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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week - Toby W, Owain, Alice M, Toby H, Courtney, Amari, Henry B

Prayer and Praise - Isabella Flanagan

Football - Sam Woodcock

The cost of paid school meals for junior pupils will rise to £3 per day (£15 per week) wef 13th April. The **new menu** will start with **week 3** choices on **Monday 13th April**. (After the Easter break).

Easter Raffle - Thank you so much for all your support with our Easter raffle and Eater Bunny name. We have raised £190 for our school funds, (£155 on the Raffle and £35 on Name the Bunny. The winner of the Walton Arms Voucher was Flossie, there were 18 winners altogether and prizes included Easter bunny jar, Easter mug, pink fizz, none alcoholic fizz, beer and lots of Easter eggs. The money raised will go to school funds for all the little extras, like the Easter eggs that are coming home tonight for every child.

Nursery - We are delighted to inform you that our application to create 15 nursery places has been successful. Our current reception classroom will be extended and then we will operate an EYFS unit (term time only). The building work is planned for 7th Sept - 16 October. When the build is completed, we will be looking to offer up to 30 hours funded childcare for 3 & 4 year olds. Please ask at the school office if you would like to express and interest & collect a form to complete.

Parent Governors - Thank you to Ebony and Scarlett for applying for the position. The ballot was counted on Wednesday evening, just before the Governors meeting. It was very close but Scarlett has been appointed as the new Parent Governor.

School Nurse - The next school nurse drop in will be after Easter on Tuesday 14th April 9-10am.

Swimming - On Friday 17th April, all junior pupils will start swimming at Accrington Academy in the morning; they will be back in time for lunch. Please note, all pupils will need to wear a swim cap. These can be bought at the Academy for £3 each (last year's price) or you can source your own. Thank you.

Financial Year End - As we approach the financial year-end, please could all payments on ParentPay, be brought up to date wherever possible? Thank you.



Tesco Stronger Starts - Reminder -please remember to use your blue tokens for our school in any of the stores listed below, **this has now been extended until 26th April**. In Accrington store, there are tubs of tokens on the self-checkout tills.

Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your friends & family, we need all the help we can get!

6154 Accrington Extra BB5 1LN

4467 Baxenden Express BB5 2QJ

5350 Accrington Abbey Street Esso Express BB5 1EW

5752 Oswaldtwistle Mill Express BB5 3JB

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 **£11,847.20**

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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12-12.30- Couch to 5K (juniors only)

Monday - Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm

Tuesday - Football until 4:30pm.

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm

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 -

School closes for the Easter break today and we reopen on Monday 13th April.

Tuesday 14th April - School nurse drop in 9am-10am.

Have a lovely Easter Break.

Mrs CA Woods

Headteacher