



# AVALON SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

#### This Week's Winners



**St Andrew**



**St David**



**St George**



**St Patrick**

#### House Points – This Week

**135**

**115**

**140**

**124**

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

**906**

**863**

**927**

**955**

#### Merit Badges

Reception	EM			
Year 1	SE			
Year 2			NL	
Year 3				HW
Year 4			OA-Z	
Year 5		EW		
Year 6	NJ		NN	

#### Mathletics Winners

Mathletics

RK

IW

EW

#### Golden Table

Rec	SA	Y1	RP	Y2	SG
Y3	EB	Y4	KH	Y5	EB
		Y6	CE		

## NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Children In Need - Feel Good Friday



Thank you to everyone who has donated in support of our Milkshake & Cookie Children In Need Fundraiser. So far, we have raised a fantastic **£756**. The children had lots of fun and really did enjoy their milkshake and cookies provided by our wonderful catering team.



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

Guess the number of spots competition winners:  
Infants – NS (Y2) & FL (Y1)  
Juniors – FS (Y3)

You can still donate by following the link to our Children In Need Just Giving page by following the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/avalon-school?newPage=True>

Thank you for your support.

*★ Thank You! ★*  
FOR YOUR DONATION

### Year 2 Walk to the West Kirby War Memorial



As part of their topic on WW1 the children of Year 2 walked to West Kirby War Memorial yesterday. More photos can be found on the [Year 2 Class](#) website page.



Also, a massive thank you for all the donations to this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**Thank You!**  
FOR YOUR DONATION

**Baseline Assessment Data / EYLog Summative Reports – Autumn Term**

**Autumn Baseline Assessments**

Following recent parents evening meetings, Baseline assessment data will be emailed to Year 1 to Year 6 parents next week and EYLog Autumn term summative reports will be emailed to all our EYFS classes.

**Parents' Evening Online Consultations**

**Nursery & Pre-School**

**Week Commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**



**The closing date for booking parents' evening appointments by Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm.**



To book appointment you will need your child's name and date of birth. Please click on the link below to access the booking system.

<https://avalon.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Parents' Evening Consultation appointments will take place on the following dates:

Keyworker - Julie Bache	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Keyworker - Jo Rice	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Keyworker - Jackie Duffy	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Keyworker - Mandy Elliott	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November

**Anti Bullying Week**

**Odd Sock Day**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**



Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November is Anti-Bullying Week and to start the children's learning and activities around this very important topic, we will be holding an Odd Sock Day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November to promote the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week which is "United Against Bullying".

We are inviting all children and staff to wear odd socks for a small donation of £1, which will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance. For ease of handling money, we would be most grateful if donations could be brought into school in a named envelope. Many thanks for your continued support.

## Lunch Menu

Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November



Lunch menu for the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020



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

### Favourite Meal of the Week

Main	Chilli, Rice & Nachos
Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard

## Spanish Dia de los Muertos Mask Competition Winner!



Well done to all children who took part in the Día de los Muertos mask-designing competition in Spanish. We have had so many beautiful and interesting designs using traditional colours and embellishments, it was very difficult to decide the winners. However, these are the children from each year group who should collect their prize on Monday from Señora Kyriacou:

Year 1 - CS  
Year 2 - NS  
Year 3 - ME  
Year 4 - HE  
Year 5 - AR  
Year 6 - EP

¡Trabajo extraordinario!

## Internet Safety Week

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November



Week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is Internet Safety Week, the children will be learning about the importance of staying safe online.

## Christmas Bauble Competition

Commences Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November



More details coming soon!

**PSHCEE First Aid Week**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**



Look out for more details of our PSHCEE First Aid Week events next week.

**Christmas Jumper Day**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

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More details coming soon!



**Whole School Christmas Lunch Day**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**



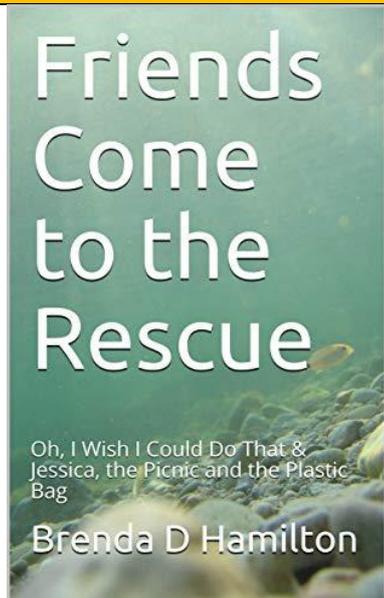
More details coming soon!

**Christmas Break**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



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

**Friends Come to the Recure E-Book Offer**



The author Brenda D Hamilton has published an e-book on Amazon kindle, designed for children between the ages of approximately 4 - 8 years of age.

It consists of two stories, one about a seagull, George, who could not fly, and the second about the dangers of plastic pollution in our seas and oceans. The theme of these stories is help and friendship.

The cost of download the e-book is £2.35. Any money raised from the sale of this e-book (after tax) will be given to Claire House Children's Hospice.

## Mini Travellers Mystery Book



We've recently had a new book brought to our attention which we think you might like. It's a mystery for children ages 8-11 which involves a bit of French and Geography too. The authors are also willing to donate £1 per book sale to our PTA so not only will you be buying a lovely book for your child to read, you will be helping to contribute to PTA funds which aren't currently being topped up through our usual events. You can find all the details and how to buy it here.

<https://minitravellers.co.uk/product/the-little-museum-a-childrens-mystery-adventure/>

Please make sure you use the code AVALON when you purchase the book, and we will arrange for the book to be delivered to school and sent home with your child the week beginning 16th November.

## 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:

<a href="#">Nursery &amp; Pre-School</a>	<a href="#">Reception</a>	<a href="#">Year 1</a>
<a href="#">Year 2</a>	<a href="#">Year 3</a>	<a href="#">Year 4</a>
<a href="#">Year 5</a>	<a href="#">Year 6</a>	<a href="#">Before &amp; After School</a>

## 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*

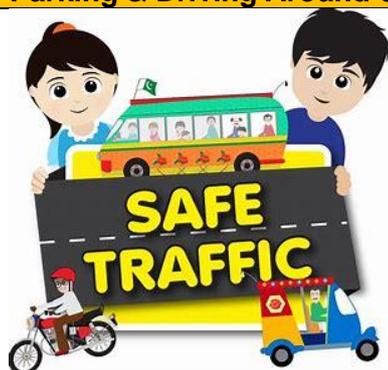
follow [covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](#), this is the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

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 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](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 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

## 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.

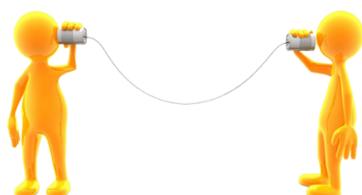
\*\*This is with the exception of siblings, where parents and carers may wish to drop off and collect children at the allocated time for the eldest sibling.

## 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.

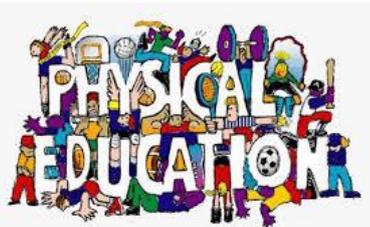
## Lines of Communication



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.

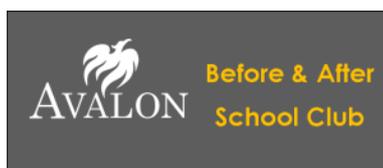
## Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITY Schoolwear

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

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.

**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
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
Half-Term	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to</b>

		<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	
	Ends	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Normal Finish Time	



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup>      Anti-Bullying Week Odd Sock Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>      Parents' Evening Consultations:  
Nursery & Pre-School

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>      Parents' Evening Consultations:  
Nursery & Pre-School

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup>      Internet Safety Week

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>      Christmas Bauble Competition opens

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup>  
December      PSHCEE First Aid Week

### DECEMBER 2020

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>      Last date for entries to the Christmas Bauble Competition

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>      Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>      School Closes for the Christmas Break

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

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