



# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

**Stars of the week this week - Esme MJ, Edward, Thomas BW, Noah**

**Football - James                  Yoga - Maxwell                  Multi-sports - Otis**

**Next week menus is choice 3**

**All pupils do PE on a Friday, Year 3-4 also do PE on a Wednesday.**

**Once again this week we have had staff trying to find spare PE kit for pupils who have no PE bag in school.**

**PLEASE ENSURE PUPILS HAVE A PE KIT IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES** (this will also be used if they have a fall and need a change of clothes).

**Measles** - This week we have posted a letter from the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing on our Facebook page. Measles cases are increasing across the country. A new measles catch up campaign is being launched to contact all parents of children age from 6-11 years, encouraging them to make an appointment with their child's GP for their missed MMR vaccine. If you would like a copy of the letter please let us know.

**Fundraising Draw - Now available** - As there are only a couple of weeks left to the break we are doing another draw hopefully we will sell all the numbers by half term. The prize will be either a bottle of Jack Daniels or a choice of 2 bottles of wine.

When we come back after the February break we will start a Mother's Day draw where first prize will be a hamper of treats for mum! All funds raised will go to school fund.

**Bingo & Bettle Drive Evening-** Altham Church are organising a Bingo and Beetle Drive evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 7pm. Adults tickets are £5 and Child tickets are £2.50 this includes pie & pea supper, tea, coffee and squash. You are also welcome to bring your own alcohol. Please contact Joann in church or Mrs Kenyon in the school office for tickets; we will also need your choice of pie. This is a good family event to raise a bit of extra money for the village church.

**Bowland Wild Boar Park** - have kindly sent us some free child vouchers for the half term period; only one can be used per family. If you would like one please call in at the office or let Mrs Kenyon know and she will send one home. Thank you.

A copy of the Church newsletter and the online safety newsletter have been sent home this week. If you haven't received one please let us know.



### Sports clubs

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

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

**Wednesday** - Multisport Years 3-6 until 4:30pm (indoors run by Mrs Felix). **See note below.**

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

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

**Tuesday/Wednesday lunch** - Netball with Miss McCormack (juniors only)

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

**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.**

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

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Guitar group performance at 3pm in our Year 5/6 class. Our junior learners will be doing 5 pieces of music and the new learners will also take part to show what they have been learning. Please come and watch if you are able to.

**School closes for February half term.**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - School reopens

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - There is no after school multi sports on this day.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (evening)** - Church bingo night in our school hall, see above.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February** - Open the Book team in for assembly

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - School photos.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March am** - Lent Services start, children will go directly to Church (more info to follow)

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents evening, more info nearer the time.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - school closes (normal time) for the Easter break

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** - School reopens.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Swimming starts at Accrington Academy for Years 3-6

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Woods  
Headteacher