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NEWSLETTER

24th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Next week lunches will be week 2.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' - Roman, Maxwell, Jensen R and Conor

Football- Thomas C Netball - Harriet

REMINDER - Please make sure children have a PE kit in school at all times.

Parent Governors - There are places for 2 parent Governors at school. Nomination forms have been sent home 1 per family yesterday. If you are interested you would need to complete the form and get a proposer and a seconder to sign your application, you would also need to give us a little information about yourself, which will then help parents decided who to vote for. These forms need to be returned by 9th March .

If you are interested in applying for one of the positions and would like anymore information please see Mrs Woods or ask at the school office. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS on THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2023

This year's theme is reading for enjoyment. You are invited to come to school dressed as your favourite book character. We are creating a reading den in our school hall, where children can bring along their favourite book. Storytelling events will take place throughout the day.

Hope to see all your fantastic costumes. Please let me know if you need any help. Mrs Bellard

Lent Services - Our lent services will start in church on Thursday 9th March.

Please take your child straight to church. A member of staff will be at the church gates from 8:50.

Pupils in breakfast club will be walked down to church with staff, then all children will be walked back to school at the end of the service.

Our infant children will lead the first lent service on 9th March.

Year 5 & 6 will lead the service on 16th March.

Year 3 & 4 will lead the service on 23rd March.

Open the Book Team will lead the final service on Thursday 30th March.

Parents are welcome to stay to any of these services. Thank you

SCHOOL PHOTOS- will take place next Friday morning (3rd March), anyone with siblings not at this school can come from 8:30am for family photos. After the comments last year regarding costs of packages, Tempest have introduced some cheaper options this year.



Milk Money (Spring term) - milk money for January - Easter is now due; this is £16 per term and is payable on ParentPay. If your child has not yet turned 5, milk is still free and we will contact you when payment becomes due. Thank you.

Parking - a gentle reminder when dropping off/collecting your children, please do park on the zig-zags, the H bar across the gate and please do not obstruct the School House driveway.

After School Sports Clubs

Monday - Dance up to & inc. Monday 27th March. **We have 4 spaces available for juniors.**

Tuesday - Football. Where ever possible this will be held outside, please send suitable clothing.

Thursday - Netball. Where ever possible this will be held outside, please send suitable clothing

Friday - Multi-skills - Group 1 (younger children & siblings) started today until Friday 31st March.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - If you have not yet bought your ticket, or your debit card payment has finished, join now and you could be in with a chance of winning a year of HelloFresh, 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 **£7,282.40**.

UNIFORM - uniform is now available at the Whittakers 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

**Also just a reminder Mrs Briggs has set up a pre loved uniform page on Facebook for our school. If there is something you need have a look on [Altham St James uniform secondhand](#)

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day dress up. **Please don't go to any expense and ask if you need a costume.**

Friday 3rd March am - Tempest school photos, anyone with siblings not at this school can come from 8:30am for family photos.

Tuesday 9th March - Lent Service lead by infant children (in church) see post above.

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief Day, non uniform with donations to Comic Relief.

Tuesday 28th March - Parents Evening 3:30-6pm. (more information nearer the time)

Thursday 30th March - Open the Book assembly in church.

Friday 31st March - School closes for the Easter break. Reopen on Monday 17th April.

Summer term

Monday 17th April - 4 week cookery course starts, more info to follow.

Monday 24th April - Bag2School collection.

Wednesday & Thursday 17 & 18 May - Year 5/6 Bikeability

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher