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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

School Lunches - next week will be week 1.

School Uniform - A reminder that all children should be wearing full school uniform, no trainers or tracksuit pants and no nail varnish. If there are exceptional circumstances as to why your child is not wearing the correct uniform please let us know. Thank you.

PE Kits - Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times.

Yoga- Before the children returned in January, staff completed Yoga training. We've been doing Yoga with the children and they seem to be really loving it.

Unwanted Christmas Presents & Toiletries - Please keep us in mind for any unwanted Christmas presents you may have received, which we could use as prizes in our school fundraising efforts.

In addition, if anyone has any unwanted toiletries, we are going to drop them off at The Baptist Church in Clayton le Moors for their local food/supplies bank. Thank you.

Christingle Candles & letters - were sent home yesterday. Please collect spare change in the candle to raise money for The Children's Society. The candles can be returned to school or to Altham St James Church on Sunday 23rd January at the all age worship Christingle service, which starts at 9:30am.

Heights & Weights - letters have been sent home for Reception and Year 6, please note if you are happy for this to be done you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child to take part, you will need to opt out, information on how to do this is on the letter.

Dental Survey for 5 year olds. - Letters have been sent home to pupils in Reception & Year 1 who will be five on 15th March, please complete and return the paperwork as soon as possible. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club Scholastic online book club is now open until 27th January; there is 25% off orders in January, using code JANBOOKCLUB. <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club>

Online safety letter - January newsletter has been sent home this week - please ask at the office if you didn't receive one.

Ofsted Report- Last Thursday we received our Ofsted report which we are very pleased with. Each family should have received a copy. Please ask at the office if you did not receive one. Thank you



Sports clubs

Dance & Football - will continue to be for juniors only. Football will be reviewed after Easter, when hopefully this can be held outside in the lighter and better weather.

Athletics - The first group years 4/5/6 started back today until February half term.

Breakfast & After School Clubs - Gentle reminder - could all outstanding balances be cleared as soon as possible? As we have stated previously, our staff are not on contracts for the clubs; therefore, we rely on your income to pay the wages. Thank you.

UNIFORM -website for ordering is www.uniformityschools.com - The new arrangements will be to choose the option deliver to school, and then there should be no postage charges.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - 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. If you join before 26th February there is a chance to win a Forest Staycation. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised £6,120.40.

SEPTEMBER 2022 PRIMARY PLACES

Please note that the online admission system to apply for primary places for September 2022 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 this Sunday, 15th January 2022.

CORONAVIRUS - ADVICE TO SCHOOLS -

The full guidance is found at [What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

Dates for your diary

Thursday 20th January am - Open the Book

pm - Angel Service 3:30-4:30pm in the school hall, all children to be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday 23rd January 9.30am - Christingle all age worship service, in Altham Church.

Tuesday 25th January pm - School nurse to do Reception & Year 6 heights & weights.

Monday 31st January pm - Reception Vision screening.

Friday 11th February - School closes for February half term break, reopen on Monday 21st February.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher