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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Lunches - Next week will be **week 1** on the menu.

Please note the new menu should be coming home with this newsletter. This menu will start on Monday 7th November.

Please complete and return as soon as possible as the kitchen needs to do the ordering next week.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' this week - Sam, Esme, Lydia & Arthur. We also have Football star - Jensen R & Netball star - Noah B.

October Bookfest challenge - Letters have been sent home this week regarding this challenge. We would like you to design a book character using either: playdough/plastercine; junk modelling or using vegetables/fruit.

Your character will be judged by our Reading Ambassadors on **Friday 4th November 2022**

Victorian Day - Our Year 3 & 4 children were in the Lancashire Telegraph yesterday with photos and a write up about their Victorian Day. The photo of the article is on our Facebook group.

Data Collection Sheets - we still have a few missing. Please check all information is up to date, then sign and return to school asap. Thank you.

Bag2School - The bags and leaflets have been sent home this week. Collection is on Tuesday 8th November. Please leave your bags of donations outside the school reception area by 9am on that morning. School is paid by the weight of the bags. Thank you.

Scholastic Magazine - orders to be returned to school along with payment by **12th November** to ensure they are here before the Christmas break. School will get 20% back in free books from each order. Thank you

UNIFORM - Whittakers have confirmed they will supply our uniform, it will be available at the store inside Oswaldtwistle Mills from October half term.

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, **please note there will be no football next Tuesday 18th October (Parents Evening).**



The Friday athletics group has been split into 2 groups. Group 2 will run until 21st October. Group 1 will start on Friday 4th November until Friday 16th December.

Mrs Fisher is running a netball club on a Thursday

On 7th November we will start a new after school club for juniors only, learning the dances and songs from the shows, this will be run by Sarah who used to run the dance club on Mondays, we will only be able to take 20 children for this group. Forms have been sent out last week, please complete and return by next Thursday then we can confirm numbers with Sarah.

SEPTEMBER 2023 PRIMARY & SECONDARY PLACES

Please note that the online admission system to apply for primary or secondary places for September 2023 is now live. 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 and closing date for secondary is 31st October 2022.

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> If you join before 29th October you will be in with a chance of winning a £500 theatre voucher for the Cursed Child PLUS a family ticket for the Warner Brothers Studio Tour!

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 **£7,136.40**.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 18th October- Parent's Evening 3:30-6pm - No after school football.

Thursday 20th October - Angel Service 3:30-4:30pm. In the school hall, children to be accompanied by adult.

Friday 21st October - School closes for October half term

School reopens Monday 31st October.

Tuesday 8th November - Bag2School collection, please save unwanted items of clothes etc, we are paid by weight of bags collected!

Friday 18th November - Children in Need - something spotty or own clothes please do not go to any expense. Donations to Children in Need

Saturday 3rd December - 11am at St Christophers CE High School, Altham Parish Council School Choir competition. (Including our junior choir)

Wednesday 23rd November - Nasal Flu immunisations

Friday 9th December - Panto trip to Jack & Beanstalk, Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre.

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