Thursday 12th September at 6pm

We will be holding Parent Information Meetings for all classes (Pre-School to Year 6) on Thursday 12th September at 6pm. Please go directly to your child's classroom to sign in. We do hope you will be able to attend this important meeting.

PTA NEWS

Family Fun Day - Cancelled

Next Meeting: Friday 13th September at 2pm

Sadly the PTA have had to cancel the Family Fun Day, due to a lack of volunteers to help with organising the event. The **next PTA meeting will be held at 2pm in school on Friday 13th September**. We would love for as many parents as possible to come along and give their support and ideas for future events throughout the year. Even if you are unavailable for the meeting on Friday, please do get in touch, if you can offer some support. All are welcome!

Pre-School to Year 2 Parents Workshop Phonics & Early Reading Skills Thursday 19th September at 5.30pm

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Phonics Workshop available to all parents with children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 19th September at 5.30pm. The aim of the workshop will be to increase parent/carer confidence and understanding about how children learn and are taught phonics at Avalon using the Letters and Sounds Programme. We will also share strategies with you for supporting children's early reading and writing at home, which reflects how phonics is taught in school. There will be opportunities to chat informally with staff and to see some examples of books from our reading schemes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 5 Grammar School Assessment Parent Information Meeting Monday 30th September at 6pm

We will holding a Parent Information Meeting for our Year 5 parents in connection with the grammar assessment process on Monday 30th September at 6pm.

EYFS Stay & Play Week Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October

We will be holding Stay & Play Sessions during the week of Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October. Look out for more details in the coming weeks.

Pre-Loved Uniform

If you would like any items of pre-loved uniform please contact uniformpta@gmail.com

Uniform Supplier

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

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-school.co.uk, vellsmoor@avalon-school.co.uk or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Term Dates 2019-2020

2019/2020

Autumn Term

Staff Training Days	Mon 2 nd Sept & Tuesday 3 rd Sept 2019
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Half-Term	Mon 21st Oct to Fri 1st Nov 2019
Ends	Fri 13 th Dec 2019 - 12 Noon Finish

Spring Term

Staff Training Day	Mon 6 th Jan 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 th Jan 2020
Half-Term	Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb 2020
Ends	Fri 3 rd Apr 2020 – Normal Finish Time

Summer Term

Staff Training Day	Mon 20 th Apr 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
May Day	Mon 4th May 2020
Half-Term	Mon 25^h May to Fri 29th May 2020
Ends	Fri 10 th Jul 2020 – Normal Finish Time



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

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Parent Toddler Group

1.45pm to 3pm
every Thursday
during term time.

£3 per child
including refreshments

Guest
Sessions Leaders
each week.

Come along for great
fun, toys, craft
activities and lots, lots
more!

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