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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

BUILDING LEARNING POWER - (BLP)

Building learning power is about helping young people to become better learners, both in school and out. Each week we will choose a different BLP.

Next week BLP - Questioning - asking questions of something to improve understanding. E.g. for junior children what materials can be used for bridge building next week!

School meals - Next week will be week 2 choices.

Wherever possible, we will need to know the day before if your child would like a school meal.

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>

We realise that people may be experiencing cold like symptoms. Government advice is that pupils and staff should stay at home and get a Covid test if they have a temperature, a new continuous cough or lost sense of taste/ smell.

REMINDER - For the safety of the children, please do not park on the zig-zags or on the H bar outside school. Also, a gentle reminder that the classroom doors open at 8:50am, no teachers are now on duty outside, please do not leave your child unattended.

HOME PACKS - These were sent out to every child last Friday, there were forms inside that need to be signed and returned to school. Please would you check, sign and return appropriate forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - The Harvest Festival will be held in church on Sunday 11th October. We have been asked by the church PCC if we could provide some non-perishable items, which will be donated to the food bank at The Hyndburn Hub, these will be collected by members of the PCC on Friday 8th October. More information will follow regarding the service and social distancing in church.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - 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.* Please also note if your collection is after 5:15pm we charge £5 late fee.



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.
Wherever possible please ensure all balances are paid in full by the end of the month as we need to pay staff wages. Thank you.

OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - 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>

If you join before in the Autumn term, there is a chance to win a family of 4 ticket for The Harry Potter Studio Tour.

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 £4360.00

UNIFORM -website for ordering is www.uniformityschools.com

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.

SEPTEMBER 2020 PRIMARY & SECONDARY PLACES

Please note that the online admission system to apply for primary or secondary places for September 2020 is now live. 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 2021 and closing date for secondary is 31st October 2020.

Secondary school open nights may be held as a virtual open evening. The following list is the most up to date information we have.

- Accrington Academy - 29th September 5:00 - 8:00 pm - please check the school website for more information.
- St Christophers - 8th October - (Virtual please check the school website, as you may need a link to view)

Accrington Football Development - In association with First Kick Football a new 12 week football course is available at St Christopher's High School. This course starts on 6th October and is open to boys and girls, from Reception to Year 6, there are different times for each group. For more information please see poster in school office window or contact Rob on 01772 428086 or 07514316534.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher

