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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week – Piper, Lyla, Freya D, Betsy S, Alfie C, Rupert
Football – Jesse
Multi-skills – Courtney, Faye

School meals next week will be week 3 choices.

REMINDER. Please go on to ParentPay and choose your choices for all 3 weekly menus. **The cut off for the week commencing 16th November will be Wednesday 11th 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 – Poppy goods are now on sale. We have snap bands £1.50; zip pulls £1 and poppy reflectors £1, knitted poppies £1 each, as well as the paper poppies. These can be worn in school until 11th November. We do also have some of the 2026 metal pin badges, which are £2 each. All money raised with go to the Royal British Legion. These will be available to buy on the yard on Monday morning break.

Children in Need – next Friday is Children in Need day, children can wear their own clothes that day and we will be accepting donations for Children in Need.

Sammy Bag Collection – Thank you for all the donations. We have not yet heard how much has been raised but will let you know ASAP.

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.

Nursery – Welcome to our new nursery children who have already settled really well. Our nursery is open for 3 – 4 year olds.

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 **£12,820.80**

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

Friday 13th November	Children in Need, own clothes with donations for this charity.
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