



# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

**Stars of the week this week - Elyse, Nancy, Phoebe W, Conor**

**Football - Jaeden**

**Next week will be week 2 for school meals.**

**\*\*New menus which start with week 1 after the break, have been sent home this week. Please complete and return by Wednesday next week, as we need to give our numbers to the school kitchen before the break.**

**After School Club Contract** - If you use the after school club for your child, you should have received a contract to sign. Please sign and return to school ASAP. If you have not received one please let Mrs Kenyon know. Thank you.

**Breakfast & Afterschool club balances** - a gentle reminder to reduce/clear the outstanding balances 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.

**Christmas Raffle** - We are hoping to do a big Christmas raffle and have already been donated a **Kindle** as one of the prizes. If you know anyone who may be able to donate a prize i.e. Employers/friends/family, we would be very grateful.

**£1 draw is back!** - As part of our school fundraising efforts we have another **£1 draw on now!** There are 55 numbers available (£1 each). Once all numbers are sold we will add the numbers to a wheel and do a random spin to pick the winner. The prize this time is either a bottle of Jack Daniels or any 2 from a choice of 3 bottles of wine.

You can either pay on ParentPay for your numbers or bring in cash and choose your numbers! Thank you.

**PTA** - One of our parents Mrs Chloe Briggs has offered to start up a school PTA, if anyone is interested in helping us organise fundraising events, please email [chloebriggs7@gmail.com](mailto:chloebriggs7@gmail.com)

**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** - Hockey 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** - Cricket/Rounders (Year 2 & above)

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

**OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - We desperately need more players!**

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.**

**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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) - it's quick and easy!

**The national closing dates for applications are:**

**Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.**

**Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants**

**Dates for your diary** .....

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**- Parent's Evening 3:30-6pm - slips have been sent back home this week with your appointment time on. Please phone Mrs Kenyon if you have not received yours.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** -Angel Service 3:30-4:30pm, in the school hall, all children to be accompanied by adult.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - School closes for October half term

**School reopens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Have a lovey weekend**

**Mrs CA Woods**

**Headteacher**