



AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 1st December 2017



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

This Week's Winners



St Andrew



St David



St George



St Patrick

House Points

189

137

142

174

Total House Points For the Year To-date

2166

1682

1943

2023

Merit Badges

Reception				SQ
Year 1	HL			
Year 2		LH		
Year 3				IP
Year 4	RW	KM		
Year 5	ST	JG		
Year 6	MJ	ER		

Golden Table

SC (Rec)

LE (Y1)

RC (Y2)

SP (Y3)

LC (Y4)

WR (Y5)

BF (Y6)

Children's Favourite Dishes of the Week!

Main: Roast Pork Dinner

Pudding: Carrot Cake Cupcakes



Dates For Your Diary

DECEMBER 2017

- Tue 5th**
Junior Theatre Trip
- Wed 6th**
Nursery & Pre-School Nativity 2pm
- Thur 7th**
Parent Toddler Group 1.45pm
- Fri 8th**
School Christmas Lunch
- All Extra-Curricular Clubs Finish This Week**
- Mon 11th**
Infant Christmas Concert 2pm
- Tue 12th**
Infant Christmas Party
- Thur 14th**
Christmas Celebration Rehearsal at St Bridget's Church
- Fri 15th**
Christmas Celebration at St Bridget's 10am

Finish for Christmas at 12 noon

CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 18th Dec to
Mon 8th Jan 2018



NOTICES & REMINDERS

PTA Christmas Fair Today 1st December 6pm-8pm

Don't forget that it's the PTA Christmas Fair this evening. Doors open at 6pm. We do hope that you can join us.



Year 3 to Year 6 Trip to the Story house Theatre, Chester Tuesday 5th December

The children from Year 3 to Year 6 are going to see the first ever stage production of Enid Blyton's "The Secret Seven" at the Story house, Chester on Tuesday 5th December. We would ask that children bring with them a bottle of water and a healthy snack to eat during the interval. The coach will be leaving at 9:15am and will return to school in time for a late lunch. There will be no need for any spending money and children must wear full school uniform. If you haven't already done so please ensure you have returned the permission slip to the school office by Monday 4th December.

Nursery & Pre-School Nativity Wednesday 6th December at 2pm

We would like to invite you to the Nursery and Pre-School nativity "I Spy Christmas" on Wednesday 6th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available. If your child does not normally attend sessions on a Wednesday, we would be most grateful if you could bring them to school at 1.30pm ready for the start of the nativity at 2pm.

Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day will be Friday 8th December to coincide with the schools Christmas lunch to make the day feel that extra bit more festive! We would therefore kindly ask for a small donation of £1.00 for each child, if they would like to wear a Christmas jumper. All money raised will be in aid of the re-development of the EYFS Playground.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Raffle tickets cost £1 per strip and will go on sale on Monday 4th December. Two of the hampers are full of items suitable for adults and one filled with child friendly gifts. Tickets can be purchased from either the school office or the nursery office and will also be available at the Nursery & Pre-School Nativity and the Infant Christmas Concert. The winning tickets will be draw on 12th December 2017.

EYFS Stay & Play Sessions Parent Survey

This week we sent out a Parent Survey to all Nursery, Pre-School and Reception Class parents regarding the recent Stay & Play Sessions. We would really value your feedback about your experience and any further suggestions in readiness for future sessions. Please return your completed survey to your child's keyworker by Friday 8th December. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that next week is the last week for all extra-curricular clubs. There will be no clubs week commencing 11th December.

Infant Christmas Concert (Reception to Year 2)

Monday 11th December at 2pm

We would like to invite you to the Infant Christmas Concert on Monday 11th December at 2pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available.

Nursery, Pre-School & Infant Christmas Parties

Tuesday 12th December

The children in Nursery, Pre-School and Infants will be having their Christmas Parties on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th December. Children can wear their own party clothes at the party. However:

Nursery and Pre-School – should come to school in their party clothes and wear them throughout the day. If your child does not normally attend on a Tuesday, they would be very welcome to join in the fun and we would ask that you bring them to the Nursery at approximately 1.20pm.

Reception – should come to school in their party clothes and wear them throughout the day.

Year 1 and Year 2 – should come to school in school uniform but bring their party clothes in a bag with their name on. They will change into their party clothes just before the party.

Christmas Celebration Service at St Bridget's Church

Friday 15th December at 10am

We warmly invite you to join us for a Christmas Celebration Service on the last morning of term.

Staff will escort children in Reception to Year 6 to church and they should arrive at school, at the normal time. Children will need their school blazers and an extra layer of clothing under their normal school uniform as it can be a little cold in church. Children in Nursery and Pre-School will continue with their normal routine at school.

A collection will be made during the Christmas service.

We would kindly ask that you send in a small new toy, gift or sweets, with your child. Gifts should be left unwrapped. The gifts will be placed at the front of church during the service, to support and help underprivileged children have a happier Christmas.

After the service the gifts will be transported to the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead to help them with their charitable work. The Mission will pass the gifts on to where they are most needed. They will match the present to children of the right age and gender and then wrap them before delivery.

If you wish to collect your child(ren) from the church service, please indicate on the slip below. Otherwise, staff will escort the children back to school, for the earlier finishing time of 12 noon. **Please note that the After School Club service will not be available on this day.**

Please complete the reply slip and return it to the school office, indicating your collection arrangements for Friday 15th December.

Term Dates – Spring Term

We finish at 12 noon on Friday 15th December for our Christmas Break and the children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2018

Spring Term

Starts Mon 8th Jan 2018 Staff INSET
Tue 9th Jan 2018 Children Return

Half-Term Mon 19th to Fri 23rd Feb 2018

Ends Thur 29th Mar 2018 - 12 Noon Finish

Summer Term

Starts Mon 16th Apr 2018 Staff INSET
Tue 17th Apr 2018 Children Return

Half-Term Mon 28th May to Fri 1 Jun 2018

Ends Fri 6th Jul 2018 - 12 Noon Finish

Reception Class Stay & Play Sessions

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to one of the Reception Stay & Play sessions. We hope you enjoyed your time with us and found it informative and fun!

Wirral Hospice St John's Used Stamps

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Christmas Stamp collection



Please donate your stamps from home and work to
the designated person/area below:

OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**Please recycle your stamps this Christmas.
Doing this directly helps your local Hospice.**

Stamps will be collected in January 2018.

Thank you for your support.

Safe Parking

School Council took part in a survey this week to observe parking around school. The children will be sharing their findings with us all shortly, but in the meantime please can we ask that Parents and Carers park safely and respectfully when dropping off or collecting children from school. We are experiencing increasing numbers of drivers who dangerously disregard the Zig Zag lines and park on them outside school. Clearly this is a safety risk to our children which can be prevented.

Sadly we have also had a number of complaints from local residents who have been frustrated and inconvenienced by a minority of parents who have parked across their driveways.

If we are to avoid suggestions such as 'naming and shaming' drivers by car registration plate, we must keep to our agreement to avoid blocking residents' driveways and to the law of not parking on Zig Zag lines outside the school entrance.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance.

Safeguarding - Morning Drop Off

After the morning bell has signalled for the children to line up in their classes, we politely ask that parents and carers should vacate the playground area, enabling staff to organise the children efficiently and escort them safely into school.

Wirral Borough Council Health Alert

Due to the prevalence of illnesses as we approach Winter, please see below some key points regarding **hand, foot and mouth**.

- Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common infection that causes mouth ulcers and spots on the hands and feet.
- The symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease usually develop between three and five days after being exposed to the infection.
- If you have hand, foot and mouth disease, the best thing to do is to stay at home until you're feeling better. There's no cure for it, so you have to let it run its course.
- You don't usually need medical attention if you think you or your child has hand, foot and mouth disease. The infection will usually pass in 7 to 10 days, and there isn't much your doctor can do.
- Antibiotics won't help as hand, foot and mouth disease is caused by a virus.

It's not always possible to avoid getting hand, foot and mouth disease, but following the advice below can help stop the infection spreading.

- **Stay off work, school or nursery until you or your child are feeling better** – there's usually no need to wait until the last blister has healed, provided you're otherwise well.
- **Use tissues to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze** and put used tissues in a bin as soon as possible.
- **Wash your hands with soap and water often** – particularly after going to the toilet, coughing, sneezing or handling nappies, and before preparing food.
- **Avoid sharing cups, utensils, towels and clothes** with people who are infected.
- **Disinfect any surfaces or objects that could be contaminated** – it's best to use a bleach-based household cleaner.
- **Wash any bedding or clothing that could have become contaminated** separately on a hot wash.

For further information please see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

PTA Reps Needed!

The PTA are looking for representatives from parents of children in Reception and Year 2. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Danielle Jones (mum of Mia and Layla Jones) on danielleroberts1@hotmail.com

Uniform Supplier

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

Uniform Sizing Room opening times are:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 8.30am to 8.45am
Tuesday & Friday – 3pm to 4.30pm
Please call into the school office and the admin team will assist you.

Should you wish to return or exchange an item of uniform. You will need to contact Uniformity to make the arrangements. Items can then be brought to the school office ready for Uniformity to collect on a Thursday.

Parent Toddler Group

Our Parent Toddler Group runs every Thursday during term time at 1.45pm. This term's guest sessions will include "Splat Messy Play" and "Globe Boppers". Admission is £3 which includes all activities and refreshments.

For Sale - Jenny Dunlop Picture of Avalon



The PTA have a number of copies of this beautiful picture of Avalon School by the local artist, Jenny Dunlop. If you would like to purchase a copy, order forms are available from the school office.

A4 (30cm x 40cm) unframed £35.00
A3 (40cm x 50cm) unframed £45.00
A4 (30cm x 40cm) framed (black or white) £55.00
A3 (40cm x 50cm) framed (black or white) £70.00

PTA Funding Raising Scheme

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BY DOING YOUR NORMAL SHOPPING

Shop online with THOUSANDS of retailers and they will donate a percentage of what you spend to Avalon PTA!!



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