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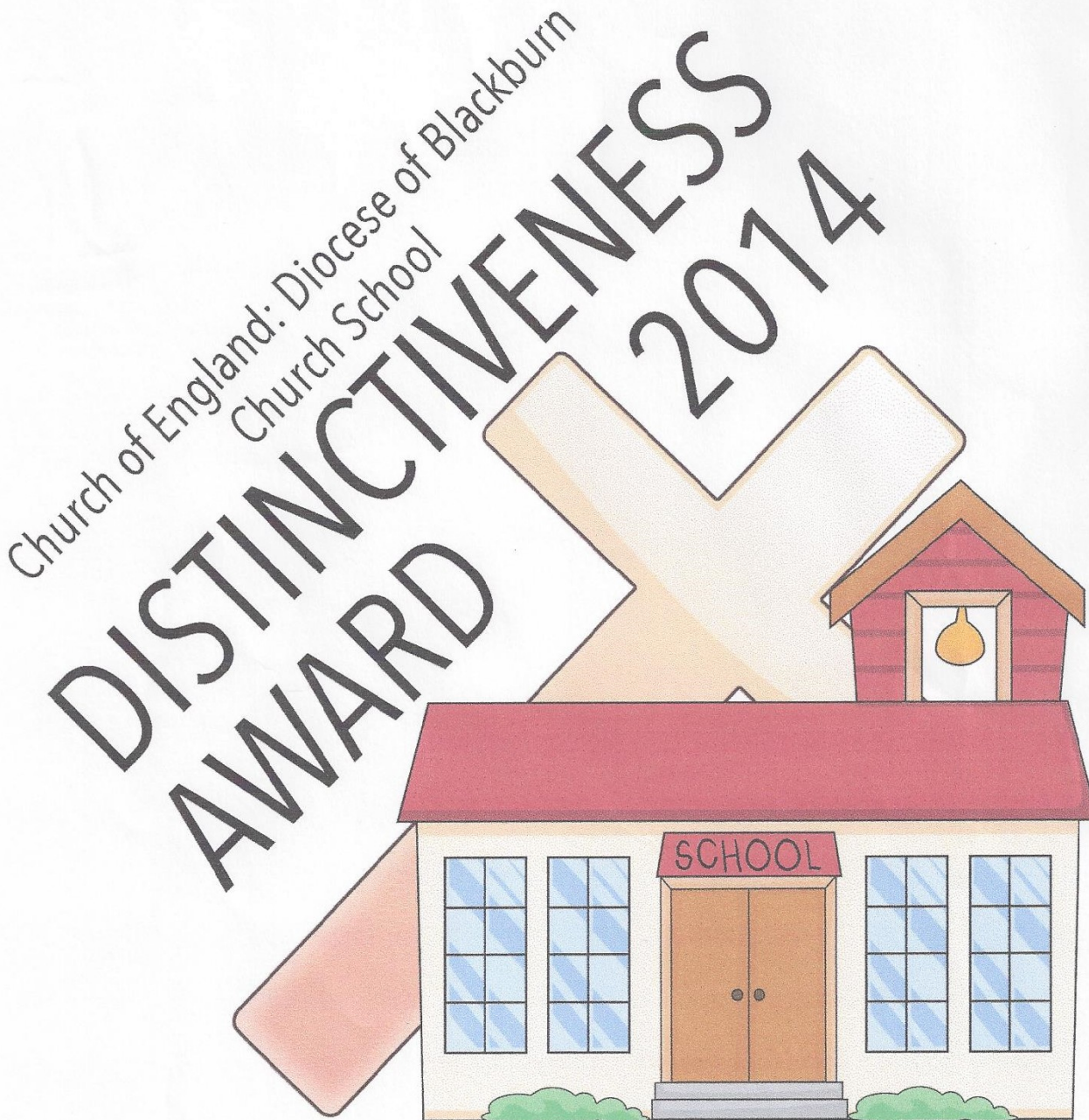
NEWSLETTER

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 – Perseverance – keep on going even when you are stuck! You can tolerate any feelings of frustration you might have.



School meals next week – week 3 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.

**** On Monday 30th November** we are having staff training for all staff from 3:30 - 5:30pm. In order for all staff to attend, on this day only, we would like there to be no after school club. **Please let us know if this would cause a problem.** The dance class will take place as usual. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – PLEASE NOTE FROM MONDAY, during lockdown, our After School Club will run Monday-Thursday 3:25 – 4.30pm: if this causes a problem please let us know as soon as possible. Payment is broken into ½ hour 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 arrive 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 Kiddi vouchers & Sodexo to take the childcare vouchers.

WEEKLY RAFFLE – From next week we are going to try out a weekly raffle. Each week there will be a prize suitable for an adult and a prize suitable for a child. Tickets are 50p each and we will draw the raffle on Friday. Next week the prizes will be a bottle of wine, a Cath Kidston toiletries set & a large pack of chocolates. Please send the money in with your child in a named envelope or call at the school office. Thank you.

British Legion Poppy Appeal – Thank you to all who have supported our poppy appeal, we have raised just over £120 for the British Legion.

Children In Need – Thank you for all your kind donations for Children in Need today, we have raised £105.

OFSTED Virtual Visit - on Tuesday of this week, we had a virtual visit from Ofsted. This comprised of five meetings where OFSTED wanted to find out about the impact of the Covid on the school. The information gathered will feed into a Government report. The day went very well, although there will be no grading from the visit, as it was not an OFSTED inspection.

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 this half term, there is a chance to win a Nintendo Switch mega bundle.

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 £4514.00

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.

Scholastic Book Club - Leaflets were sent home last week. We have now set up an on-line ordering system where you can pay for your books by card, the link will close on 25th November. <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/altham-ce/digital-book-club> Thank you

Blue Peter have launched Blue Peter on YouTube - Blue Peter is the longest running children's TV show in the world and they are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. There are world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking, features on how tips inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also to get a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about the incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwakasy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your child would be interested, subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> (it's completely free!), and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Have a lovely weekend

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