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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your support this year and a special thanks for all your hard work homeschooling. We are very lucky at Altham to have such fantastic pupils and parents, and both all the staff and myself are very grateful.

It has been lovely to have some of the children back over the last few weeks, but it will be much better when everyone returns in September. We have really missed everyone who has not been able to be in school.

All pupils will return from 3rd September on a full-time basis. The back to school plan and risk assessment will be published on the school website.

Year 6 Leavers- Today we said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6. Although we could not have our usual whole school leaver's service, we still managed to have a service for the children and their families. I know you will join me in wishing them well as they move on to secondary school. We will really miss them.

School meals - when we return in September we will only be having a packed lunch school meal option up until Friday 11th September. After this, we will return to the normal meal options.

CORONAVIRUS - ADVICE TO SCHOOLS

The full guidance is found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

ParentPay - With effect from 1st September, we are moving on to the cashless system Parentpay. The first contact on each child's records will receive an activation code and we hope this will make it easier for any payments to be made to school. If you need a second contact to be set up to pay please let us know. Thank you

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - We have had many winners whilst school has been closed, however our numbers have dwindled a little.



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.
This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has raised £4116.00

UNIFORM -website for ordering is www.uniformityschools.com

We do have a very small amount of stock available to buy in school, please ask at the office.

Please note for incorrect orders, the policy is that the customer reorders the size they require online. Bring the incorrect size into school and, when Mr Moores takes the item back to the office, a refund will be issued.

HOLIDAY LIST

For your information we have the agreed holiday list for next term (2020-2021) is at the end of this newsletter.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Currently runs from 3:25 - 5:15, Monday-Thursday: if the need arises we will look at running it again on a Friday. **Payment** is broken into 4 sessions with each session costing £2, **if your collection time runs into the next session, the fee for that session is also payable.**

Reminder - Breakfast Club opens at **8am** the cost from this time is £3, if children from 8:30 onwards the cost is £1.50 but no breakfast is included. **These paid clubs are open to all pupils.**

Please note we are now registered with Kiddivouchers & Sodexo to take the childcare vouchers.

Sports clubs will recommence from Monday 14th September. Because of the current situation, numbers will be restricted. Forms will be sent out from 3rd September.

Free Cycle Training

For anyone in reception or Year 1 wanting to learn to ride or for Year 5 & 6 to improve their cycling there will be free training sessions over the Summer. Please follow the link for more information.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/go-velo-holiday-sessions-20129268401>

Thank you once again for all your support this academic year. I know it has been a strange one!

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer. If you need to contact me over the summer, please email.

Warmest Regards

**Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher**

Altham St James' CE Primary School
Holiday Pattern 2020-2021 (agreed)

Autumn Term

School opens: Thursday 3rd September 2020
Autumn Half Term, school closes: Friday 23rd October 2020
school reopens: Monday 2nd November 2020

Christmas Holiday, school closes: Tuesday 22nd December 2020
=74 openings

Spring Term

School opens: Wednesday 6th January 2021

Spring Half Term school closes: Friday 12th February 2021
school reopens: Monday 22nd February 2021

Spring Holiday, including Easter
school closes: Friday 26th March 2021
= 53 openings

Summer Term

School opens: Monday 12th April 2021

May Day closure: school closed: Monday 3rd May 2021

Summer Half Term, school closes: Friday 28th May 2021
school reopens: Tuesday 8th June 2021

Summer Holiday, school closes: Friday 16th July 2021
= 63 openings
= 190 Teaching Days

Days when the school is closed to pupils, but teachers are available for duty

- 1 Tuesday 1st September 2020
- 2 Wednesday 2nd September 2020
- 3 Monday 7th June 2021
- 4 Monday 19th July 2021
- 5 Tuesday 20th July 2021

=5 teacher days

At the discretion of the Headteacher, and with the agreement of the staff one or more of these INSET Days may be done as a series of after-school twilight sessions.

TOTAL 190 teaching days
 + 5 teacher days