



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2020

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

Total House Points for the Year to date

3091

2542

2780

2582

Merit Badges – This Week

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Golden Table

Rec	SE	Y1	NL	Y2	EK
Y3	HE	Y4	JS	Y5	MS
		Y6	AP		

Children's Favourite Dishes This Week

Menu for Week Comm.
2nd March 2020

Main

**Pasta Carbonara &
Sweetcorn**

Pudding:

Pancakes!



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.

**The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.**

Dates for Your Diary

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

MARCH 2020

Thur 5th

World Book Day

Mon 9th

ISA Netball
Tournament at
Hulme Hall

Nursery & Pre-
School Stay &
Play Session
9am to 10.30am

Tue 10th

Nursery & Pre-
School Stay &
Play Session
9am to 10.30am

Reception Stay &
Play Session
2pm to 3pm

Wed 11th

Reception Stay &
Play Session
9am to 10am

M&M Theatre -
Wizard of Oz
Rec to Year 6

Parent E-Safety Information Meeting



Thank you to those parents who attended our E-Safety Information Meeting this week. We hope you found it informative and helpful in supporting your children online. All the information shared can be found on our website [Internet Safety Page](#).

Cross Country Race at Arrowe Park

Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country race at Arrowe Park yesterday. It was very cold and very wet but all the children raced really well considering.



E-Safety Sharing Assembly



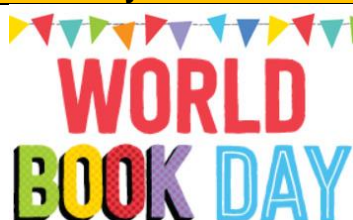
Thank you to all the parents who attended our E-Safety Sharing Assembly this morning we hope you enjoyed finding out about what the children have been learning about staying safe online.

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.



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.

Nursery & Pre-School Stay & Play Session
1.30pm to 3pm

Thur 12th
Reception Stay & Play Session
9am to 10am

RSE Parent Workshops

Fri 13th
Sports Relief Event

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

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 in the story: 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 bring in a different costume.

Year 3 and Year 4: How Anansi captured Tiger and other 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.

Could all children please bring a book in (preferably a "world" book which they would like to talk about with their class. So that they can prepare their recommendations could they please bring it in at the beginning of the week.

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 Thursday 12th March

We would like to invite you to a "Stay and Play" session during the week commencing 9th March 2020. You will have the opportunity to stay with your child and join in with learning activities. The EYFS staff will also be on hand to discuss progress and answer any questions you may have. Sessions are available either in the morning or the afternoon; please indicate on the slip below, which session is best for you and return it to the school office.



Nursery & pre-School Stay & Play Sessions:

Sign in at the Nursery Office
Monday 9th 9am-10.30am
Tuesday 10th 9am-10.30am
Wednesday 11th 1.30pm-3pm

Reception Stay & Play Sessions:

Sign in at the School Office
Tuesday 10th 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 11th 9am-10am
Thursday 12th 9am-10am

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

MAY 2020

Fri 1st
Open Morning
9am to 12pm

Mon 4th to Thur 6th
Year 6 Oaklands Residential

Fri 8th
May Bank Holiday

Mon 11th
Reception Class Assembly - 9.05am
Parents/Carers Welcome

Tue 12th
Class Photographs

Reception Class Mini Beast Hunt

Fri 15th
Year 5 & Year 6 Careers Fair

Sat 16th
PTA May Ball

Thur 21 to Fri 22nd Year 4

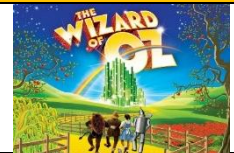
**Netball Tournament at Hulme Hall
Monday 9th March**



A team of children will be representing Avalon School at an interschool netball tournament at Hulme Hall on Monday 30th March. More details to follow. Good Luck Team Avalon!

**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".



**RSE Parent Workshops
Thursday 12th March**



We would like to invite all parents to a meeting to discuss our planned programme of RSE lessons and for parents to see the age appropriate resources that we will be using with an opportunity to ask questions. More details will be sent out next week.

**Sports Relief Event
Friday 13th March**



We will be holding a Sports Relief event on Friday 13th March. Look out for more information next week.

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

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Residential

Fri 22nd
School Closes for
the Half Term
Break at normal
time

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



**HALF TERM
MON 25TH TO
FRI 29TH MAY**

JUNE 2020

Mon 1st
Children return to
school

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 17 th to Friday 21 st 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



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

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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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AVALON



Parent Toddler Group

Spring Term

rhythm time

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

12th March 2020
26th March 2020