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NEWSLETTER

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Next week lunches will be week 3.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' - Ava, Henry, Ted, Freya

Football- Harriet & Isabella

Netball - Solomon

As we are fast approaching the end of the financial year please, wherever possible, ensure all your payments for lunches/milk/out of school clubs are up to date. Thank you.

Parent Governors - If anyone is interested in being a Parent Governor, your nomination form needs to be back in school by 9th March. You will need to complete the form and get a proposer and a seconder to sign your application as well as including a little information about yourself, which will then help parents decided who to vote for. If you are interested in applying for one of the positions and would like anymore information please see Mrs Woods or ask at the school office. Thank you.

Lent Services - Our lent services will start in church next Thursday 9th March.

Please take your child straight to church. A member of staff will be at the church gates from 8:50.

Pupils in breakfast club will be walked down to church with staff, then all children will be walked back to school at the end of the service.

Our infant children will lead the first lent service.

Year 5 & 6 will lead the service on 16th March

Year 3 & 4 will lead the service on 23rd March.

Open the Book Team will lead the final service on Thursday 30th March.

Parents are welcome to stay to any of these services. Thank you

School Photos - Individual and sibling photos will be coming home today. Orders are online, instructions are on the sheet. The group photos will be coming out in the next week or so and we will send out the online link to view them as soon as we receive it. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club is now online at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club>.

There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 20p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by March 20th, 2023**, books will be delivered to school.



Milk Money (Spring term) - milk money for January - Easter is now due; this is £16 per term and is payable on ParentPay. If your child has not yet turned 5, milk is still free and we will contact you when payment becomes due. Thank you.

Easyfundraising - just a little reminder, if anyone is doing any online shopping if you go through this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astjprimary/> we may get a small donation at no extra cost to you. Thank you.

After School Sports Clubs

Monday - Dance up to & inc. Monday 27th March.

Tuesday - Football. Where ever possible this will be held outside, please send suitable clothing.

Thursday - Netball. Where ever possible this will be held outside, please send suitable clothing

Friday - Multi-skills - Group 1 (younger children) until Friday 31st March.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - If you have not yet bought your ticket, or your debit card payment has finished, **join now and you could be in with a chance an iPhone 14 Pro 128GB**, the link to register is <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/alham-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 **£7,282.40**.

UNIFORM - uniform is now available at the Whittakers 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

******Also just a reminder Mrs Briggs has set up a pre loved uniform page on Facebook for our school. If there is something you need have a look on [Altham St James uniform secondhand](#)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th March - Lent Service lead by infant children (in church) see post above.

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief Day, non uniform with donations to Comic Relief.

Tuesday 28th March - Parents Evening 3:30-6pm. (more information nearer the time)

Wednesday 29th March - Easter lunch (Infants are free under the free meal scheme, juniors £2.40)

Thursday 30th March - Open the Book assembly in church.

Friday 31st March - School closes for the Easter break. Reopen on Monday 17th April.

Summer term

Monday 17th April - 4 week cookery course starts, more info to follow.

Monday 24th April - Bag2School collection.

Wednesday & Thursday 17 & 18 May - Year 5/6 Bikeability

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher