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Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff team are busily preparing for the end of this academic year, and we are really looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for many of the planned end of year events and celebrations. In the meantime, we would also like to share some staffing updates with you and our staffing arrangements for the new academic year 2022/23.

Staffing Updates

As many parents and carers will already be aware, Mrs Creedon (Y3) and Miss Robertson (Y4) are currently on maternity leave after giving birth to their new babies, very recently. Mums and babies are all doing well, and we look forward to seeing them in school, for a visit, very soon!

Miss Hardy will also be commencing her maternity leave at the end of this term, and we wish her all the best for the safe arrival of a new addition to her young family too!

Whilst unfortunately we do have to say a temporary goodbye to some of our staff this year, we are pleased to welcome a new member of teaching staff joining our Avalon team for the next academic year, Miss Harrington, and for Mrs Hamer and Miss McFerran to continue holding the fort in Y3 and Y4, respectively.

Miss Harrington has been appointed to teach our new Reception class whilst Miss Hardy is on maternity leave. Miss Harrington has been visiting Avalon for several weeks now and this will continue throughout the remainder of the term. She has been enjoying getting to know the children and parents and is very much looking forward to joining our Avalon family for the new academic year ahead.

Sadly, Mrs. McCabe will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year, after 34 years of dedicated service at Avalon. Mrs McCabe will be greatly missed, as she has been a caring and nurturing influence on so many young children, over her longstanding career at Avalon, working in multiple roles across the school. We wish her farewell and all the very best for the future!





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The Form Teacher and teaching assistant arrangements for Main School classes for the academic year 2022/23 are as follows:

Year Group	Form Teacher	Teaching Assistant Support
Reception	Miss J Harrington (Maternity Leave Cover)	Miss A Bennett
Year 1	Mrs S Parkins	Mrs A Loughlin
Year 2	Mrs C Roberts	Miss A Bennett
Year 3	Mrs K Hamer (Maternity Leave Cover – Autumn 2022)	Mrs K Fleming
Year 4	Miss L McFerran (Maternity Leave Cover)	Mrs K Fleming
Year 5	Mr M Ashton	Mrs A Roberts (and 1:1 support) Mrs Freeman (1:1)
Year 6	Mrs R Kililiku	Mrs D McGregor

Transition Sessions

Children will be meeting with their new Form Teachers on the afternoon of 30th June, in their Form rooms. Parents will be invited to a Parent Information Meeting at the start of the Autumn term, where Form Teachers will share class routines, class timetables including any subject specialist teaching and other expectations for the year, such as homework and assessments. We will confirm the date and arrangements for these Parent meetings in due course.

End of Year Reports

We are aiming to send reports to parents by Wednesday 6th July so that there will be an opportunity for parents to discuss any aspect of this report, with their child's Form teacher (or Reporting Subject Teacher, if this is not the Form Teacher), or to request a telephone appointment, if preferable, before the end of term.

Achievement Awards and Year 6 Leavers

The end of year Achievement Award Celebrations are planned for the children in classes Reception to Year 2 on 11th July and for children in Year 3 to Year 6 on 12th July, commencing at 2pm on both afternoons.

Year 6 will be presented with their much-valued Avalon Scholar Awards to treasure as acknowledgement of their accomplishments at Avalon, along with their dictionaries and special handwriting pens, to cherish as gifts from the Avalon PTA, as they move on to their secondary





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schools. Year 6 will also receive their unique 2022 Leavers' Hoodies, which they may enjoy wearing in school, over the last few days of term. There will be a special Y6 Leavers' assembly on the last day of term; 13th July, starting promptly at 1.20pm; more details will be sent out to Y6 parents in due course.

As the end of this academic year is fast approaching, may I take this opportunity to thank all the staff team for their hard work and dedication; we wish them all a restful summer break and look forward to an exciting new academic year ahead.

Our thanks also, to all of you; our supportive and steadfast parent community. It has been a very busy year with much packed in, following two years with so many restrictions forced upon daily school life. We are hugely appreciative of your positivity and collaboration throughout this academic year.

May I take this opportunity to extend my wishes for a very healthy and happy summer break to all our Avalon community.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

