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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week – Orla, Freya F, Hudson, Edward, Roman, Blake
Football – Isabelle V
Multi-skills – Edie, Leo Wall
Prayer & Praise – Alice D

School meals next week will be week 1 choices.

REMINDER. Please go on to ParentPay and choose your choices for all 3 weekly menus. **The cut off for the week commencing 23rd November will be Wednesday 18th November.** Going forward the cut off will always be Wednesday unless it is a school holiday. **It is very important you complete the menus before the cut-off date, as there will only be a sandwich option if the menu choices have not be inputted.**

Poppy Appeal – Thank you for all your purchases of the poppy items. The collection box has been collected and we will know how much was raised soon.

Children in Need – Thank you, we have raised **£106** today. Mrs Kenyon will send the money to the charity next week, in case we have any late donations.

Sammy Bag Collection – Thank you for all the donations, we will be receiving **£49.40** for school funds. Unfortunately, this is less than usual, due to the cost paid per kilo being reduced to 20p.

Christmas Jumpers -Mrs Briggs is holding a sale of Christmas clothing, these are currently on sale on our Facebook page Altham St James Church Of England Primary School. If anyone has any further items of Christmas, jumpers, clothing, etc., which we could sell on to raise money for School Funds, please drop off at the school office. Thank you

Pantomime trip – Letters have been sent home for the Panto trip. This will be on Thursday 17th December. Payment is by ParentPay and can be paid for either in full or by three instalments of £4. Thank you.

Church Attendance – As there is currently no vicar, there is a new booklet in Church to confirm your attendance, as proof for Church school applications. Please collect from one of the Church

wardens, You then keep this book, take it with you when you are attending any services and get it signed by one of the wardens.

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 **£12,847.60**

If you have not yet joined please support us - ***for just £5.00 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***.
To support us please visit **Yourschoollottery.co.uk** and search for Altham St James.

Sports clubs Year 2 and above
Tuesday - Football until 4:30pm **(years 2-6)**
Thursday – Multi Sports until 4:30pm **(juniors only)**

UNIFORM - Whittaker's supply our uniform, it is available at the 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
Pre loved uniform – Mrs Briggs runs a Facebook page for this, Altham St James uniform secondhand | Groups | Facebook

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16th November	School nurse drop in 2:15-3:15pm.
Tuesday 1st December	Churches Together Carol Service at St. Mary's Church –letters have been sent home.
Monday 7th Dec.	2pm EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 8th Dec.	9.30am EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 9th Dec.	Junior play 2pm and 5.30pm at church
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day – none uniform with donations to Children in Need
Monday 16th November	School Nurse drop in from 2:15-3:15pm if you want to see her for anything
Monday 14th Dec.	2pm Infant Play
Tuesday 15th Dec.	9.30 Infant Play Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch
Thursday 17th Dec	Aladdin – Empire Theatre (all- Letters have been sent home this week)
Monday 21st Dec.	Breakfast with Santa in school time. (school closes at 1:15pm)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher