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NEWSLETTER

17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Stars of the week this week - Theo J, Toby, Blake, James.

Football - Isabella Yoga - Lyla Netball - Maxwell

Also Jensen, Otis, Thomas C, Harry B who all took part in the Blackburn Rovers Academy interschool's tournament with Jo (under 21 player)

Lunches are week 1 choices next week.

Bag2School - Thank you, we had 240 kg in weight for the bags on Wednesday and should be receiving £120 for School Funds very soon.

Children in Need - Thank you for all your donations today, we have raised £161.50 including ParentPay donations for Children in Need.

Parking - This is a very busy road, please be mindful when you are parking at drop off and collection. There are ziz-zags outside school, white H lines across the main gate and the gate of the School house next door. Please do not park in these areas. Also, please do not turn round in the ambulance station or block their entry and exit. Thank you

Non uniform day Friday 1st December - please send in an item of non-perishable food for a Christmas Hamper. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Raffle - Tickets have been sent out this week, for our big Christmas raffle. Prizes donated so far include a Kindle, Monte Cristo meal vouchers, a BMW child's micro scooter, wall art from Graham & Brown, a 60 min personal training session & 2 gym classes with Emma McCarthy Jenkins, 2 Tickets for Rovers vs Huddersfield 20th January, alcohol and toys. If you know anyone who may be able to donate a prize i.e. employers/friends/family, we would be very grateful.

Holiday lists - The Governors have approved the holiday list for 2024-2025 & provisional dates for 2025-2026 although these are not yet agreed. A copy of these dates should be coming home with this letter.

Christmas shopping - If you are doing any Christmas shopping on-line, please go through the following link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astjprimary/> this will give a small donation to our school funds at no extra cost to you!

PE Kits - Please ensure your child has an indoor PE kit in school at all times.



As all pupils do PE on a Friday, please ensure any jewellery is removed that day.

Sports clubs

Monday - Mindfulness & yoga until 4:30pm (juniors only).

Tuesday - Netball until 4:30pm (juniors only)

Wednesday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 4/5/6)

Thursday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 2/3)

Friday - Fencing (juniors only)

Whenever possible all clubs will be held outside, please send suitable clothing.

UNIFORM - Whittakers supply our uniform, it is 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

Pre loved uniform - Mrs Briggs runs a Facebook page for this, [Altham St James uniform secondhand | Groups | Facebook](#)

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - 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>

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.**

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 **£8,308.40**.

Scholastic Book Club - Magazines have been sent home but if you would like to order on line please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and place your order. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 30th, books will be delivered to school.**

School Admissions 2024 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 is now open.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

Dates for your diary

Thursday November 23rd am -Open the Book team in for assembly **am** Angel service after school.

Friday 1st December - non uniform day, bring an item of non - perishable food for a Christmas hamper.

Tuesday December 5th - Peter Pan Panto trip - whole school - letters have been sent home.

Monday 11th December - Infant play performance 2pm

Tuesday 12th December - Infant play performance 9:30am

- Junior play performance 2pm

- Junior play performance 5:30pm

Thursday 14th December - Churches Together Carol Service - letters have been sent home.

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day (change of date)

Thursday 21st December am - Breakfast with Santa (school closes 1:15pm)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Woods

Headteacher