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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Lunches - Next week menu 3, please note there may be variations in the menu due to cooker problems at St Nicholas School. Thank you.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' will be done on Monday next week.

Christmas Colouring Competition - The winners of the competition organised by the library monitors are Amber, Nancy, Maxwell, Annabel & Harriet. Thank you for all your lovely pictures.

Christmas Plays - a separate letter is coming home regarding arrangements. Please note raffle tickets are on sale now and will also be available at all performances. The raffle will be drawn after the infant play on Thursday afternoon.

Save the Children - Thank you for your kind donations we have raised £85 for this charity.

Party lunch - This will be on 20th December, junior meals are £2.40, and there is no charge for infants under the Infant Free Meal Scheme. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child does not normally stay for dinners but would like a party lunch. Thank you.

Christmas Breakfast will be on **Tuesday 20th December** in school time at 9am. The cost for this will be £3.50; please let us know if this is a problem. **Payment by ParentPay please.** Food will include waffles, scotch pancakes, toast, crumpets, choc chip muffins, apple & orange juice. This will also be our **non uniform party day**. **School will close at 1:15pm.**

Victorian Christmas - Mrs Bellard would like to share this event with you, which is happening this weekend at Gawthorpe Hall. It may be of particular interest to our Year 3 & 4 children who are learning about the Victorians.

https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/event_details.asp?eventid=12955&q&area=allVenue&venue=Gawthorpe+Hall&daterange&priceband

REMINDER - Please make sure children have a PE kit in school at all times.

Milk Money (Spring term) - milk money for January - March 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.



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.

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

After School Sports Clubs -Football stats again on Tuesday 10th January

Multi-skills - Group 1 will continue until Friday 16th December.

Thursday - Netball starts again on Thursday 12th January.

Monday - after school dance, including a short performance for parents, of the dances they have learnt this term. Please arrive from 4:20pm. A text has also been sent regarding this.

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 **£7,282.40**.

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.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13th December - Junior play 2pm & 5:30pm in Altham Church

Wednesday 14th December - Infant Play 9:30am in the school hall

Thursday 15th December - Infant play 2pm in the school hall

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas Breakfast – see post above
& Party lunch (Non Uniform day)

School closes 1:15pm **

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher