



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

159

166

177

161

Total House Points for the Year To-date

1324

1272

1354

1393

Merit Badges

Reception

FC

Year 1

RK

Year 2

HL

Year 3

AL

Year 4

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Year 5

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Year 6

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Mathletics Winners

Mathletics

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Golden Table

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Y1

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Y4

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Y5

SB

Y6

LJ

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Staffing Update



This week we welcomed Amy Sharman to the staff team in the role of part-time finance assistant. Ms Sharman will be working in the school office on Monday and Tuesday from 9am to 5.30pm

We offer a warm Avalon welcome to Ms Sharman, as she starts her new post.

Whole School Internet Legends Assembly



Children from Reception to Year 6 took part in a whole school online assembly about Internet Safety. The team at @Parent Zone who led the assembly invited the children to participate interactively with lots of different challenges to test their knowledge of Online Safety. We were very proud of each class and all the great contributions that they made in the assembly.

There are loads of useful activities and games for parents and children to explore at home, including the Legends Family Adventure. Click on the link to find out more:

<https://www.legendaryteacher.parentzone.org.uk/adventure>

PTA Christmas Bauble Competition

LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES – MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER



All decorated baubles must be brought to school together with a £1.00 donation to the PTA by **Monday 7th December** to be entered into the competition.

Winners will be announced on Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day Friday 11th December. Decorations received will be displayed on the tree in the hall until Monday 14th December, when children can collect them to take home. All money raised in aid of Avalon PTA.

PTA Christmas Raffle

LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES – MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER



Don't forget the PTA's CHRISTMAS RAFFLE is being drawn on Friday 11th December, and there are fantastic prizes to be won, including

Everlasting Christmas Door Wreath
BaBylissPro Perfect Curl Collection
Hamper filled with a fabulous Tropic Skin Care Kit
Jo Malone Candle

Silk Scarf and a bottle of Prosecco
Kid's Selection Prize which includes Kidzlane Walkie Talkies,
Smiggles Pencil Case and Smiggles pens and pencils
And so much more!

Ticket stubs, payments and any unsold tickets should be returned to school by **Monday 7th December** in an envelope marked for the attention of the PTA Raffle. Payments can be made either by cash (correct amounts only) or cheque (payable to Avalon School Parent Teacher Association).

Many thanks for your support and good luck!

Nursery & Pre-School Nativity Recording

Thursday 10th December



This year our Nursery and Pre-School nativity performance is going to be a little different, due to the current government restrictions and guidance we are unable to invite parents/carers into school to share in the festive event. We are still going ahead with our annual nativity but this year we will be bringing it to you.

All of the children, with the help of the staff, have been hard at work practicing their parts, on Thursday 10th December, we will be recording our nativity and sharing it digitally with parents/carers shortly afterwards.

If you child does not usually attend sessions on a Thursday, we would be most grateful if you could bring them to school at 2pm and collect them at 3.15pm, to enable all the children to take part in the recorded performance.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

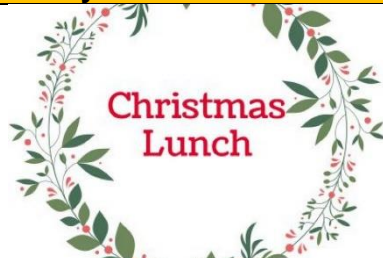


We have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day again this year to coincide with our Christmas Lunch Day to make the event feel that extra bit more festive on Friday 11th December.

We would therefore 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 (ie: a non-uniform day). For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope.

Whole School Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 11th December



Our amazing Catering Team are gearing up ready to prepare our whole school Christmas lunch with all the trimming on Friday 11th December to coincide with our Christmas Jumper Day.

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Roast turkey dinner or vegetarian option
served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables,
stuffing, pigs-in-blankets, Yorkshire puddings and gravy
Mince pies or chocolate yule log

Charles Thompson Mission Appeal Donation Day

Friday 11th December



The Charles Thompson Mission supports many local families throughout the year and this Christmas we are hoping that with your help we can support their Christmas Appeals and bring a little cheer to families that may be struggling this Christmas. If you would like to help Avalon School support this very worthwhile cause, we would kindly ask that you send any donations into school on Friday 11th December.

See below the list of items that can be donated:

Christmas Hamper Items

Box of chocolates
Small selection box
Fancy biscuits
Christmas nibbles
Small Christmas cake
Tin of fruit
Mince pies

Tin of salmon or ham
 Christmas pudding
 Tin of custard
 Large bag or tube of crisps
 Edible crackers
 Tea/coffee
 Sweets

Toys

0-3 Years

Musical toys, puzzles, books, bath toys, education toys

3-5 Years

Dolls and action figures, cars, books, puzzles, colouring sets

5-9 Years

Educational toys, art and crafts, books, action figures, puzzles

9-12 Years

Games and toys, hair and beauty, books, creative and science toys

13-16 Years

Gadgets, books, make-up and toiletries, teenage puzzles

Please note that we cannot accept donations prior to Friday 11th December for storage reasons. All gifts should be left unwrapped. The Charles Thompson Mission will be collecting the donations on the morning of Monday 14th December from school.

Thank you for your support.

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.

British Heart Foundation Elf Kick



The children have had a lot of fun this week taking part in the British Heart Foundation's Christmas fundraising initiative, 'The BHF Elf Kick!' If you would like to take part and/or make a donation to the British Heart Foundation, please follow the link below to their online just giving page. Please do not send cash into school, this is an online donation event only. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Avalon-SchoolELF>

Amount raised so far £285

Thank You!
 FOR YOUR DONATION

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 7th December & 14th December



Lunch menu for the week commencing 7th December & 14th December

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Monday 7th December

Chicken Burger and Jacket Wedges with salad or vegetables
Cheese or Beans on Toast
Ice Cream or Mince Pie and fresh fruit

Tuesday 8th December

Chicken Korma and Rice with vegetables
Jacket Potato with various fillings
Christmas Cup Cake and fresh fruit

Wednesday 9th December

Fish and Chips with vegetables
Ham and Couscous Salad
Crispy Cake Puddings and fresh fruit

Thursday 10th December

Tomato Pasta Bake with salad or vegetables
Scrambled Egg on Toast
Pain au Chocolat and fresh fruit

Friday 11th December

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Roast turkey dinner or vegetarian option
served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables,
stuffing, pigs-in-blankets, Yorkshire puddings and gravy
Mince pies or chocolate yule log



Monday 14th December

Pizza with Jacket Wedges with Salad
Selection of Sandwiches
Mince Pie and Fresh Fruit

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

Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice
Pudding	Fruit Crumble & Custard

Nursery, Pre-School Christmas Parties

Monday 14th December

Christmas Party



The children in Nursery and Pre-School will be having their Christmas party on Monday 14th December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying some festive treats made by our amazing Catering Team and watching a special video message from Santa. The children will be remaining in their class bubble at all times.

Children should come to school in their party clothes (ie a non uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

If your child does not normally attend on a Monday. They would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would ask that you bring them to school at 1.30pm and collect them at 3.15pm

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Parties

Monday 14th December



The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas parties on Monday 14th December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying some festive treats made by our amazing Catering Team and watching a special video message from Santa. The children will be remaining in their class bubble at all times.

Children should come to school in their party clothes (ie a non uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

Year 3 to Year 6 Christmas Movie

Monday 14th December



The children in Year 3 to Year 6 will be watching a U or PG rated Christmas movie on Monday 14th December in the afternoon. The children will be enjoying some festive treats made by our amazing Catering Team and joining in with some festive activities. The children will be remaining in their class bubble at all times.

Children may come to school in their own clothes (ie a non uniform day). Please ensure that the children have a suitable winter coat for breaktimes.

Christmas Performances



The children and staff have been busy putting together Christmas performances. Sadly due to the current government restriction and guidance we will not be able to invite parents to share in these special events as we usually would. We will however be recording performances which will be shared with parents digitally. The children will be watching the performances on Monday 14th December.

Christmas Break

Wednesday 16th December to Wednesday 6th January 2021



School Closes for the Christmas holidays at 12 noon on Tuesday 15th December and re-opens to the children on Thursday 7th January 2021.

The After School Club service will not be available on this day, due to the early school closure at 12 Noon.

Spring Term 2021



The children return for the spring term on Thursday 7th January 2021. We will keep you updated with any new COVID-19 restrictions and guidance in time for the start of the new term.

Class Website Pages

Class Web Pages



Click on the links below to check out all the fun and exciting activities the children are 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

Online Christmas Shopping – Keeping Safe



The Christmas period sees the highest number of emails flying across the ether than at any other time of year. The means that not only are there millions of legitimate emails, but the scammers also send out their flurries too.

We are all vulnerable, but children, perhaps teenagers especially might be 'secretly' buying presents online for the first time. Reminders about safe buying online would be very timely.

The National Cybersecurity Centre has a Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) where you can send emails you are concerned about. The message might be from a company you don't normally receive communications from, or someone you do not know. You may just have a hunch. If you are suspicious, you should report it. Your report of a phishing email will help us to act quickly, protecting many more people from being affected.

Just forward the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk

You can find more advice about online security here:
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/individuals-families>

Reopening Documentation & Guidance



Parent Guidance for Full School Reopening

[COVID-19 School Reopening](#)

Guidance if a child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus:

Further guidance has been issued to schools this week with regards to what to do if a child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus. Please note the guidance with regards to the self -isolation period below:

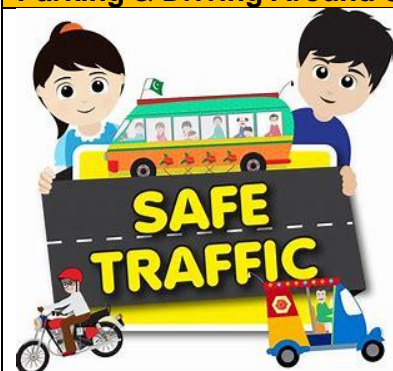
If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow [covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](#), this is the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate for **at least 10 days**
- arrange to have a [test to see if they have coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Parents should ensure that they keep school fully informed if any child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus and they must not attend school. Following a confirmed test result, parents should immediately notify school of the outcome.

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.

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.

Drop Off & Pick Up 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 Caldry Road.

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Times
Nursery	9.00am	1pm / 3.15pm
Pre-School	9.00am	1pm / 3.15pm
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

Sibling Drop Off and Collection

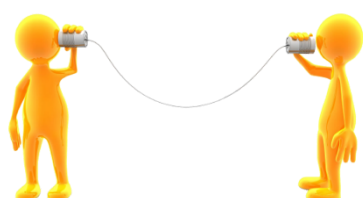


Staggered bubble group drop off and collection times are in place during drop off and collection to help reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.

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.**

Lines of Communication



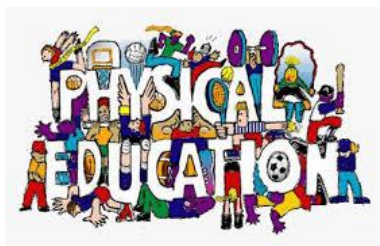
We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. ****Please note that teaching 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	

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. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them, particularly as the weather will soon be turning much cooler. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days

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

If you are having jogging bottoms / PE bottoms

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.

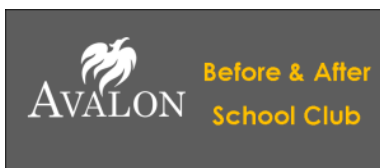
Uniform Supplier

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.

Before & After School Childcare Provision



Before and After School childcare provision will be available Monday to Friday during term time at the following times until further notice:

Before School will be available from 8am each morning.

After School will be available from 3pm to 5.30pm each afternoon.

****After School Club will not be available on 15th**

Please note that we will not be running extra-curricular clubs until further notice.

December due to the early finishing time of 12 Noon.

Before and After School can be booked on an ad-hoc basis or on a weekly, monthly or termly basis, however it will help us immensely in terms of staffing and allocation of space, if we have a better idea of what parents' requirements will be for these services, for the next half term ahead.

Term Dates 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 – 12 noon Finish
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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2020

Monday 7 th	Last date for entries to the Christmas Bauble Competition
	Late date for PTA Christmas Raffle tickets to be sent into school
Friday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch

PTA Christmas Raffle Draw

Charles Thompson Mission donations to be sent into school

Monday 14th

Nursery to Year 6 Class Christmas Parties

Tuesday 15th

School Closes for the Christmas Break at 12 noon

Wednesday 16th December
to Wednesday 6th January

Christmas Break

JANUARY 2021

Wednesday 6th

Staff INSET Day

Thursday 7th

Children return to school



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

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