



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

### House Points – This Week

88

99

82

65

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

88

99

82

65

### Merit Badges – This Week

|           |    |    |     |     |
|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|
| Reception | LL |    |     |     |
| Year 1    |    |    |     | SMc |
| Year 2    |    | NS |     |     |
| Year 3    | ME |    |     |     |
| Year 4    | LJ |    |     |     |
| Year 5    | GF |    | GK  |     |
| Year 6    |    |    | IMc | IP  |

### Golden Table

|     |    |    |      |    |     |
|-----|----|----|------|----|-----|
| Rec | NP | Y1 | SS-S | Y2 | NS  |
| Y3  | HK | Y4 | RH   | Y5 | EMc |
|     |    | Y6 | NJ   |    |     |

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Parent Information Meetings



We will be holding our parents/carers information meetings via Zoom video conferencing due to the current COVID-19 situation. Useful and important information will be shared about each year groups' curriculum, classroom routines, assessments and reporting along with other helpful material.

Meetings will be held:

| Year Group           | Zoom Meeting Date & Time                       |
|----------------------|--|
| Nursery & Pre-School | 4.30pm on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September    |
| Reception            | 4.30pm on Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| Year 1               | 4.30pm on Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Year 2               | 4.30pm on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| Year 3               | 4.30pm on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| Year 4               | 4.30pm on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| Year 5               | 4.30pm Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September    |
| Year 6               | 4.30pm Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September      |

The meeting ID and Password will be sent to you via email, prior to your online meeting.

Any parents unable to attend the meeting will be sent all relevant information shared at the meeting.

### Assessment & Monitoring



Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will shortly be commencing the InCAS assessments which helps to provide us with age-related diagnostics information and recommendations for each child, where required. The children will be undertaking these computer-based assessment modules over the next few weeks. Should you require any further information please see our [letter](#) sent out earlier this week or contact your child's form teacher.

### 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.

### Drop Off & Pick Up Times

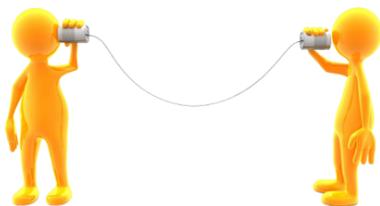


Parents and Carers, please ensure that you queue to the boundary wall side when dropping off or collecting children (so as not to block the full pavement width) and please keep social distancing, in the interests of everyone's health and safety. Thank you

Drop off and pick up from the main entrance on Caldly 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        |

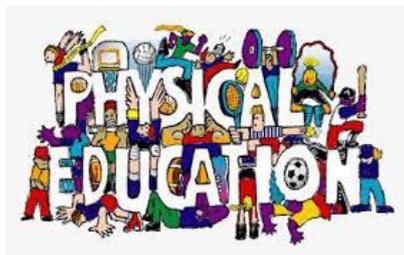
### Lines of Communication



During the summer term, we introduced the use of a class email system to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents were not permitted on to site. We would like to inform parents that the email contacts below, were re-instated and monitored from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 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> |

**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              |

**Lunch Menu**

Lunch menu for the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020



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

| Favourite Meal of the Week |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Main                       | Chicken Goujons, Chips & Beans |
| Pudding                    | Apple Crumble & Custard        |

**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.

### Wet Play Bags (Reception to Year 6)



As we start a new academic year, if any children need a new wet bag play, please contact the school office via email [schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk).

All children in Reception and new children throughout the main school will be provided with a wet play bag and instructions as to what can be included.

### 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                       |
| Summer Term         |  |
| Staff Training Day  | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021   |

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|--|-------------|--|
|  | Term Starts | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021                                |
|  | May Day     | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021                                    |
|  | Half-Term   | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to<br>Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 |
|  | Ends        | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 –<br>Normal Finish Time         |



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER 2020

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Nursery & Pre-School Parent Information Meeting at 4.30pm   |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Reception Parent Information Meeting at 4.30pm<br>Year 6 Parent Information Meeting at 4.30pm   |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> | Year 1 Parent Information Meeting at 4.30pm<br>Year 5 Parent Information Meeting at 4.30pm  |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 2 Parent Information Meeting at 4.30pm<br>Year 3 Parent Information Meeting at 4.30pm<br>Year 4 Parent Information Meeting at 4.30pm |

### OCTOBER 2020

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| 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 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|



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

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