



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2019

Half Term Break
School Closes on TODAY and
Re-Opens on Monday 4th November 2019

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – Last Week

182

183

137

157

House Points – This Week

182

174

185

203

Total House Points for the Year To-date

1102

978

1002

937

Merit Badges – Last Week

Reception

SO

Year 1

MB

Year 2

NS

Year 3

FR

Year 4

IA

Year 5

FC

Year 6

DH

DB

Merit Badges – This Week

Reception

CP

Year 1

NL

Year 2

OC

Year 3

SP

HE

Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

AR

EB & IT

SP

TW & JG

Golden Table – Last Week

Rec	EU	Y1	SG	Y2	HR
Y3	KH	Y4	GF	Y5	TW
		Y6	DH		

Golden Table – This Week

Rec	SS	Y1	AW	Y2	ME
Y3	IW	Y4	LB	Y5	EB
		Y6	OE		

Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

Main: Pasta & meatballs with garlic bread
Pudding: Waffleberry pie

Menu for Week Comm. 4th November



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.

Be the change that you wish to see in the world.

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

**SEPTEMBER
2019**

OCTOBER 2019

Fri 18th
School Finishes
for Half Term

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



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

Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or donated to our harvest assembly this week. Our donations were collected by Wirral Foodbank who were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school. We donated 173.8kg of food.



Cauliflower Cards Orders

The children are currently completing their Christmas card designs. Orders can be placed online through the Cauliflower Group website from now until **Tuesday 5th November**. To place an order, type the following link into your browser <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

NOVEMBER 2019

Mon 4th

Children return to school

Mon 11th to Fri 15th Anti-Bullying Week

Mon 11th Remembrance Assembly

Year 3 Trip to DEWA Chester

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

NO extra-curricular clubs after school today

Tue 12th

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

NO extra-curricular clubs after school today

Fri 15th

Children In Need Event

PTA Meeting at 2pm

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd

Road Safety Week

Fri 22nd

Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly at 9.15am

Mon 25th Nov

Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.05am – Parents/Carers Welcome

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	
	2666	H6T9JX	Avalon School

If your child's card design has not been returned to school, you will receive any orders placed. Cauliflowers Card are unable to produce order without your child's artwork.

Half Term Break

Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November

The school will close for the half term break on Friday 18th October and re-opens on Monday 4th November. The S4YC holiday club will be running during the half term break.

S4YC Holiday Club

Booking can be made via the S4YC website <https://s4yc.schoolipal.co.uk/>

The main entrance gates will be set on manual override, so that parents/carers will be able to gain access on site for the holiday club more easily. For safeguarding and security purposes it is therefore very important that the gates are closed behind you on entering or exiting the school site. Please use the side hall door to drop off or pick up your child.

Young Minds Sponsored Areobics-athon Challenge

YOUNG MINDS Thank you for everyone who has brought in their sponsor money, we are still counting the money but so far we have raised a **MASSIVE £1274.58**.

UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6)

Following the great success last year, Avalon School is 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.



UK Bebras
Computational
Thinking
Challenge

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

Fri 29th
LAMDA Exams

DECEMBER 2019

Mon 2 to Fri 6th
Well Being Week

Thur 5th
Nursery & Pre-School Nativity at 2pm – Parents/Carers Welcome

Fri 6^{pm}
PTA Christmas Fair at 3pm

Mon 9th
Infants (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert at 2pm – Parents/Carers Welcome

Tue 10th
Juniors (Year 3 to Year 6) Theatre Trip to see Peter Pan at The StoryHouse Chester at 10.30am

Infants & EYFS Christmas Parties in the afternoon

Wed 11th
School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 13th
Whole School Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's Church at 10am – Parents/Carers Welcome

School closes for the Christmas break at 12 noon

Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11th to Friday 15th November

It is Anti-Bullying Week Monday 11th to Friday 14th November; more information will be sent home with the children when we return after the half term break. Save the date for our special sharing assembly on Friday 22nd November at 9.10am; all parents welcome!

Year 3 Trip to DEWA Chester
Monday 11th November

As part of their studies about Romans the Year 3 children will be visiting Chester's DEWA Roman Experience on Monday 11th November. The cost of the trip is £18.10 which will be added to your spring invoice. The children will be leaving school straight after registration and will return in time for normal pick up (traffic permitting). Full school uniform is required and a waterproof coat in case of bad weather. Lunch will be provided, however we would be grateful if the children can bring with them their Avalon water bottle.

Parents Evening Meetings
Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th November

Appointment times will be sent out to parents when we return from the half term break. We will try our best to accommodate all appointment requests however should an appointment time 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.

Children In Need Event
Friday 15th November

Look out for more information on our Children in Need events after half term.

PTA Meeting
Friday 15th November at 2pm

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Friday 15th November at 2pm in school. Please sign in at the school office on arrival. All welcome!

Wet Play Bags

As the weather is starting to turn more autumnal and we will inevitably be spending some of our breaktimes inside because of wet weather, it is important that your child has some wet play activities to occupy them. If your child needs a replacement wet play bag, please call into the school office to request one. The cost of a wet play bag is £2 which will be added to your next invoice

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to all those who have supported the PTA's Pre-Love Uniform over the Summer holidays and at the School's Tea Parties. We raised the sum of £222.00, which brings the grand total of sales to **£586** which is fantastic. We have a wide range of uniform, so please do email us on ptauniform@gmail.com. Also, if anyone has any payment envelopes to return, please leave them with the school office and we collect from there. Many thanks.

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.

**CHRISTMAS
BREAK
16TH DECEMBER
2019 TO 6TH
JANUARY 2020**

JANUARY 2020

Mon 6th
Staff INSET Day

Tue 7th
Children return to
school

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

Parking around school

A polite request and reminder to all parents to ensure that they park respectfully of our neighbouring residents and to ensure that consideration and safety of all road users and pedestrians is paramount.

We have received a written complaint this week from the residents of Caldý Court with regards to parents using their driveway as a turning circle for access back on to Caldý road. This has been particularly frustrating for the residents concerned and we would politely ask that parents refrain from using Caldý Court driveway.

Thank you to parents for your continued support and consideration of our neighbours during drop off and collection times around school.



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

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Avalon Parent Toddler Group

Parent Toddler Group

Story Explorers
Creative Play • Storytelling • Adventures

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Autumn Term

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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