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NEWSLETTER

10th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Stars of the week this week - Amelia, Jesse, Lola, Lily-Sue.

Football - Cameron Yoga - Jack Netball - Jensen

Lunches - week 3 choices next week.

Anti Bullying - Children to come in odd socks to raise awareness for mental health and anti bullying.

Bag2School - Collection is next Wednesday 15th November. Please leave your bags of donations outside the school reception area by 9am that morning. School is paid by the weight of the bags. Thank you.

Children in Need - is next Friday 17th November, children can wear something spotty or own clothes **please do not go to any expense.** Donations to Children in Need.

British Legion - Thank you to all who have sent in money for poppies or poppy goods this week. We have raised over £100 for The British Legion. Bands/poppies can be worn until Monday as we will be doing our remembrance at 11am that morning.

Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day - is now on Wednesday 20th December. We would like all pupils to have Christmas lunch that day. If your child does not want Christmas dinner, or would prefer a roast Quorn fillet instead of turkey, please let us know on Monday as we need to give the school kitchen numbers.

Non uniform day Friday 1st December - please send in an item of non-perishable food for a Christmas Hamper. Thank you for your support.

Scholastic Book Club - Magazines have been sent home but if you would like to order on line please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and place your order. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 30th, books will be delivered to school.**

Christmas Raffle - Tickets are being printed for our big Christmas raffle. Prizes donated so far include a Kindle, Monte Cristo meal vouchers, a BMW child's micro scooter, wall art from Graham & Brown, alcohol and toys. If you know anyone who may be able to donate a prize i.e. employers/friends/family, we would be very grateful.

PE Kits - Please ensure your child has an indoor PE kit in school at all times.



As all pupils do PE on a Friday, please ensure any jewellery is removed that day.

Sports clubs

Monday - Mindfulness & yoga until 4:30pm (juniors only).

Tuesday - Netball until 4:30pm (juniors only)

Wednesday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 4/5/6)

Thursday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 2/3) **no club Thursday 16th November**

Friday - Fencing (juniors only)

Whenever possible all clubs will be held outside, please send suitable clothing.

UNIFORM - Whittakers supply our uniform, it is available at the 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

Pre loved uniform - Mrs Briggs runs a Facebook page for this, [Altham St James uniform secondhand | Groups | Facebook](#)

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - 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>

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 **£8,308.40**.

School Admissions 2024 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 is now open.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th November - Odd Sock day - anti bullying.

Tuesday 14th November am - Year 3-4 WW2 Secret War Special event - trip to Museum of Lancashire.

Wednesday 15th November - Bag2School day, leave outside school entrance by 9:15am

Friday November 17th - Children in Need Day

Thursday November 23rd am -Open the Book team in for assembly **pm** Angel service after school.

Friday 1st December - non uniform day, bring an item of non - perishable food for a Christmas hamper.

Tuesday December 5th - Peter Pan Panto trip - whole school - letters have been sent home this week.

Monday 11th December - Infant play performance 2pm

Tuesday 12th December - Infant play performance 9:30am

- Junior play performance 2pm

- Junior play performance 5:30pm

Thursday 14th December - Churches Together Carol Service - letters have been sent home.

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day (change of date)

Thursday 21st December am - Breakfast with Santa (school closes 1:15pm)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Woods Headteacher