



# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Dear Parents**

**This will be the last newsletter of this term.**

**Stars of the week - Faye, Courtney, Rupert, Otis**

**Football - Solomon**

**Yoga- Olivia**

**Next week menus is choice 2, this will also be the menu when we return on 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Christmas Raffle** - Thank you so much for all your raffle ticket sales, we had 46 prizes, all claimed. £1487.00 was raised for school funds, we are hoping that this will help towards the new classroom.

**Christmas Plays** - Thank you to all who supported the children in the plays, what fantastic little performers we have, and to all who donated to Church at the junior plays, **£180** was raised which will cover heating and lighting costs. We are grateful for the support our parents always give us.

**Guess the Bears name** - Still available - 50p a name, we have 2 bears available, if possible we would like to get the square filled and drawn, before the Christmas break. Thank you.

**Christmas Breakfast with Santa** will be on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December for all pupils**. This will be in school time at 9am, the cost for this will be £3.50. Please let us know if this is a problem. Payment by ParentPay please, this should be showing on ParentPay now.

There will be a visit from Santa and all children will receive a gift. Food will include waffles, scotch pancakes, toast, crumpets, choc chip muffins, apple & orange juice. This will also be a **non uniform day**. School will close at **1:15pm**.

**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 - starting in the New Year**

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

**Tuesday** - Football Years 4-6 till 4:30pm

**Wednesday** - Multisports Years 3-6 until 4:30pm (indoors run by Mrs Felix).

**Thursday** - Football until 4:30pm (Years 2/3)

**Friday** - Multi sports (Kick boxing) - until 4:30pm (juniors only)

**At the moment due to the weather the clubs are being held inside.**

**Please note there will be no after school sports clubs the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> December but After School Club will be available. Breakfast club will be available till Thursday.**

## **Church Services over the Christmas Period - Altham St James**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 4pm** - Carol Service, with Haslingden Concert Band playing seasonal music from 3:30pm.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 4pm** - Crib service

**Christmas Day - 10am** - Christmas morning communion

**Breakfast/After School Clubs/ Dinner monies - Gentle reminder** - could all outstanding balances be cleared as soon as possible, the debts for these clubs are creeping up again. 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** - 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](mailto: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 in September 2024 is now open.

Parents can apply online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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** .....

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December am** - Breakfast with Santa for all pupils, none uniform see above.  
(School closes 1:15pm)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - School reopens!

It only remains for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mrs Woods**  
**Headteacher**