



# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

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

**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.

**Reception & year 6 Heights and Weights** - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the school nurse has been unable to visit this week. We are hoping that this will now take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Covid** - We have heard this week that the spread of the virus is happening mainly through Primary Schools. Although many of the restrictions have now been relaxed, can we please remind you of the main symptoms?

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- Our children have also often started with headaches and sore throats

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. **However, if you have any of the symptoms listed above, even if your symptoms are mild, stay at home and [arrange to have a test](#). You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test and the result was positive.**

There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19. These symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 PCR test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.

If you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine and have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or have received a positive LFD or PCR test result, you should still follow this guidance. This is because it is still possible to get COVID-19 and spread it to others, even if you are vaccinated.

**Drive Thru Jabs** - will be available on the Globe Centre car park, Accrington, BB5 0RE (Near Tesco), Mon to Sat 10am - 7pm, Sunday 11am - 5pm. Jabs available 1st, 2nd or booster, Covid-19 vaccination Drive-in or walk-in, no appointment needed. Open to all aged 12+, boosters for 16+ available.

**Mobile phones**- If your child needs to bring a phone into school, this needs to be taken to the school office and picked up at the end of the day. 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 have started back 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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 £6,173.20.

### **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 .....

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1:15pm** - Vision screening for Reception pupils.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - School closes for February half term break, reopen on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs CA Woods**

**Headteacher**