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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

School Lunches - next week will be week 2.

Easter Lunch March 30th - order forms have been sent out to the juniors, who do not normally stay for school lunch, the cost is £2.40 for a junior child, infant meals are free under the Government meal scheme. Please send in replies by next Friday 11th March, this will be payable by ParentPay.

Lent Services - Our lent services will start in church on Tuesday 8th March.

Please take your child straight to church. A member of staff will be at the church gates from 8:50.

Pupils in breakfast club will be walked down to church with staff, then all children will be walked back to school at the end of the service.

Our infant children will lead the first lent service.

Year 3 & 4 will lead the service on 15th March.

Year 5 & 6 will lead the service on 22nd March

Open the Book Team will lead the final service on Tuesday 29th March.

Parents are welcome to stay to any of these services. Thank you

Vaccination bus - The vaccination bus is booked to be outside the Town Hall in Accrington from 10:00 - 16:00 this Friday and Saturday. They are offering 1st, 2nd and booster doses. There is also the option to have the vaccine in the comfort of your own home. On completion of a quick questionnaire or by calling 0300 790 6856 (between 10 am to 8 pm daily), someone from the vaccine programme outreach team will be in touch to arrange a convenient time to visit and administer the jab. Or please visit

healthierlsc.co.uk/VacAtHome

Welfare Assistant vacancy - We will soon be advertising a welfare assistant vacancy, this will be everyday, term time only for 1 hour between 12 and 1 pm. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please call into the school office. Thank you.

School Photographs - Individual and family groups are coming home today.

Please follow the instructions to order and pay online directly to Tempest or send the order back to school in the sealed envelope. Please make sure the correct money is sent as we do not open the envelopes in school. The cut off for orders to be accepted in school will be Monday 14th March.

The link to order the whole school photo and the group photos will be emailed to us soon and we will pass it on when we receive it. Thank you.



Bag2School Collection - Tuesday 26th April. If you are having a tidy out over the next few weeks and have any adult's & children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels which you don't think can be made use of by any other charity organisations, then please fill a bag for our Bag2School collection. This time the company are asking if you will use your own plastic bags or use the other charity bags that are often put through your door. Bags will need to be outside school reception by 9:15am on Tuesday 26th April. School Fund will benefit with payment by weight of the bags. Thank you.

World Book Day- Everyone had a great day yesterday. Photographs are now on the school website.

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 - Year 2/3 group, until the Easter break.

As the nights are getting lighter, please can we remind you that wherever possible football and athletics will be held outside. Please send appropriate clothing.

Breakfast & After School Clubs - Our numbers for the clubs are increasing. Wherever possible please let us know in advance if your child is going to be attending. 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.

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th March - Comic Relief Day link for donations has been set up on

ParentPay. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6368>

Wednesday 30th March - Easter Lunch (see above).

Tuesday 26th April - **Bag2School collection**. This time the company are not sending out plastic bags but have said it will be ok to use your own bags or other charity bags that are often pushed through your door.

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.

Everyone who is in the draw on 23rd April, will be entered into a draw to win a £500 cycle voucher.

This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised £6,331.60

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

Have a lovely weekend

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