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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Next week will be week 2 choices.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' - Jesse, Blake, Phoebe, Noah B

Football- Cameron

Swimming - Jenson, Arthur, Freya

Netball - Noah B

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

Junior Swimming - Please note our last swimming session for this year will be next Friday 10th February.

READING COMPETITION - This term we are running a reading competition for all children. Entry forms from Reading Ambassadors in Year 3/4 with the entry box outside year 3/4 classroom.

BLURB COMPETITION - imagine you have to write a new blurb to attract children to read a book. You could make up a blurb for an imaginary book or write one for a book you have read.

Closing date is Thursday 9th February 2023. Winners announced in assembly on Friday 10th. Good luck!

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

FACEBOOK - Just to make you all aware we have a school Facebook page, where we often post information from outside agencies. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2271900599780873/>)

Breakfast & After School Clubs - balances are starting to creep up, wherever possible please keep outstanding balances to a minimum. Thank you.

Raffle - We are holding a children's raffle, 50p a ticket. There are 2 prizes either a teddy bear or a tub of chocolates. The winner can choose which prize they would prefer. Drawn next Friday 10th February. All proceeds will go to school fund. Thank you.

Christingle Candles - If you are able to donate any money, this will be used to help children in the north west. Please return your candle to school by 8th February. Thank you.



Cookery School - Unfortunately, due to staffing changes, the cookery school are not in a position to run the after school club until after the Easter break. Dance will continue on Mondays until Easter. We will confirm places for the Cookery school before we break up for Easter.

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.

After School Sports Clubs

Monday - Dance up to & inc. Monday 27th March.

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 2 will continue until Friday 10th February.

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>

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.**

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

Friday 10th February - school closes for the half term break

Monday 20th February - school reopens

Thursday 23rd February am - Open the Book team in for school assembly.

pm - Angel Service 3:30pm in the school hall, all children to be accompanied by an adult.

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)

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher