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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Lunches - The new menu starts with week 1 on Monday.

Stars of the Week - Our 'Stars of the Week' this week - Hendrix, Lola, Annabel & Noah B

Football- Freddie

Netball - Isabella

October Bookfest challenge - Our Reading Ambassadors have chosen **Thomas Chatburn's Stick Man** and **Jaeden's Slater's Aragog** as the winners of this challenge. Thank you very much for all the entries (photograph are on the website) - they were amazing. Everyone who entered has received a prize.

The Midnight Grocer - yesterday our junior pupils had a visit from Mr Brian Beresford, the author of this book, he read excerpts from the book and taught the children a song. There is a YouTube video of the song if you google the book title to find it. If anyone wants to order a signed copy of the book, please ask school for the details if you haven't received a letter.

Dropping off and Collecting your children - Please take care using the school car park when bringing/collecting your child, also do not block the main entrance, especially in the morning when we have staff arriving at different times. Wherever possible please use the small gate outside school and follow the path round.

When dropping off children please try and park so that your child gets out of the car on the pavement side, as this road has become very busy and speeding is an issue.

Raffle Prizes - If anyone has any prizes suitable for raffles, or knows anyone who may donate a prize, ready for Christmas raffles, they will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

Bag2School - Collection is next Tuesday 8th November. Please leave your bags of donations outside the school reception area by 9am on that morning. School is paid by the weight of the bags. Thank you.

Scholastic Magazine -orders can be returned to school along with payment by **12th November** to ensure they are here before the Christmas break. School will get 20% back in free books from each order. If you would prefer to order on line the link is <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club>

REMINDER - Please regularly check your child's hair for head lice. Thank you.



British Legion - The boxes of poppies and the school box of goodies are now on sale, these items can be worn up to and including Friday 11th November. We also have a few metal poppies available at £3 each. Thank you.

UNIFORM - Whittakers have confirmed uniform is now available at the store inside Oswaldtwistle Mills from October half term.

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

After School Sports Clubs -Football for juniors only will be held on Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm.

Athletics - Group 1 will start today until Friday 16th December.

Mrs Fisher is running a netball club on a Thursdays.

On Monday we will start a new after school club for juniors only, learning the dances and songs from the shows; this will be run by Sarah who used to run the dance club on Mondays

SEPTEMBER 2023 PRIMARY PLACES

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.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - 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.

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/alham-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 **£7,185.20**.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8th November - Bag2School collection, please save unwanted items of clothes etc, we are paid by weight of bags collected!

Friday 18th November - Children in Need - something spotty or own clothes please do not go to any expense. Donations to Children in Need

Saturday 3rd December - 11am at St Christophers CE High School, Altham Parish Council School Choir competition. (Including our junior choir)

Wednesday 23rd November - Nasal Flu immunisations

Friday 9th December - Panto trip to Jack & Beanstalk, Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre.

Tuesday 13th December - Junior play 2pm & 5:30pm

Wednesday 14th December - Infant Play 9:30am

Thursday 15th December - Infant play 2pm

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas Breakfast - more info to follow

School closes 1:30pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher