

# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week – Owain, Ezra, Theo J, Nancy, Nina, Klay, Thomas C, Lyla Football – Hendrix & Cameron Multi Skills (Acc. Stanley) – Nancy, Jaeden & Maxwell

**Next week will be week 3 for meals:** - New menus have been sent home. This menu will start with week 2 choices on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

On Monday we had our SIAMS inspector Mr Holmes in school all day. Thank you to everyone for your support, we will let you have the report as soon as we receive it.

Harvest Service – Thank you for all the Harvest gifts sent in for the service yesterday. It was a lovely service and church are very grateful for all the gifts sent in. If you would like to attend the Harvest in Church this Sunday the service starts at 9:30am.

Flu Immunisations - will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The link to consent has now closed.

**Number Draw** - Numbers are still available for our number draw. Hopefully we will sell a few more before the half term break, 100 numbers will be available. **Choose a number**, £1 each, the 1st spin of the wheel will be for either a bottle of Jack Daniels or a bottle of Gordons gin and the 2<sup>nd</sup> spin will be for either a bottle of red or a bottle of white wine, + 4 Brewdog Wingman Session IPA. It's a great Christmas present for someone, if you don't drink it yourself! All proceeds will go to school funds. Thank you.

**Donateclothes4sammy.org** - On 31<sup>st</sup> October we will be having a collection of reusable clothes/ shoes bags and belts/soft toys/jewellery/towels and bedding. We will be paid by the weight of the collection. Information packs from the company we are using have been sent home this week to give you plenty of time to have a sort out. If you need more bags you can use black bin bags or Mrs Kenyon has some spare in the office. The filled bags will need to be outside school by 9:15am on the morning of 31<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you.

**School Admissions 2025** - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2025 is now open. Parents can apply online at <u>www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools</u> - it is quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications – Tuesday 31 October 2024 for secondary applicants



#### Monday 15 January 2025 for primary applicants.

Sports clubs

Monday – Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm (year 2 and above)

Tuesday - Football Years 2/3 until 4:30pm and Yrs. 4//5/6 until 5pm

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm (Year 2 and above) - run by Accrington Stanley

Wherever possible, these clubs will be held outside. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing.

### Asda Cashpot Rewards - Our cashpot balance is currently £145.15

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs – have teamed up with Asda, who are making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. In addition, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional  $\pounds 1$  to the school Cashpot.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - A big thank you to all who support this for our school. If you have not yet bought your ticket, or your debit card payment has finished, the link to register is <a href="http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/altham-st-james-c-of-e-primary-school for just f4.34">http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/altham-st-james-c-of-e-primary-school for just f4.34 per month (direct debit) you have a chance of winning our weekly prize of approximately f20 (dependant on number of supporters) and the chance to win a national weekly prize of f25,000 every week.</a>

Our school lottery is open to everyone so please encourage your family and friends to join. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised  $\pounds 9712.80$ .

# Dates for your diary .....

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - all slips have been returned with your appointment time on them.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October School closes for October half term.

# \*\* School reopens on Monday 28th October

Tuesday 29th October - Flu immunisations. (See above for the link to give consent).

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Clothes collection by <u>(donateclothes4sammy.org)</u> similar to Bag2School but raising money for Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK. School will be paid by weight of bags. Bags sent home this week. **31<sup>st</sup> October** - 9:10am **Open the Book** team will be in for our assembly, please stay and watch if you are able to. **Angel Service** 3:30 - 4:30pm PM, held in school, all children to be accompanied by an adult, this is a child friendly service led by members of Altham church.

Have a lovey weekend

Mrs CA Woods Headteacher