



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 1st April 2021



School closes today for the Easter Break and re-opens on Tuesday 20th April.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

80

81

111

78

Total House Points for the Year To-date

1890

1777

1956

1975

Merit Badges

Reception			FPS	
Year 1		EU		
Year 2			NL	
Year 3	HR			
Year 4			OA-Z	
Year 5	BB			IA
Year 6		SH		SJ

Achievement Certificates



Reception	NP
Year 1	SMcW
Year 2	CE
Year 3	GR
Year 4	HL
Year 5	EMcK
	EB
Year 6	NN
	JW

Headteacher's Award



Reception	OS
Year 4	HE HMcW
Year 6	EP

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2	AK
Year 3 & Year 4	IW
Year 5 & Year 6	EW

Certificates



NONE THIS WEEK



LyJ
IO
AK
IW



RH	NP
LyJ	EP
NJ	CR
AK	JS
EM	OS
MMcK	TW
CO	AW
SO	IW

Golden Table

Rec	SA	Y1	SE	Y2	CE
Y3	EB	Y4	OS	Y5	AC
		Y6	LaJ		

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Easter Break

Friday 2nd to Monday 19th April



We will be closing for our Easter Break today and reopening to the children on Tuesday 20th April at the usual time. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break with lots of chocolate.



Extra Curricular Clubs

Week Commencing Tuesday 20th April



We will be running some extra-curricular club, alongside our After School care provision during the summer term.



There are still places available on all of the Little Sports Coaching (LSC) clubs. Should you wish your child to attend one of LSC's clubs parents will need to register and make payments via the LSC website using the link below:

<https://www.littlesportscoaching.co.uk/book/?venue=501>

There are also places available on Mr Kyriacou and Mr Ashton's clubs. Should you wish your child to attend either of these clubs please

complete and return the reply slip via email (schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk). [Click here for the reply slip.](#)

Mr Kyriacou will initially be running a Multi-Skills clubs for Years 1 and 4 which we will hopefully be able to extend to other year groups in due course.

All clubs will begin week commencing Monday 19th April and finish week ending Friday 2nd July. Please note that there will be no clubs on Monday 3rd May as this is a bank holiday and school will be closed.

In line with our school policy children must wear their full PE kit for sporting clubs and cannot take part without it, therefore children should come to school in their PE kit on their club day, to avoid changing in school. Children may bring an additional healthy snack and drink should they wish to.

Please note, all of these arrangements are subject to change following further government guidance or a positive case of COVID-19 in which case parents will be informed as soon as practicably possible.

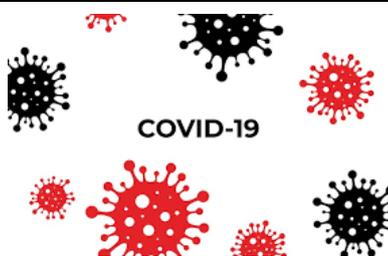
Speech & Drama Club Summer Term



We are exploring the possibility of running an extra-curricular speech and drama club for children in Year 1 to Year 6 during the summer term.

At this time, we would like to gauge interest in running a speech and drama club during the summer term. If you would like your child to attend the club, please complete and return the reply slip via email (schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk). [Click here for the reply slip.](#)

Arrangements for the Summer Term 2021



The Department for Education updated its operational guidance for Schools on 26th March. Arrangements at Avalon for the summer term will continue to follow the DfE guidance.

- Drop Off and Collection arrangements will continue to be staggered in the same way as they have been during the Spring Term, until further notice.
- Children will wear their Summer Uniform as normal, with the exception of PE days, when they should come to school in their PE kits to avoid changing in school.
- Children will continue to be in distinct 'bubble groups' wherever possible, to reduce the risk of transmission.
- School will continue to follow the system of controls as advised by Public Health England
- Educational day visits may resume following 12th April, subject to stringent risk assessment, however residential visits are not currently permissible.
- Wraparound & Before & After School Club (Childcare) will continue to run with same timings as in the Spring term. (8am-8.30am and 3pm to 5.30pm)
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school site, unless by prior arrangement by appointment.

Further details will be confirmed to parents prior to the start of term (Updated Parent Handbook) all arrangements are subject to change.

Year 1 Re-arranged Parent Evening Meetings
Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st April



Thank you to all the Year 1 parents for your understanding in having to postpone your appointments. Year 1 Parents Evening Meetings have been re-arranged as follows:

Monday 22nd's appointments will now take place on Tuesday 20th April
and
Tuesday 23rd's appointments will now take place on Wednesday 21st April

Appointment times will remain the same, if however parents need to amend these please contact Mrs Evans annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Nursery & Pre-School Parent Evening Meetings



Thank you to all the parents who attend this week's Nursery and Pre-School parents evening meeting we do hope that you found then informative. If any parent missed their appointment and/or needs to rearrange an appointment please contact Mrs Evans (annevans@avalon-school.co.uk) who will be able to assist you.

Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 20th April 2021.



Click on the following link for our [Lunch Menus](#)

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Chicken Goujons, Crispy Potato Cubes and Vegetables
Pudding	Easter Biscuits

May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May



School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 3rd May.

Class Photographs Tuesday 11th May



Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday 11th May in the morning. More details will be shared with parents after the Easter break.

May Half Term Break
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June



We will be closed for our May Half Term Break on Friday 28th May and reopening to the children on Monday 7th June at the usual time.

Safer Road Watch Team



The Safer Road Watch Team has been in touch with School regarding their concerns over the speed of car along Caldly Road and the safety implications involved. We have been asked to make our whole school community aware that a group of vetted volunteers will shortly be issued with handheld speed radar guns and will be operating speed checks along Caldly Road. The group is hoping to establish a 20mph speed limit for Caldly Road, something that we have been campaigning for too.

Pick Up and Drop Off Times



Parents and Carers, please ensure that you queue to the boundary wall side when dropping off or collecting children (so as not to block the full pavement width) and please keep social distancing, in the interests of everyone's health and safety. Thank you.

Drop off and pick up from the main entrance on Caldly Road.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Pick-up Time
Nursery	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)
Pre School	From 8.30am	1pm (for morning sessions) 3.15pm (for afternoon sessions)
Reception	8.55am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:55am	3:00pm
Year 2	8.50am	3:10pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.30pm
Year 4	8.40am	3.30pm

	Year 5	8.35am	3.40pm
	Year 6	8.30am	3.45pm

Reception Class Places September 2021



There are still Reception class places available for Pre-School children. Should you wish to secure a place for your child in our Reception class please complete and return the reply slip. Follow the link below for the reply slip: [Reception Class September 2021 - Reply Slip](#)

Sibling Drop Off and Collection

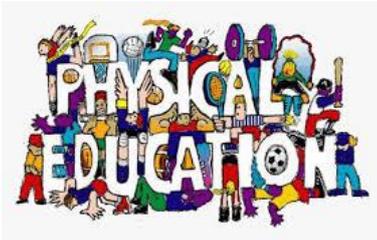


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

Please could we ask that all parents and carers ensure that they do follow the staggered timings (as above) to help us manage drop off and collection of all children in the safest way possible.

**This is with the exception of siblings, where parents and carers may wish to drop off and collect children at the allocated time for the eldest sibling.

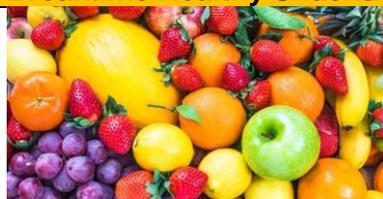
PE Days



Below are the days that the children will be having their PE Lessons. Children should come into school dressed in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. As the weather is still chilly, we would request that the children wear either their school joggers or a pair on plain black jogger/leggings rather than shorts or skorts. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days.

Year Group	Days
Reception	Fridays
Year 1	Fridays
Year 2	Wednesdays & Fridays
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays

Breaktime Healthy Snacks



We have noticed recently that children are bringing break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps and other sugary snacks. Please may we ask that children only bring healthy snacks such as fruit or vegetables for their break time snack. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parking & Driving Around School



To help keep all members of our school community and our wider community safe please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school when dropping off or picking up children and to aid visibility please avoid parking on the road directly outside school. We would also ask any parents using Warwick Drive to be extra careful and aware of pedestrians using this route to access school. We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

Before & After School Childcare Provision



Before School Club is available from 8am for all eligible children attending school during the partial closure. After School Club is available from 3pm (infants) / 3.30pm (Juniors) until 5.30pm. Late collections for any children (including Nursery and Pre-School Wraparound) will incur an additional charge.

The routines and procedures for dropping off at Before School Club and collecting from After School Club will continue as the autumn term arrangements. **On arrival, please press the buzzer at the gate for assistances, your child(ren) will then be brought down to meet you at the gate.**

Class Website Pages



Click on the links below to check out all the fun and exciting activities the children at doing in school:

Nursery & Pre-School	Reception	Year 1
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Year 5	Year 6	Before & After 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 or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Water Bottle



So that children can stay hydrated throughout the day and for health and safety reasons please ensure that your child brings to school each day a named refillable water bottle. Avalon School water bottles are available from the school for £2.00 each. If you would like to purchase a water bottle please email the school office, schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk.

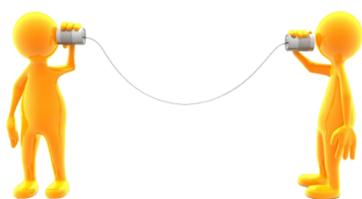
Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

Face Coverings



Can we please remind parents/carers that, in accordance with current government guidance and Wirral Local Authority Director of Public Health, we would kindly ask that face coverings are worn when collecting and dropping off your children at school, unless special exemptions apply.

Lines of Communication



We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. **Please note that teaching staff will endeavour to respond to emails by the next school day, however teaching staff will not respond to emails during weekends or holiday periods. For all other non-academic queries and concerns, please email the school office: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

Year Group	Email Address
Nursery & Pre-School	EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk
Reception	Reception@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 1	Year1@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 2	Year2@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 3 & Year 4	Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk
Year 5 & Year 6	Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk

Pre-Loved Uniform



All the current stock of Pre-Loved Uniform is now listed on the Avalon PTA Facebook. If there is anything specific you need please leave a comment on the page or drop an email to uniformpta@gmail.com and we will respond as quickly as we can and arrange to get it to you. So far this term **we have raised over £200** for the PTA which is great! Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any more uniform donations at the moment, but we will review this in the New Year.

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

We are aware of some PE items and the girl's pinafore are being discontinuing. Please be assured that we are working closely with our suppliers to find some suitable alternatives. We will keep parents updated and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Term Dates 2020-2021 & 2021-2022



Year 2020-2021

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

Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
Half-Term	Monday 18th October to Friday 29th October 2021
Ends	Tuesday 14 th December 2021 – 12 noon Finish
Spring Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Half-Term	Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022
Ends	Friday 1 st April 2022 – Normal Finish Time
Summer Term	
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 th April 2022

	Term Starts	Wednesday 20 th April 2022
	May Day	Monday 2 nd May 2022
	Half-Term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2022
	Ends	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2021

Thursday 1 st	School Closes for the Easter Break at the usual time
Friday 2 nd to Monday 19 th	Easter Break
Monday 19 th	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 20 th	Children Return to School Year 1 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 st	Year 1 Parents' Evening

MAY 2021

Monday 3 rd	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 11	Class Photographs
Friday 28 th	School Closes for the Summer Half Term Break at the usual time
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	Half Term Break

JUNE 2021

Monday 7 th	Children Return to School
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**Should you have any concerns or suggestions,
please do not hesitate to contact us:**

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