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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.

Next week BLP - Noticing - noticing good behaviour and good learning.

School meals - Next week will be week 1 choices.

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.

HOME PACKS - The login details and password sent with these packs allows you to access Microsoft Teams. If your child is off school, they will be able to access homelearning on their class page. We are also beginning to add the weekly homework and spellings to these pages (although paper copies will also be sent home). Please bear with us, as this is new to us too!

Junior Swimming - Our junior children will be starting swimming on Tuesday 3rd November, there will be 6 sessions. Letters have been sent home this week, along with a goggles permission form. Please note it will be essential for girls to wear a swimming cap. Thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Thank you for all your Harvest gifts this week, they have been collected and will be donated to The Hyndburn Hub food bank. We really appreciate your generosity.

The Harvest Festival will be held in church on Sunday 11th October, you are welcome to attend but please be aware that it is a small village church with restricted capacity due to Covid regulations. We have asked 2 pupils to represent school at this service. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Children have been busy doing their Christmas card designs, which you should receive today. This year we are asking you to order the cards on line and the details are on the design sheet coming home. **We will need all the designs back in school by next Tuesday** as they are being collected on Wednesday morning to go for manufacturing. Thank you



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.

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 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 £4411.00

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.

British Legion Poppy Appeal - As in previous years, we will be supporting this charity and selling poppies from next week. Last year we raised just over £270, it would be lovely to try and achieve this again. We have been given a number of the metal badges which are available at £2 each and a school box which, this year, contains reflectors and zip pulls 50p each, wristbands £1 each and snap bands which this year are £1.50 each. These items will still be on sale after the half term break and may be worn in school up to and including 11th November. Thank you.

Bag2School - Our next collection is on Friday 6th November. If you are having a tidy out at home and can save your items until this date we would be extremely grateful. The following items can be bagged up and left outside school on the morning of 6th November - good quality adults & children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains & towels. No duvets, pillows or cushions. Bag2School will come along, weigh the bags and school will receive a payment depending on the weight collected, which will be helpful for our school fundraising. Thank you.

LCC Children & Family Wellbeing Service - We have been asked by this team to let you know about all the support groups they run, as there is a lot of information here are the links to the events -

<https://www.facebook.com/hyndburnyouthzone/>

<https://www.facebook.com/hyndburnfamilyzone/>

Have a good weekend.

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