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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

**Stars of the week this week - Leo, Samuel W, Thomas C, Harriet
-Elbie (apologies should have read Elbie last week)**

Hockey - Thomas C Netball - Bella Football - Eli & Ted

Next week will be week 1 for school meals.

After School Club Contract - If you use the after school club for your child, you should have received a contract to sign. Please sign and return to school ASAP. If you have not received one please let Mrs Kenyon know. Thank you.

Milly's Smiles - Thank you for all your generous donations, the final total sent to Milly's Smiles was **£220.00**.

Harvest Church Service- Well done to all the children, thank you to those who were able to attend and for your generous donations. There is also a service in church this Sunday, starting at 9:30 followed by refreshments. All welcome.

£1 draw is back! - As part of our school fundraising efforts we have another **£1 draw on now!** There are 55 numbers available (£1 each). Once all numbers are sold we will add the numbers to a wheel and do a random spin to pick the winner. The prize this time is either a bottle of Jack Daniels or any 2 from a choice of 3 bottles of wine.

You can either pay on ParentPay for your numbers or bring in cash and choose your numbers! Thank you.

Free School Meals - if you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, (even if they are an infant), please follow this link to apply on line. [Free school meals and pupil premium - Section 1 - Online Forms \(achieveservice.com\)](https://www.achieveservice.com) School will get Pupil Premium of over £1000 for each child entitled to free meals. Thank you.

PE Kits - Please ensure your child has an indoor PE kit in school at all times.

As all pupils do PE on a Friday, please ensure any jewellery is removed that day.

Our sports providers MACS Academy are aiming to take the children outside wherever possible for PE lessons on a Friday. Please send in a pair of old trainers and some older warm PE kit (leggings/joggers and a sweat/hoody). **Please do not go to any expense buying kit especially for this.**



As PE lessons are done with different classes through the day, we can't ask the children to come all day in this kit; if it got muddy/wet earlier in the day they would have no spare clothing to change into. Thank you.

Sports clubs

Monday - Hockey until 4:30pm (juniors only).

Tuesday - Netball until 4:30pm (juniors only)

Wednesday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 4/5/6)

Thursday - Football until 4:30pm (Years 2/3)

Friday - Cricket/Rounders (Year 2 & above)

Whenever possible all clubs will be held outside, please send suitable clothing.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - We desperately need more players, as per letter sent home last 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>

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 **£8,308.40**.

Milk Money - Please milk is now ordered directly with the company.

Parent Register

<https://www.milk4life.com/yourschoolmilk/parent-register.php>

Parent Login

<https://www.milk4life.com/yourschoolmilk/parent-login.php>

School Admissions 2024 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 is now open.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants

Dates for your diary

Sunday 8th October - Harvest Service in church 9:30am

Tuesday 17th October- Parent's Evening 3:30-6pm - ***please return your request slip as soon as possible, the letters have been sent home this week.***

Thursday 19th October -Angel Service 3:30-4:30pm, in the school hall, all children to be accompanied by adult.

Friday 20th October - School closes for October half term

School reopens on Monday 30th October

Have a lovey weekend

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher