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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

School Lunches - after the break will be week 3.

Lateral Flow Tests - Just a quick reminder that when doing these tests with your child please follow the instructions and wait for the required length of time before checking results, usually between 15-30 minutes, depending on which test you are using. Thank you.

Issues outside school - Apologies we should have put this on the newsletter last week - please can we remind everyone to be respectful when dropping off and collecting children. We have had reports of people turning round in the ambulance station and the ambulance having to sound its horn in order to be able to get out. Also, gentle reminders not to park or drop off on the zigzags or the h-bar outside the school gate. Thank you.

Measles, Mumps & Rubella Vaccinations - We have received this message on our school portal - Parents and guardians of children aged 1 to 5 years are encouraged to check that they are up to date with their MMR vaccines and encourage those that may have missed their appointments to come forward. Parents and guardians are being encouraged to ensure their children are vaccinated against MMR, and if they cannot remember if their child is up to date to check his or her Red Book (personal child health record).

Parents or guardians of children who are not up to date with their two doses of MMR vaccine should contact their GP practice to book an appointment. It is never too late to catch up.

Milk Money - reminder milk money for the Spring term (£15) is now due. This is payable on ParentPay, Mrs. Kenyon would be very grateful if this could be paid as soon as possible to cover the monthly milk invoices.

Easyfundraising - Thank you to everyone for raising donations for our school with #easyfundraising! If you have not signed up yet, it is easy and completely FREE. 6,300 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share

today. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astjprimary/?invite=2FU8XA%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt



Free Football Sessions - Regarding the free weekly football sessions run by Accrington Stanley Community Trust for boys and girls aged 8-17 years old. These sessions are only held at Stanley Sports Hub on Mondays & Fridays 5-6pm. (Clayton le Moors is no longer being run due to lack of support) If you would like any further information please contact 01254 475013 or email info@stanleytrust.co.uk

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 -After February half term it will be the Year2/3 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 - 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 £6,226.00

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/guidance/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22nd February am - Years 3 & 4 trip to Blackburn Museum, letters went out last week, more information on ParentPay.

Thursday 24th February -

am - Open the Book team will be here for our school assembly.

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

Friday 4th March am - School photographs.

Friday 18th March - Comic Relief Day

Have a lovely break; school reopens on Monday 21st February.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher