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NEWSLETTER

9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back

Welcome back to all the children and a special hello to those who are new to the school. The children have settled in really well and are already working hard.

REMINDER - school meals are £12 per week (£2.40 per day). **Next week will be week 2 on the menu.** Meals are free for all infant children. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please ask at the school office for more information. This will also help school as we receive extra funding for pupil premium pupils. Payment is made by ParentPay if you need to pay for your child's lunches.

School Swimming - starts next Friday at Hyndburn leisure Centre for all our **junior** children. A letter with information went home at the beginning of this week.

The following information is from Hyndburn Leisure -

For safety reasons, we are not allowing jewellery in the pool. All jewellery will need to be removed before entering into the pool.

Pupils will not be encouraged to wear goggles in the first instance; however, individual cases will be reviewed by their Swimming Teachers.

For hygiene and safety reasons, we are encouraging all pupils to wear swimming caps. Children can provide their own, or a plain silicone cap can be purchased at the pool, for £3.

Online Safety Newsletter - Has been sent home this week (yellow paper), this is a monthly letter produced by Knowsley Borough Council, if you would like to see a particular subject please let us know and we can pass the request on to them.

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 and they are coming in to discuss, they think it will be around October half term before they can set up supplies of our uniform.

After School Sports Clubs - start again next week for pupils in Year 2 and above. Football on Tuesdays, Netball on Thursdays and Athletics on Fridays. These will run from 3:30 -4:30pm. Wherever possible



the clubs will be held outside, therefore, please send your child with appropriate clothing. **We have had a very high request for each club, so will inform you on Monday if your child has a place.**

Cookery Club- starts on Monday for all pupils who have requested a place. If your child would like to participate and you haven't returned the form, please contact the school office on Monday morning.

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 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 and closing date for secondary is 31st October 2022.

Local secondary school open nights, please also check the school websites for updates -

- Accrington Academy - 27th September 6:00 - 8:00pm
- Hollins - 29th September 5:30 - 8:30pm
- Ribblesdale - 29th September 4:30 - 7:30pm
- St Christophers - 4th October 6:00pm
- Hyndburn Academy - 28th September 6:00 - 8:00pm

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.

Holiday List - The holiday list for this school year is below. Please note the provisional holiday list for 2023-2024 will be agreed at the Governors meeting in the Autumn term and we will confirm these dates with you as soon as we can.

Dates for your diary

Thursday September 22nd - 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 29th- Open the Book team will be in for our assembly.

Friday October 7th - Harvest Service - more information to follow

Tuesday 18th October- Parent's Evening 3:30-6pm - more information to follow

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

Friday 21st October - School closes for October half term

School reopens Monday 31st October.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher

Altham St James' CE Primary School
Holiday Pattern 2023-2024 (Provisional dates not yet agreed)

Autumn Term

School opens	Monday 4th September 2023	
Autumn Half Term, school closes	Friday 20 th October 2023	
school reopens	Monday 30 th October 2023	
Christmas Holiday, school closes	Thursday 21 st December 2023	
		= 74 openings

Spring Term

School opens	Monday 8 th January 2024	
Spring Half Term school closes	Friday 9 ^h February 2024	
school reopens	Monday 19 th February 2024	
Spring Holiday, including Easter		
school closes	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
		= 54 openings

Summer Term

School opens	Monday 15 th April 2024	
May Day closure: school closed	Monday 6 th May 2024	
Summer Half Term, school closes	Friday 24 th May 2024	
school reopens	Wednesday 5 th June 2024	
Summer Holiday, school closes:	Friday 19 th July 2024	
		= 62 openings
		= 190 Teaching Days

Days when the school is closed to pupils, but teachers are available for duty

1 Friday 1st September 2023	
2 Friday 22 nd December 2023	
3 Monday 3 rd June 2024	
4 Tuesday 4 th June 2024	
5 Monday 22 nd July 2024	
	=5 teacher days

At the discretion of the Headteacher, and with the agreement of the staff one or more of these INSET Days may be done as a series of after-school twilight sessions.

TOTAL	190 teaching days
	+ 5 teacher days