



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points – This Week

103

88

82

110

Total House Points for the Year To-date

191

187

164

175

Merit Badges – This Week

Reception

FPS

Year 1

SS-S

Year 2

TD

Year 3

MW

Year 4

JG

Year 5

EW

IA

Year 6

CE & AR

Golden Table

Rec

LL

Y1

EH

Y2

NL

Y3

GL

Y4

LJ

Y5

EMcK

Y6

TW

NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

Parent Information Meetings



Parent Information Meetings for year groups from Nursery to Year 6 were held this week. All information shared with parents was emailed out prior to the meetings. Copies of these documents can also be found on our website by clicking on the links below.

Parent Guides:

[Nursery & Pre-School](#) [Reception](#) [Infants](#) [Juniors](#)

Curriculum Overviews:

[Reception](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

[Coronavirus Full Opening Handbook](#)

Should you have any questions in connection with the above please contact your child's form tutor or keyworker via the class email. See email addresses below.

Safeguarding Booklet



Safeguarding Booklet were sent home with the children last week. It is important that our records are kept up to date in case of an emergency. In accordance with current government legislation, "Keeping Children Safe In Education", please ensure that you provide at least **two** emergency contacts (name, telephone number and relationship to child). If you require an additional copy of your child's safeguarding booklet please contact Mrs Evans via email annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

If you haven't already returned your child's safeguarding booklet as yet, please return it to school by **Monday 21st September**. Thank you.

Assessment & Monitoring



Children in Year 1 to Year 6 have now commenced 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.

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



Last week Mrs Callaway sent an email to parents and carers warning of a particularly alarming video circulating on social media via the app Tik Tok.

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.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy.

Drop Off & Pick Up Times

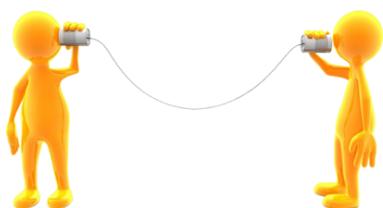


Parents and Carers, please ensure that you queue to the boundary wall side when dropping off or collecting children (so as not to block the full pavement width) and please keep social distancing, in the interests of everyone's health and safety. Thank you

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

Lines of Communication

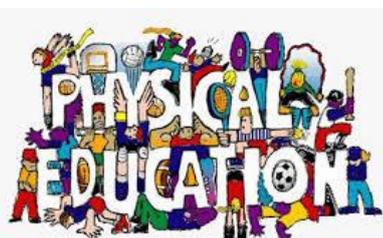


We have a Class email system available to keep lines of communication open between parents and teaching staff, whilst parents are not permitted on to site. Please see the email contacts below should you need to contact your child's Form Teacher or Key Worker, as appropriate. **Please note that teaching 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
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	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 21st September 2020



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

Favourite Meal of the Week	
Main	Chicken Korma and Rice
Pudding	Flapjack

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.

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 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

SEPTEMBER 2020

OCTOBER 2020

Friday 16th School finishes for the October Half Term at normal time

Monday 19th to Friday 30th October Half Term Break

NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 2nd November Children return to school



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

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