

# ALTHAM ST JAMES' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

**Just a quick reminder, we are closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.** - We have been asked to let you know the Parish Council are holding a Thanksgiving Service, in her honour, on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, at St James' Church, Burnley Road, Altham. The service starts at 2pm, with everyone seated by 1.45pm. It should last approximately 1 hour and gives the local community and the wider community of Lancashire the opportunity to share in commemorating the Queen's passing.

We would very much appreciate your presence there and, as such, cordially invite you all to attend. If you are able to join us, please respond to [althamparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:althamparishcouncil@gmail.com)

There is also a book of condolence opened at the Parish Offices, Media House, Burnley Rd. BB5 5TX. Wed - Friday 5-8pm Sat.-Sunday 11-2pm.

**Cookery Club**- Due to school being closed on Monday, the final session will now be 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Lunches** - Next week will be week 3 on the menu.

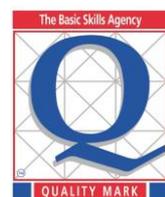
**Stars of the Week** - Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are Oscar, Rupert, Cameron & Bradley.

**School Swimming** - The junior children have enjoyed their swimming lesson today. A quick reminder, all pupils including boys need to wear swim caps, these can be purchased at the Leisure Centre for £3. Also if your child has a verruca please note that a verruca sock must be worn, this are also available, £7.50 each or on Amazon.

**FLU CONSENT** - The nasal flu consent forms were sent home last week, please complete and return ASAP, even if you do not want your child to have this vaccination. The no section is on the back of the form. Thank you.

**Cauliflower Cards** - It's that time of year again! All pupils should today come home with their artwork for the Christmas cards. Please ensure any orders you wish to make are done on line at <https://xmas.caulifowergroup.co.uk> using the unique two part code on the top of the paperwork. Please tick the paperwork to confirm you have placed your order and **return the form with the artwork back to your class teacher by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** Thank you.

**Milk Money** - Payments are now due on ParentPay for milk money, this is £16 per term or £48 for the school year. Please note milk money is only due when your child turns five. Thank you



**UNIFORM** - We are aware that there seem to be problems at the moment and will be looking into changing our uniform provider. I have been in touch with Whittakers to supply our uniform, they think it will be around October half term before they can set up supplies of our uniform.

**After School Sports Clubs** - text messages have been sent out to confirm the places for each club. Unfortunately, due to numbers the football club is only for our junior children, we will look at this again for the summer term. The athletics group has been split into 2 groups. Group 2 started today until 21<sup>st</sup> October. Group 1 will start on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **SEPTEMBER 2023 PRIMARY & SECONDARY PLACES**

Please note that the online admission system to apply for primary or secondary places for September 2023 is now live. Please go to the website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) to submit an application or follow this link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

If you have any queries the contact number for pupil access is 01254 220747.

Closing date for primary is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and closing date for secondary is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

**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. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised £6,990.80.

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

**Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Angel Service 3:30-4:30pm. - In the school hall, all children to be accompanied by an adult, this is a child friendly service led by members of Altham church.

**Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>**- Open the Book team will be in for our assembly.

**Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>** - Harvest Service - more information to follow

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**- Parent's Evening 3:30-6pm - more information to follow

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** -Angel Service 3:30-4:30pm. In the school hall, all children to be accompanied by adult.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - School closes for October half term

School reopens Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Bag2School collection, please save unwanted items of clothes etc, we are paid by weight of bags collected!

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need - something spotty or own clothes please do not go to any expense. Donations to Children in Need

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Nasal Flu immunisations

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Panto trip to Jack & Beanstalk, Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Junior play 2pm & 5:30pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Infant Play 9:30am

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Infant play 2pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Breakfast - more info to follow

- **School closes 1:30pm**

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs CA Woods**

**Headteacher**