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Dear Parents

This will be the last newsletter of this term.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support and positivity this term. It has been lovely to have everyone back, and we hope all the children have enjoyed the start to the school year.

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)

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 having shown symptoms within 48 hours of the end of school, you should report this to school immediately by emailing head@altham.lancs.sch.uk

School meals - next week will be sandwiches only, this is due to St Nicholas' school being closed. The children have already given us their choice of sandwiches.

After School Sports - no after school sports next week, clubs will start back on Friday 8th January 2021.

Guitar lessons restart on Thursday 7th January.

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

After school club will reopen on Wednesday 6th January 2021

Breakfast club will run as normal.

ADVANCE NOTICE - there will be no After School Club on Monday 8th February - due to staff training.

WEEKLY RAFFLE - Thank you to all who supported, the winners are 1st Bradley 401 (Bottle of Sloe Gin) 2nd Mrs Fekix 382 (tub of Celebrations) 3rd 386 sorry no name on ticket (Bayliss & Harding toiletries set) 4th Isabella McCormack 358 (Candle). This week we raised £19. Thank you for all your support with these weekly raffles, we have raised £160 for School Funds.

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 next Monday 21st December. 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 - The Christmas plays are now available to watch on Teams. Photographs have also been put on the school website.

Breakfast/After School Club & Dinner money payments - Where ever possible please could any outstanding payments be brought up to date on ParentPay. Thank you.

JUNIOR CHILDREN - Swimming will start for 6 weeks on Friday 8th January - Friday 12th February.

On-line Safety- The January on-line newsletter is attached to this newsletter.

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.

If anyone is bored over the break and wants to do a quick 10 minute practice, CGP have this available on-line for free [CGP's Free Online 10-Minute Tests | CGP Books](#) , or just check the CGP website and search for primary for free 10 minute tests.

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

Christmas Day - 10am Christmas Communion in church

We have been asked to add this to our newsletter for anyone struggling at Christmas either due to loneliness or family difficulties, please see the website Kooth.com

The team are available to provide mental wellbeing support over the holiday period. Thank you

REMINDER - School reopens on Wednesday 6th January 2021, breakfast and after school club will be available.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Carol Woods
Headteacher