



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

### This Week's Winners



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

### House Points – This Week

**116**

**123**

**126**

**141**

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

**523**

**543**

**489**

**549**

### Merit Badges

**Reception**

SA

**Year 1**

EU

**Year 2**

SG

AW

**Year 3**

GR

**Year 4**

HL

**Year 5**

EB

**Year 6**

MS

HH

### Mathletics Winners

Mathletics

AW

IW

GK

### Golden Table

**Rec**

OS

**Y1**

EU

**Y2**

EP

**Y3**

OS

**Y4**

LE

**Y5**

AC

**Y6**

HS

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Milkshake & Cookie Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser Nursery to Year 6



Thank you to everyone who has donated in support of our Milkshake & Cookie Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser. So far, we have raised a fantastic **£340.50**. The children had lots of fun and really did enjoy their milkshake and cookies provided by our wonderful catering team.



Thank You!

[Please click on this link for more photos.](#)

You can still donate by following the link to Avalon School personal coffee morning donation page:

<https://thyg.uk/BUU004389543>.

Thank you for your support.

### Photographs Orders



The photograph proofs have been sent home with the children this week. All orders must be returned to School no later than **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**.

Any orders received after this date will be collected after half term by the photograph company.

**ORDER NOW**

### School Development Plan Questionnaire



Every year, the school staff and governors review your child's progress and the school's development. During this review, areas requiring renewed focus are identified and plans are developed to ensure continued progress. As part of this process, we would like to invite you to complete a parent questionnaire.

Your suggestions and feedback will be considered and applied, where possible, in this year's school development plan (SDP). We will keep you updated during the academic year on progress and evaluation of our school's development plan.

Details of how you can access the questionnaire and leave further feedback, are highlighted below:

Reception <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QH5C222>

Year 1 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M93VXBV>

Year 2 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QBQTH3N>

Year 3 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QB39J8P>

Year 4 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QHKS6Z2>

Year 5 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QH27M67>

Year 6 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QHMZMWG>

The closing date for responding to this survey is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

### Half Term Break

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October



The school will close for the half term break on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



### Lunch Menu



Lunch menu for the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020



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

#### Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Sausage & Mash
Pudding	Ginger Cake & Custard

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

## 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:

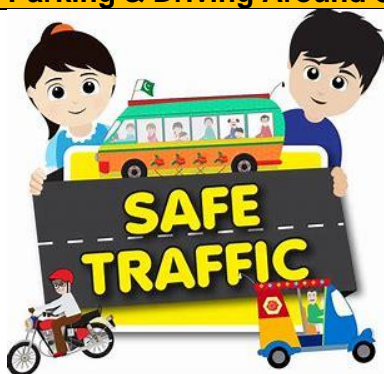
*If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow [covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](#), this is the guidance for households with possible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

## Tik Tok



Recently, Mrs Callaway sent an email to parents and carers warning of a particularly alarming video circulating on social media via the app Tik Tok. Please may we remind parents and children that the age recommendations for using this app is **13 years and above**.

Below is some more useful advice from the Safer Internet Centre on what to do if your child has seen something upsetting online:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>

Here are some further online resources for parents & carers to support key online safety topics from Childnet International:

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>



## Water Bottles



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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk).

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

## 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.

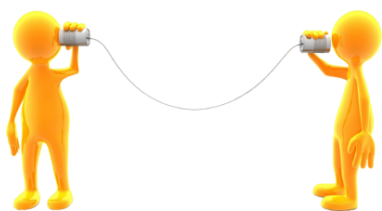
**\*\*This is with the exception of siblings, where parents and carers may wish to drop off and collect children at the allocated time for the eldest sibling.**

## 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

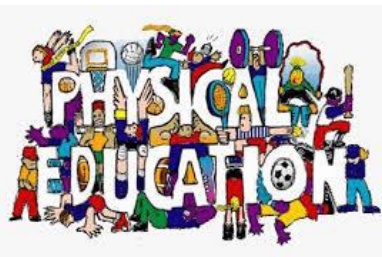


We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. \*\*Please note that teaching 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](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk)

Year Group	Email Address
Nursery & Pre-School	<a href="mailto:EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk">EYFS@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Reception	<a href="mailto:Reception@avalon-school.co.uk">Reception@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:Year1@avalon-school.co.uk">Year1@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:Year2@avalon-school.co.uk">Year2@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 3 & Year 4	<a href="mailto:Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk">Year3.Year4@avalon-school.co.uk</a>
Year 5 & Year 6	<a href="mailto:Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk">Year5.Year6@avalon-school.co.uk</a>

## 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



The PTA is currently working through all the current stock of the Pre Loved Uniform and all the information is being put up on the Avalon PTA Facebook page. If you are after anything specific please either comment or message on the Facebook page or email [uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) and we will respond as quickly as we can and arrange to get it to you. Unfortunately at the moment we are unable to accept any uniform donations. Many thanks for your continuing support.

## PTA

# Join the PTA!



Due to the current pandemic the PTA activities are limited. The PTA would like to remind all parents that the PTA is registered on "Amazon Smile". This means that for those who shop on Amazon and set their account up to use 'Smile', and nominate the PTA as their charity, will result in Amazon making a donation to the PTA based upon a small percentage of what is spent. There should be no additional costs to use the site, and Amazon Smile is open to everyone.

All funds raised by the PTA directly benefit all the children of Avalon School from Nursery through to Year 6. The PTA are currently raising money to purchase iPads for the school.

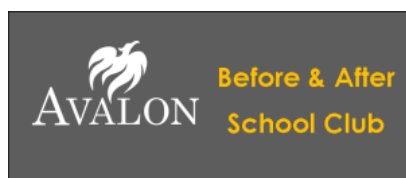
## Uniform Supplier

**UNIFORMITY**Schoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below

<http://www.uniformityschools.com/>

## 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.

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

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 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
Half-Term	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
Ends	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 12 noon Finish

### Spring Term

Staff Training Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Term Starts	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Half-Term	<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
	<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
	<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
	Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Normal Finish Time



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### OCTOBER 2020

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Photograph Orders last date to be returned
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes for the October Half Term at normal time
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	October Half Term Break

#### NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	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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