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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back

Welcome back to all the children and a special hello to those who are new to the school. The children have settled in really well and are already working hard.

Thank you for your support with social distancing when dropping off and collecting pupils. The open door policy from 8.50am seems to be working well in the morning. We are reviewing what to do at the end of the school day. Please bear with us - any feedback will be gratefully received.

School meals - please note the sandwich options will continue up to & including Friday 18th September. We will start with hot meals from Monday 21st September using week 1 choices. After speaking with the kitchen at St Nicholas (who prepare our meals) it may be limited choices for the first couple of weeks whilst everyone gets used to new systems and social distancing.

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 - We have now gone live on ParentPay and are moving on to this cashless system. The first contact on each child's records have received an activation code, this was sent out with the school reports in July. If you need a reminder of the code, please ask Mrs Kenyon in the office, 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 over the Summer break, 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

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 this school year (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 next week.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher

