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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Lunches - Next week menu 2. As our Christmas meal is on Thursday, the normal Thursday week 2 choice will be moved to Wednesday.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' this week - Edward, Alfie L, Jack H, Harrison.

Football- Jack H

Swimming - Harry B

Netball - Lacey

Extra Bank Holiday 2023 - Please note we have an extra Bank holiday Monday on 8th May 2023 to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King. The holiday list for this year has been amended and will be on the website. This is SATS week for Year 6 so the national tests will run from Tuesday 9th- Friday 13th May. Thank you.

Mini World Cup Tournament - Mr Haworth and Mrs Fisher organised this and teams have been playing in school during breaktime. The final match is being held this afternoon.

Winners will be given an adult ticket to The Festival de Noel (Children are free), which is being held at Waddow Hall this weekend. The tickets have been donated by Mrs Ratcliffe-Wilson and Crafty Vintage.

Raffle Prizes - We are still looking for prizes suitable for raffles. If you have any prizes or know anyone who may donate a prize, ready for Christmas raffles, they will be very gratefully received. Prizes so far include - Meal for 2 at the Holden Arms, voucher for The Little Lancashire Village, bottle of whiskey, bottle of red wine, 2 bottles of prosecco, various toiletry sets, chocolates and biscuits. **To save queueing on the day raffle tickets will be available from next week £1 per strip. Thank you**

Jack & The Beanstalk - Next Friday 9th December. Ice cream and a drink will be provided. If anyone is struggling to pay, please let us know. Children must wear school uniform.

Christmas and Party lunch - We would really like all children to stay for the Christmas meal next Thursday 8th December and packed lunch will not be needed that day. Infant meals will be free under the Infant Free Meal Scheme and junior's cost £2.40. If your child is not having lunch, or would prefer a vegetarian option, please let us know as soon as possible. This will also be Christmas jumper day or wear something Christmassy (do not go to any expense) to raise money for **Save the Children** (please send in a donation). School uniform does not have to be worn.

Christmas Breakfast will be on **Tuesday 20th December** this will be 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.**

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.

Christmas Plays - A letter has gone home regarding tickets, please complete and return ASAP. Thank you.

Junior Swimming - Today was the last swimming for this term, we will recommence on Friday 6th January.

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 next Tuesday 6th December will be the last football until after the Christmas break.

Athletics - Group 1 will continue until Friday 16th December.

Thursday - netball run by Mrs Fisher, the last netball will be 8th December.

Monday - after school dance and songs from the shows run by Sarah who used to run the dance club on Mondays. Next term she will be doing a street dance group, more information to follow.

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.**

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save the Children)

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

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 ** Apologies for the change of time this is our usual finish time at Christmas we have just got mixed up with the Summer finish time!!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher