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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

School Lunches - next week will be week 2.

School Uniform - A reminder that all children should be wearing full school uniform, no trainers or tracksuit pants and no nail varnish. If there are exceptional circumstances as to why your child is not wearing the correct uniform please let us know. Thank you.

PE Kits - Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times.

Christingle. The Christingle candles (sent home last week), can be returned to school or to Altham St James Church this Sunday 23rd January at the all age worship Christingle service, which starts at 9:30am.

Chinese New Year Competition - Our library monitors have come up with a new competition for Chinese New Year, to design a poster, which has to incorporate a tiger, or a tiger print. This year is the year of the tiger. The competition is open to all years. First prize will be a free book and 2nd & 3rd prizes will be 2 celebration chocolates.

Scholastic Book Club Scholastic online book club is now open until 27th January; there is 25% off orders in January, using code JANBOOKCLUB. <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club>

Drive Thru Jabs - will be available on the Globe Centre car park, Accrington, BB5 ORE (Near Tesco), Mon to Sat 10am - 7pm, Sunday 11am - 5pm. Jabs available 1st, 2nd or booster, Covid-19 vaccination Drive-in or walk-in, no appointment needed. Open to all aged 12+, boosters for 16+ available.

The Entertainer Colouring Competition - Ruth Platt from Christian Aid has highlighted a colouring activity, which we have been asked to share, to help Christian Aid's [Afghanistan appeal](#). The Entertainer Toy Shop has already donated £25,000 to the appeal, they have also agreed to donate £1 for each picture (see attached) that is coloured in and shared on Facebook with the hashtag [#TheEntertainerAppeal](#).

The deadline for this is Sunday, 23rd January, so apologies for the short notice.

Sports clubs



Dance & Football - will continue to be for juniors only. Football will be reviewed after Easter, when hopefully this can be held outside in the lighter and better weather.

Athletics - The first group years 4/5/6 started back today until February half term.

Breakfast & After School Clubs - Gentle reminder - could all outstanding balances be cleared as soon as possible? As we have stated previously, our staff are not on contracts for the clubs; therefore, we rely on your income to pay the wages. Thank you.

UNIFORM -website for ordering is www.uniformityschools.com - The new arrangements will be to choose the option deliver to school, and then there should be no postage charges.

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. If you join before 26th February there is a chance to win a Forest Staycation. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised £6,173.20.

CORONAVIRUS - ADVICE TO SCHOOLS -

The full guidance is found at [What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

Dates for your diary

Sunday 23rd January 9.30am - Christingle all age worship service, in Altham Church.

Monday 31st January 1:15pm - Vision screening for Reception pupils. (Letters have gone home this week)

Tuesday 25th January pm - School nurse to do Reception & Year 6 heights & weights.

Monday 31st January pm - Reception Vision screening.

Friday 11th February - School closes for February half term break, reopen on Monday 21st February.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher