



# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

**School Lunches** - next week will be week 3.

**Holiday list 2022-2023** - apologies we have noticed a day wrong on next school years holiday list. School will reopen after the Easter break on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (not Tuesday). The amended dates are at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

**IMPACT** - We have been working with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, from LCC with a small number of children in school. The service also offer groups outside school, they are currently running a group for 8-11 year olds to explore their feelings and emotions through craft. These sessions are held at New Era, Accrington (Monday's 4-5) & Great Harwood Neighbourhood Centre, (Tuesday's 4-5)... The number to call to book onto the sessions is 01200 420460.

They also offer mini impact, which is on a Monday at the Park Child and Family Centre and Thursday's at Copperhouse in Rishton, both 4-5pm. The mini impact is for Reception and KS1 and the Impact is for KS2

**Craven Cookery School** - If there is enough uptake, we are looking to facilitate a 6 week after school cookery course run by Craven Cookery School. There needs to be a minimum of 20 pupils. The cost is £6 per week, all ingredients will be provided and the food will be sent home for cooking, along with information sheets. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be interested. Thank you.

**Lent Services** - Our infant children did a wonderful job leading this weeks Lent service.

For the next 3 Tuesdays, please take your child straight to church, a member of staff will be at the church gates from 8:50 to walk pupils down. Pupils in breakfast club will be walked down to church with staff,

Please note all children will be walked back to school at the end of the service, parents do not need to bring their child back up to school.

Year 3 & 4 will lead the service on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Year 5 & 6 will lead the service on 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Open the Book Team will lead the final service on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

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

**Welfare Assistant vacancy** - We are advertising for a welfare assistant vacancy, this will be everyday, term time only for 1.25 hours between 11:55 and 1:10 pm. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please call into the school office. Thank you.



**Football Books/Cards** - Please do not allow your child to bring in the football cards or folders as we have had a few problems with some going missing. Also just to let you know the missing cards and files have now turned up. Thank you.

**School Photographs** - Please follow the instructions to order and pay online directly to Tempest or send the order back to school in the sealed envelope. Please make sure the correct money is sent as we do not open the envelopes in school. The cut off for both orders to be accepted in school and on line orders is next Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The Year 6 & reception group photos have been sent home this week, if possible please could any non-on-line orders be back in school by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The link to order the whole school photo will be emailed to us soon and we will pass it on when we receive it. Thank you.

**Mindfulness and Yoga** - We have introduced mindfulness and yoga into the school curriculum. Please see some photos on the school website.

**Summer Milk** - Milk order for the Summer term will be done next week. Please let us know by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March if your child no longer wants milk. 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** - Year 2/3 group, until the Easter break.

As the nights are getting lighter, please can we remind you that wherever possible football and athletics will be held outside. Please send appropriate clothing.

**Breakfast & After School Clubs** - Our numbers for the clubs are increasing. Wherever possible please let us know in advance if your child is going to be attending. Thank you.

### **Dates for your diary .....**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Comic Relief Day, wear your own clothes or something funny for money! The link for donations has been set up on

ParentPay. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6368>

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents Evening letters have been sent home this week.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Lunch.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - **Bag2School collection.** This time the company are not sending out plastic bags but have said it will be ok to use your own bags or other charity bags that are often pushed through your door.

**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/alham-st-james-c-of-e-primary-school>

Our school lottery is open to everyone so please encourage your family and friends to join.

**Everyone who is in the draw on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, will be entered into a draw to win a £500 cycle voucher.**

This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised £6,331.60

**Have a lovely weekend**

**Mrs CA Woods**

**Headteacher**

**Altham St James' CE Primary School**  
Holiday Pattern 2022-2023 (Agreed dates)

**Autumn Term**

School opens:	Monday 5th September 2022	
Autumn Half Term, school closes:	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	
school reopens:	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	
Christmas Holiday, school closes:	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	
		= 72 openings

**Spring Term**

School opens:	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	
Spring Half Term school closes:	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	
school reopens:	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	
Spring Holiday, including Easter school closes:	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	
		= 57 openings

**Summer Term**

School opens:	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	
May Day closure: school closed:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	
Summer Half Term, school closes:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	
school reopens:	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	
Summer Holiday, school closes:	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	
		= 61 openings
		= 190 Teaching Days

**Days when the school is closed to pupils, but teachers are available for duty**

1 Thursday 1st September 2022  
2 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022  
3 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
4 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
5 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

=5 teacher days

At the discretion of the Headteacher, and with the agreement of the staff one or more of these INSET Days may be done as a series of after-school twilight sessions.

TOTAL	190 teaching days
	+ 5 teacher days