



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term Break School Closes TODAY and Re-Opens on Monday 24th February 2020

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

203

95

174

134

Total House Points for the Year To-date

3091

2542

2780

2582

Merit Badges – This Week

Reception			SO	
Year 1	SG			
Year 2		OS		
Year 3			EK	
Year 4				IA
Year 5	NJ			
Year 6		ZC		

Golden Table

Rec
Y3

Y1
Y4
Y6

Whole School

Y2
Y5

Main & Pudding:
Whole School Golden
Table Chicken Goujon &
Chips followed by
Chocolate Fondue



Follow this link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Wellbeing Quote of the Week



Each week we are 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.

Everything is hard before it is easy.

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

FEBRUARY 2020

Fri 14th
School Closes for
the Half Term
Break at normal
time

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



**HALF TERM
MON 17TH TO
FRI 21 FEB**

Mon 24th
Children return to
school

Tues 25th
Parent E-Safety
Information
Meeting
3pm

Thur 27th
Cross Country
Race Arrowe Park
at 4.15pm

Fri 28th
E-Safety Sharing
Assembly 9.05am

Ski Trip

The ski trip return home tomorrow from their exciting week skiing in Italy. They have all had a wonderful time, they are all very tired but are happy to be coming home to a well-earned rest over the half term break.



Year 5 & Year 6 Football Match at Prenton Prep

Well done to the children who represented Avalon School at the football match against Prenton Prep this week. Although we didn't win, everyone showed fantastic teamwork. Well done boys!



PTA Updated



Given the success of the PTA events held last term, it was agreed at last week's meeting that the PTA would fund the acquisition of the first 10 Apple iPads, which will hopefully be rolled out at the beginning of the Summer Term and can be used by the whole school. The PTA will keep fundraising for the second 10 iPads. Thank you to you all for your support. The next PTA event is a Movie Night for Reception to Year 6 pupils on Thursday, 2nd April at 5.30pm, showing the film Hop!

Year 6 Upcycling – Plastic Bottles Needed

The Year 6 children will be upcycling plastic bottles as part of their geography and art lessons on recycling to create decorations for the junior production of "The Little Mermaid". We would be grateful if you could bring in any clean plastic bottles (including lids), any shape, size or colour would be brilliant. Thank you.



Parents/Carers
Welcome

MARCH 2020

Thur 5th
World Book Day

Mon 9th to Fri 13th
EYFS Stay & Play
Week

Wed 11th
M&M Theatre -
Wizard of Oz
Rec to Year 6

Mon 23rd
Year 2 Class
Assembly -
9.05am
Parents/Carers
Welcome

Fri 27th
EYFS Magic of
Sound Event 2pm

Mon 30th
Parents Evening
Meetings
(Rec, Y1, Y4 &
Y6)

Tue 31st
Parents Evening
Meetings
(Y2, Y3 & Y5)

APRIL 2020

Wed 1st
Performing Arts
Concert
2pm

Thur 2nd
PTA Movie Night –
Hop! at 5.30pm

Fri 3rd
Year 6 Art Trip
Liverpool Tate
Gallery Optical Art
Exhibition

School Closes for
Spring Break at
the normal time

Half Term Break Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

The school will close for the half term break TODAY and re-opens on Monday 24th February. The S4YC holiday club will be running during the half term break.

S4YC Holiday Club Half Term Break Monday 17th to Friday 21st February



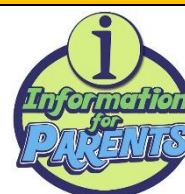
S4YC will be running their holiday club at Avalon School during the half term break, from Monday 17th to Friday 21st February between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday for children aged 2 to 11 years.

If you would like to book your child into holiday club for this half term, please visit <http://www.s4yc.co.uk/>

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. See flyer below for more information.

Parent E-Safety Information Meeting Tuesday 25th February at 3pm

We will be holding a parent e-safety workshop on Tuesday 25th February at 3pm. There will be guest speakers along with Avalon staff who will share activities and resources on how the school, and you can help keep children safe online. We do hope that you will be able to attend the workshop as we discuss this very important topic. If you would like to attend, please complete and return the reply slip which can be obtained from the school office.



Cross Country Race at Arrowe Park Thursday 27th February at 4.15pm



A team of children will be representing Avalon School at the cross country race in Arrowe Park on Thursday 27th February at 4.15pm. Thank you to the parents/carers offering lifts for the children taking part. Good Luck Team Avalon!

E-Safety Sharing Assembly Friday 28th February at 9.05am

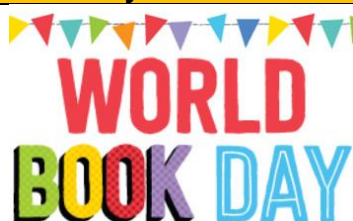
On Friday 28th February at 9.05am, we will be celebrating and sharing a variety of the activities and learning that children will have participated in during Internet Safety week, such as songs, quiz questions, role play and other cross curricular pursuits.

We would very much like parents to join us for this very special event, so that parents can also gain a better understanding of how we can teach children about online safety. We anticipate that the assembly will last for around 30 to 40 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you there and for your ongoing support with this very important topic.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March



This year for World Book Day we are adopting the theme of Books from around the World, classes will focus on different books. **Therefore, your child could wear a costume appropriate to the book from the country where the book is set or based on the colours of the national flag.**

Pre-school and Nursery the theme will be jungle and savannah animals.

S4YC Holiday Club Available for Spring Break



**SPRING BREAK
MON 6TH TO FRI
17TH APRIL**

Mon 20th
Staff INSET Day

Tue 21st
Children return to School

Reception Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne

Set in Kenya, there are the following animals: monkey, ostrich, zebra, giraffe, elephant, antelope and parrot. These fruits are featured: banana, guava, orange, mango, pineapple, avocado and passion fruit.

Year 1: The Dancing Turtle by Pleasant Despain

Set in Brazil, there is a range of Rainforest animals as well as the Turtle.

Year 2: Grandma and The Great Gourd retold by Chitra Banerjee Divakuruni.

Set in India, the animals featured are a fox, a bear, a tiger and dogs. Some children have been asked to wear specific costumes but those wearing white could, if they would like to, also come in a different costume.

Year 3 and Year 4: How Anansi captured Tiger's stories

Set in the Caribbean, there are the following animals: Tiger, crocodile, monkeys, owl, giraffe, bees and pythons. The main character is Anansi, the spider man.

Year 5 and Year 6: The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. Written by the French author, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, who was an aviator, the book is primarily set in the Sahara Desert but there is also mention of asteroids and planets. The main characters are a Turkish Astronomer, a Vain Man, a Railway Switchman, a Salesclerk a King and the Little Prince.

To further support your child on the theme of World Books, maybe he/she could read a book set in a different country and bring it to school on World Book Day to talk to his/her class about it.

Eco-Council

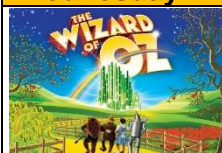
To encourage a more environmentally sustainable approach to the use of books, the Eco-Council would like children, on World Book Day, to bring in a book that they would like to swap for another child's pre-loved book. Staff will do their best to encourage 'fair swaps'.

**EYFS (Nursery, Pre-School & Reception) Stay & Play Week
Monday 9th to Friday 13th March**

We will be holding Stay & Play Sessions for all EYFS classes during the week of Monday 9th to Friday 13th March. More details will be sent home after the half term break.



**M&M Theatre Production of Wizard of Oz
Wednesday 11th March**



On Wednesday 11th March we will be welcoming M&M Theatre to school. The children in Reception to Year 6 will be watching their performance of "Wizard of Oz".

Reception Class Place – September 2020

A letter has been sent to all our Pre-School children parents/carers regarding the allocation of place in our Reception Class for September 2020. Please return your reply slips as soon as possible to secure your child's place. If you like to take the opportunity to meet with Miss Hardy, our Reception Class teacher, to talk about what we can offer your child in September 2020, please speak to your child's keyworker.



Safeguarding: Information for parents regarding Tik Tok App



It has come to our attention that children are using the app Tik Tok and that this poses some very credible risks to children's safety. The age recommendation for Tik Tok is 13 years. Please follow this link for further safety tips and advice regarding this app:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Breakfast Club Commences at 7.45am Monday to Friday



We kindly remind parents that Breakfast Club commences at 7.45am each morning (Monday to Friday) during term time as Breakfast Club staff are not available to receive children prior to this time. Parents should escort their child into the school hall where they will be received by the Breakfast Club staff and asked to sign to in. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have been able to donate some uniform to Wirral F.U.P.S (Free Uniforms for Primary School) which is great. We still have a good selection of uniform for all ages, so please email us on uniformpta@gmail.com and check out the PTA Facebook page for posts: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1008891665814623/>.



No Nuts in School



We kindly remind all parents that any food brought in to school should not contain nuts or traces of nuts in any form as we do have children with severe allergies within the school. We ensure that all foods and drinks prepared in school do not contain nuts, to protect all children and staff. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.



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

Spring Term

Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Half-Term	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020
Ends	Friday 3 rd April 2020 – Normal Finish Time

Summer Term

Staff Training Day	Monday 20 th April 2020
Term Starts	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
May Day	Friday 8th May 2020
Half-Term	Monday 25^h May to Friday 29th May 2020
Ends	Friday 10 th July 2020 – Normal Finish Time

2020/2021

Autumn Term

Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 rd September 2020
Half-Term	Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2020
Ends	Tuesday 15 th December 2020 at 12 noon

Spring Term

Staff Training Day	Wednesday 6 th January 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 7 th January 2021
Half-Term	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021
Ends	Thursday 1 st April 2021 – Normal Finish Time

Summer Term

Staff Training Day	Monday 19 th April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April 2021
May Day	Monday 3rd May 2021
Half-Term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

	Ends	Tuesday 13 th July 2021 – Normal Finish Time	
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**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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Headteacher: Mrs J Callaway jcallaway@avalon-school.co.uk

The Magic of Sound

Friday 27th March at 2pm
Avalon School Early Years
(2 to 5 years)

**An afternoon of FREE fun activities
for you and your little one to explore
and discover together ...**

THE MAGIC OF SOUND

**Limited availability, call us now or
email to reserve your place**

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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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Story Explorers Dates

5th March 2020
19th March 2020
2nd April 2020

Rhythm Time Dates

27th February 2020
12th March 2020
26th March 2020

February Half Term HOLIDAY CLUB



Where to find us:

Play scheme and preschool courses are running throughout February half term from 8am - 6pm, 5 days a week, with additional sports courses from 8.45am - 3.15pm, 2 days a week (see our sports course leaflets for further information).

**Avalon (CH48 2HE) - Bishop Wilson (CH64 5SE) - Huntington (CH3 6EA)
St Luke's (WA6 7QP) - The Firs School (CH2 2HJ) - Woodlands (CH66 2JT)**

Visit iPal and the s4yc website for more details regarding dates and prices and keep an eye out for further updates and holiday club news and offers on our facebook page.

How to book:

ALL HOLIDAY CLUB PLACES AND PRESCHOOLS NOW NEED TO BE BOOKED VIA OUR ON-LINE BOOKING SYSTEM BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

1. Log onto www.s4yc.co.uk
2. On the homepage click on the "Bookings" tab
3. If you are not already registered, complete the "New Parent Registration" filling in ALL details. You will then need to add your child/children
4. Click "Book Courses"
5. Select "Holiday Clubs"
6. Follow the easy 1 click options to book your child in
7. Payment is required at the time of booking. If paying by Childcare Vouchers you will also need to log onto your voucher provider's account and make the payment manually to S4YC. This can take up to 5 working days to be verified.

For all online support contact support-s4yc@ipal.education



www.s4yc.co.uk - info@s4yc.co.uk

What we offer:

Our holiday play schemes offer a wide range of opportunities for children to experience new things whilst also freely choosing how they spend their day under the guidance of highly qualified and experienced staff. Whether they choose to take part in a game of football or join in with some of the adult led craft activities on offer, there is something for everyone.

PARENT: "More than just a playscheme, my children don't want to come home!"

OFSTED: "Children enjoy their time in a very warm and welcoming environment where dedicated staff have a good understanding of how to keep them safe and secure."

CHILD: "I Love Holiday Club, we have fun, I get to play with my friends."

A typical day:

8.00am: Doors open / registration
8.15am: Breakfast / games / free play
9.15am: 1st Craft activity / sports / games / free play
10.30am: Morning break / outdoor play
11.00am: 2nd Craft activity / sports / games / free play
12.15pm: Lunch time
12.45pm: Outdoor play / games / free play
1.45pm: 3rd Craft activity / sports / games / free play
2.45pm: Free play indoors and outdoors
4.15pm: Evening snack
4.45pm: Craft / games / outdoor play / free play
6.00pm: Collection

Things to consider:

Not all of our settings are open during the school holidays but, due to the number of holiday clubs we do offer, there is always an available play scheme close by.

We advise you provide your child with weather appropriate clothing such as trainers, sun hat, sun cream, healthy snacks, a packed lunch and plenty of drinks (not fizzy).
Breakfast and a light afternoon snack are provided.

We accept childcare vouchers:

KiddiVouchers

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