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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Lunches - Next week menu 1.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' this week - Roman, Alfie A, Isabella, Jenson H.

Football- Jack B

Swimming - Bradley

Netball - Holly

Raffle Prizes - We are still looking for prizes suitable for raffles, if you have any prizes or know anyone who may donate a prize, ready for Christmas raffles, they will be very gratefully received. Prizes so far include - voucher for The Little Lancashire Village, bottle of whiskey, bottle of red wine, 2 bottles of prosecco and various toiletry sets.

Christmas and Party lunch - letters have been sent home last week.

We would really like all children to stay for the Christmas meal on 8th December and packed lunch will not be needed that day. Infant meals will be free under the Infant Free Meal Scheme and junior's cost £2.40. If your child is not having lunch or would prefer a vegetarian option please let us know as soon as possible.

This will also be Christmas jumper day or wear something Christmassy (do not go to any expense) to raise money for **Save the Children** (please send in a donation). School uniform does not have to be worn.

Jack & The Beanstalk - Letters have been sent home this week re Friday 9th December when the whole school will be going to Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre. Thanks to Altham St James Church for a donation of £250 towards the cost of this trip and a subsidy from School Fund, the cost for this trip, is £5 per child. This includes coach fare, theatre ticket and an ice cream. Payments may be made on ParentPay or by cash.

There is also an option to give your consent on ParentPay, if paying by cash please complete the consent form at the end of this letter.

If anyone is struggling to pay this, please let us know. Children must wear school uniform.

Christmas Plays - A letter has gone home this week regarding tickets, please complete and return ASAP. Thank you

Tots on Trikes- Well done to our Reception and Year 1 pupils who completed balance bike sessions this week. A great time was had by all. There are some photos on the school website.



Gentle reminder - Please could you reduce/pay balances outstanding for breakfast & afterschool clubs as soon as possible. Our staff are not on contracts for the hours worked and we need the balances cleared in order to pay the wages. Thank you.

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

After School Sports Clubs -Football for juniors only will be held on Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm.

Athletics - Group 1 will continue until Friday 16th December.

Thursdays - netball run by Mrs Fisher.

Monday - after school dance and songs from the shows run by Sarah who used to run the dance club on Mondays.

SEPTEMBER 2023 PRIMARY PLACES

Please go to the website 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 15th January 2023.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - We have now raised over £7000 since we started in 2017!

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 **£7,282.40**.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9th December - Panto trip, Jack & Beanstalk, Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre

Tuesday 13th December - Junior play 2pm & 5:30pm

Wednesday 14th December - Infant Play 9:30am

Thursday 15th December - Infant play 2pm

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas Breakfast - more info to follow & Party lunch.

School closes 1:30pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher