



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

The ABC



Link to the latest ABC: [ABC Friday 5th February 2021](#)

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Achievement Certificates



Reception	EM FPS NP
Year 1	SMc SO
Year 2	HL AW
Year 3	OC FS
Year 4	LJ EP
Year 5	BB EB GK ML AR
Year 6	JS CMc NN EP IP TW JW FW

Headteacher's Award



Year 3	CS
Year 5	EB

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2	AK
Year 3 & Year 4	JG
Year 4 & Year 5	NJ

Certificates

Reception to Year 2
NS

Year 3 to Year 6



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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Safer Internet Day



As part of Safer Internet Day and with children spending a lot more time online, the children all took part this week, in learning about and thinking about ways in which they can keep themselves safe online.

The links below provide some useful tips and advice on how parents can support this too; please do get in touch with us at school if you need any further help or have a concern:

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/safer-internet-day>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Pastoral Check In Calls for Remote Learners



We will be continuing our pastoral check in calls with the children who are learning from home, when we return from the half term break.

Reception Class Places September 2021



The parents/carers of our Pre-School children, this week, received a letter regarding arrangements for children transferring from our Pre-School to our Reception class in September 2021. Reception class places are provisional held for all Pre-School children until Friday 26th February 2021. Should you wish to secure a place for your child in our Reception class please complete and return the reply slip no later than Monday 1st March 2021. Follow the link below for the reply slip: [Reception Class September 2021 - Reply Slip](#)

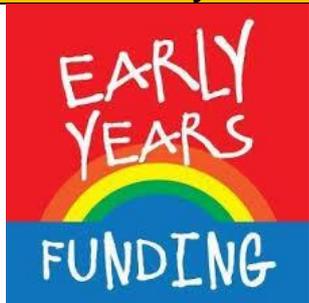
February Half Term Monday 15th to Friday 19th February



In accordance with the Department of Education guidance schools are not expected to remain open during the February Half Term break for children of critical workers or vulnerable children. Therefore, we will be finishing for the half term break on Friday 12th February at the usual time and reopening to children of critical workers and vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February. Hopefully, we will hear more news of when the schools will be allowed to reopen to all children very soon. We will keep you posted.

After School provision will be available on Friday 12th February until 5pm.

Early Year Funding Forms Deadline – Friday 26th February



Parents of children in our EYFS department who currently receive Early Year Funding have been sent the declaration form to sign so that we can continue to claim Early Years Funding for the summer. Likewise, those children new to the Early Years Funding scheme have been sent the parental agreement form to complete and return together with their child's birth certificate or current passport.

Completed forms should be return to the school office for the attention of Mrs Evans no later than Friday 26th February 2021. Forms not returned by this date may result in parents losing their child's funding.

World Book Day Thursday 4th March 2021

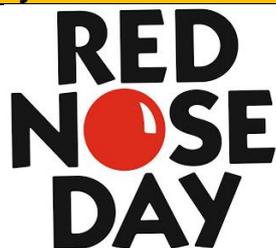
WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
4 MARCH 2021

World Book Day is Thursday 4th March and our aim this year is to further the children's love of books and reading so we will be having a book focused day to celebrate World Book Day. The children will be able to engross themselves in reading, learning about authors, looking at illustrations and learning about illustrators.

Each child will receive a £1 book token which can be swapped for a special edition £1 book or can be used to be £1 off any full priced book from bookshops participating in the scheme. Tokens will be valid from 18th February until 28th March 2021.

Class teachers have emailed out to parents what books and activities their classes will be taking part in.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day Friday 19th March 2021



World Book Day is almost upon us – we hope to send out details shortly about the exciting ways we are planning to celebrate this event in school and at home.

Early Year 30 Hour Funding Eligibility Code for the Summer Term Deadline – 31st March 2021



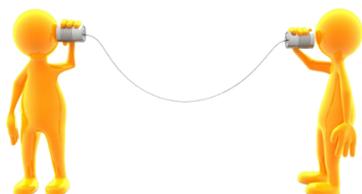
If you qualify for the extended 15 hours Early Years Funding and to enable us to claim this additional Early Years Funding for your child from Wirral Borough Council for the summer term, eligibility codes must be applied by or re-confirmed by 31st March 2021.

To apply for or re-confirm your eligibility code follow the link:
[Childcare Choice - Funding Codes](#)

Once you have applied for / re-confirmed your code please inform Mrs Evans via email annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

It is the parent's responsibility to reconfirm their 30-hour eligibility code.

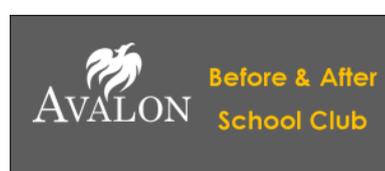
Lines of Communication



We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, during lockdown and 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

Before & After School Childcare Provision During Lockdown



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 5pm. 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.**

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

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

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

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