



ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Lunches - Next week menu 3.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' this week - Alice, Eli, Millie & Lily.

Football- Leo

Netball - Blake

Raffle Prizes - We are still looking for prizes suitable for raffles, if you have any prizes or know anyone who may donate a prize, ready for Christmas raffles, they will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

Posada - from Friday this week Mrs Patterson will be sending home our school Posada set to families, initially in Year 1 & 2. Posada is a Mexican tradition, using nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. If you are a host for the evening please email any photos to us.

Junior Swimming - Next week is water safety, as well as swimming costume/trunks children will need to bring some lightweight clothes (i.e. pyjamas) suitable for getting off easily in the water.

Children In Need - Thank you for your generous donations today & on ParentPay, we have raised £152.50 in total.

Holiday List 2023-2024 - The provisional holiday list we sent out previously has been agreed at our full governors meeting this week. If you need another copy please ask at the office or check the school website www.altham.lancs.sch.uk Thank you

Christmas and Party lunch - letters have been sent home yesterday.

We would really like all children to stay for the Christmas meal on 8th December and packed lunch will not be needed that day. Infant meals will be free under the Infant Free Meal Scheme and juniors cost £2.40. If your child is not having lunch or would prefer a vegetarian option please let us know as soon as possible.

This will also be Christmas jumper day or wear something Christmassy (do not go to any expense) to raise money for **Save the Children** (please send in a donation). School uniform does not have to be worn.



Gentle reminder – Please could you reduce/pay balances outstanding for breakfast & afterschool clubs as soon as possible. Our staff are not on contracts for the hours worked and we need the balances cleared in order to pay the wages. Thank you.

FACEBOOK – We just want to let everyone know we have a Facebook page [Altham st James Church Of England Primary School | Facebook](#) which we put information on and also a preloved uniform page [\(2\) Altham St James uniform secondhand | Facebook](#) this page is run by one of our parents Mrs Chloe Briggs.

UNIFORM – Whittakers have confirmed uniform is now available at the store inside Oswaldtwistle Mills.

If you have any queries or want to check before you travel contact details are tel. 01254 871025 or email Accrington-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk

After School Sports Clubs -Football for juniors only will be held on Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm.

Athletics - Group 1 will continue until Friday 16th December.

Thursdays- netball run by Mrs Fisher.

Monday - after school dance and songs from the shows run by Sarah who used to run the dance club on Mondays

SEPTEMBER 2023 PRIMARY PLACES

Please go to the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools to submit an application or follow this link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

If you have any queries the contact number for pupil access is 01254 220747.

Closing date for primary is 15th January 2023.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY – We have now raised over £7000 since we started in 2017!

If you have not yet joined please support us - **for just £4.34 per month (direct debit) you have a chance of winning our weekly prize of approximately £20 (dependant on number of supporters) and the chance to win a national weekly prize of £25000 every week.**

If you have not yet bought your ticket, or your debit card payment has finished, the link to register is <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/altham-st-james-c-of-e-primary-school>

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 **£7,185.20**.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 23rd November – Nasal Flu immunisations

Thursday 24th November – Open the Book team in for assembly.

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9th December – Panto trip, Jack & Beanstalk, Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre (letters home this week)

Tuesday 13th December – Junior play 2pm & 5:30pm

Wednesday 14th December – Infant Play 9:30am

Thursday 15th December – Infant play 2pm

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Breakfast – more info to follow

School closes 1:30pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher