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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

School meals next week – week 1, please note as we are approaching end of term, meals may vary slightly from original menus.

Save the Children - Thank you so much for your donations today, we have raised £97 for Save the Children.

CORONAVIRUS - ADVICE TO SCHOOLS

The full (updated) guidance is found at [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - As we are placed in Tier 3 we are leaving our After School Club hours as **Monday-Thursday 3:25 – 4.30pm**: if this causes a problem please let us know as soon as possible. Payment is broken into $\frac{1}{2}$ hour sessions with each session costing £2. ***If your collection time runs into the next session, the fee for that session is also payable.***

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 Kiddivouchers & Sodexo to take the childcare vouchers.

After School Sports - next week will be the last week for the sports clubs, they will start back on Friday 8th January 2021.

After School Club - There will be no after school club on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December. Breakfast club will run as normal.

WEEKLY RAFFLE - Thank you to all who supported, the winners are 1st Otis (Bottle of Mulled wine) 2nd Noah & Lydia (tub of Quality Street) 3rd Ola (Bayliss & Harding toiletries set) 4th John (M&S address book). This week we raised £31.50.

Christmas Raffle - Alongside the weekly raffle we have been donated 2 FM sets, 1 female (Coco Mademoiselle) 1 Male (Creed), a large Sanctuary Spa gift box and a bottle of Prosecco. Tickets for this raffle are £1 each and are on sale now. This will be drawn on Monday 21st December. Thank you

Christmas Cards - Children can send cards to other pupils in their bubble. If your child wants to send cards to children outside their bubble, please bring them into school and they will be put aside for 72 hours before being handed out. The last date for us to accept cards is Tuesday 15th December. Thank you.



Lunches Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd December (Party lunch) -there will be sandwiches for lunch, on both of these days, this is due to the kitchen at St Nicholas' being closed. The choice of fillings will be either ham/jam/cheese/egg or tuna. The cost of these lunches is £2.30 for juniors only, infant children will not need to pay as part of the infant free meal scheme, junior children payment by ParentPay. (There is a minimum payment for lunches of £10, if your child does not normally have a dinner and you don't use PP for meals, please send in cash in a named envelope). Thank you

Christmas Breakfast will be on **Tuesday 22nd December** this will be in school time at 9am, the cost for this will be £3.00, please let us know if this is a problem. Food will include waffles, scotch pancakes, toast, crumpets, choc chip muffins, apple & orange juice. Payment either by cash or ParentPay please. This will also be our **non uniform party day. School will close at 1:15pm.**

Christmas Plays - our children have been practising their Christmas plays but unfortunately, this year, parents/grandparents can not come into school to watch. The plays will be streamed over the Teams app, hopefully ready for next week.

Hyndburn Family Zone Christmas Card Competition - It's time to get those creative talents on show in our #MerryChristmasHyndburn Competition. Send us a picture of your child's handmade Christmas card, along with their name and age to our Facebook page - Hyndburn Family Zone by the 17th December to be in with a chance of winning one of 3 prizes!

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 £4617.60

UNIFORM -website for ordering is www.uniformityschools.com

Please note - we have been advised there will be a price increase (approx. 3%) in the New Year.

Reverend Toby has sent us the following dates for Advent & Church services for Altham -

Sunday 13th December - all age service for Advent in church - 9:30am

Friday 18th December - Christingle Service on Zoom, 6:30pm Meeting ID 885 6153 6195 Passcode 219666

Sunday 20th December - Carol Service in Church (listening to carols, not singing unfortunately) 4pm in church, places for this need to be reserved.

Christmas Eve - 4pm Crib Service on Facebook live at [facebook.com/allsaintsclayton](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsclayton)

Christmas Day - 10am Christmas Communion in church

Have a lovely weekend

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