



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019



## SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 12 NOON SPRING TERM STARTS TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

### This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

### House Points – This Week

180

132

146

151

### Total House Points for the Year To-date

1976

1692

1782

1717

### Merit Badges – This Week

Reception

Aimee Currie

Year 1

Leonidas Oliver

Year 2

Finley Scott

Year 3

Hollie Lashley

Year 4

Grace Fuller

Alys Rioux

Year 5

Layla Jones

Year 6

Harry Mellor

Amy Pilkington



### Golden Table – This Week

Rec

Eve Uren

Y1

Leonidas Oliver

Y2

Edward Williams

Y3

Jacob Gibson

Y4

Maisie Lashley

Y5

Ethan McWilliam

Y6

Alexandra Cockram

Main:

**Fish and Chips**

Pudding:

**Waffle-Berry Pie and  
Custard**



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.

**Laugh everyday – it's good for you!**

### Dates for Your Diary

### NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

#### DECEMBER 2019

##### Mon 9<sup>th</sup>

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

##### Tue 10<sup>th</sup>

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 11<sup>th</sup>

School Christmas Lunch &  
Christmas Jumper Day

##### Fri 13<sup>th</sup>

Whole School Christmas

#### PTA Christmas Fair

**Christmas Fair  
Today**

**DON'T FORGET IT'S THE  
PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR  
THIS AFTERNOON 3.30PM TO 5.30PM  
COME AND ENJOY SOME FESTIVE FUN!**

#### Well Being Week



This week the children have taken part in a variety of different ways to explore how they can support their own mental health, including thudding and drumming!  
It has been a fun and informative week.

Celebration at St  
Bridget's Church  
at 10am –  
Parents/Carers  
Welcome!



School closes for  
the Christmas  
break at 12 noon



#### Extra Curricular Clubs

**All extra-curricular clubs finish today Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December with the exception of:**

- Creative Writing Club – last session Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

#### Nursery & Pre-School Nativity



Thank you to all the family and friends of the Nursery and Pre-School children who attended our Nativity this week. I'm sure you will agree that the children played their part amazingly. A BIG thank you also to the staff who supported the children and helped them learn all their songs.

**CHRISTMAS  
BREAK  
16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
2019 TO 6<sup>TH</sup>  
JANUARY 2020**

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**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Staff INSET Day

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Children return to  
school

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 Class  
Assembly –  
Parents/Carers  
Welcome!

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 3 Class  
Assembly –

#### Infants (Reception to Year 2) Christmas Concert Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

We would like to invite the Infant parents/carers to our Christmas Concert on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

We politely request and remind all parents/carers to ensure that they park respectfully of our neighbouring residents while attending this event. Thank you.



#### Junior (Year 3 to Year 6) Theatre Trip Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December



them a healthy snack and a bottle of water. Please complete and return the consent form as soon as possible.

The children in Year 3 to Year 6 will be going to the Storyhouse Theatre in Chester on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December to see their production of "Peter Pan". The cost of the trip is £15.50 which will be added to your spring term invoice. The children will leave after registration and return for a late lunch. The children may take with

#### Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Parents/Carers  
Welcome!

The children in Nursery, Pre-School and Infants will be having their Christmas Parties on the afternoon of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. As we are fast approaching this busy session we would like to let you know the arrangements for the day.



Children can wear their own party clothes at the party. However:

**Nursery and Pre-School** – should come to school in their party clothes and wear them throughout the day. If your child does not normally attend on a Tuesday, they would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would ask that you bring them to the Nursery at approximately 1.30pm.

**Reception** – should come to school in their party clothes and wear them throughout the day.

**Year 1 and Year 2** – should come to school in school uniform but bring their party clothes in a bag with their name on. They will change into their party clothes just before the party.

### Christmas Jumper Day & Whole School Christmas Lunch Day Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December



We will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come to school in their own clothes and a Christmas jumper to help make our Christmas lunch more festive. We would kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 to the PTA for each child to be brought in on the day, if they would like to wear a Christmas Jumper and their own clothes.

### Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Once again, we will be holding our Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We will also be having a rehearsal at the church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that your children have an extra layer of clothing under their normal uniform as the church can be quite cold. We would be most grateful if you provide a small new toy, gift or sweets for the service on the 13<sup>th</sup> December which will be donated to the Charles Thompson Mission. Please return the reply slip indicating where you will be collecting your child from, as soon as possible. Nursery and Pre-School sessions will continue their normal routine. **Don't forget school closes at 12 noon and there will be no After School Club service on this day.**

Avalon School's  
Christmas Celebration



### JASS – Junior Award Scheme for Schools (Year 3 to Year 6)



There are still places available on the JASS Junior Award Scheme for Schools for children in Years 3 to 6. The scheme is similar to and is recognised by the Duke of Edinburgh Award but designed for primary school agreed children. If you would like your child to take part in this award scheme please complete and return the reply slip with the registration fee of £15.00. A copy of the information letter and reply slip can be found on the [Current Letters & Documents Website Page](#).

### Christmas Holiday



### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The school closes for the Christmas Holidays at 12 noon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and the children return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.



### Parking around school

Last week, we have received two complaints from frustrated and irate neighbours about the way that Avalon parents park their cars during drop off and collection times. One vehicle was observed this week, reversing into another parked car, (parked partly over the pavement) and then swiftly driving away, with no regard to any damage they had caused.

Please can we request that all parents ensure that they park respectfully of our neighbouring residents and to ensure that consideration and safety of all road users and pedestrians is paramount.

Thank you

### No Dogs Allowed on the School Premises

For health and safety reasons please can we reminder parents/carers that dogs should not be brought on to the school premises at any time. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:accounts@avalon-school.co.uk), [vellsmoor@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:vellsmoor@avalon-school.co.uk) or [annevans@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:annevans@avalon-school.co.uk)

### Term Dates 2019-2020

**2019/2020**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Staff Training Days	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019</b>
Ends	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 - 12 Noon Finish
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020</b>
Ends	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – Normal Finish Time
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Staff Training Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>h</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Ends	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Normal Finish Time

**2020/2021**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
Ends	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 12 noon
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>
Ends	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Normal Finish Time
<b>Summer Term</b>	

Staff Training Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
Half-Term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Normal Finish Time



**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,  
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**Parent Toddler Group**

**Spring 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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#### Rhythm Time Dates

9th January 2020  
23rd January 2020  
6th February 2020  
27th February 2020  
12th March 2020  
26th March 2020

#### Story Explorers Dates

16th January 2020  
30th January 2020  
13th February 2020  
5th March 2020  
19th March 2020  
2nd April 2020