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May Day Bank Holiday

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 5th May 2025 for the May Bank Holiday. Back to normal on Tuesday 6th!!

Parent Questionnaire Spring 2025

During our Spring Term Parents' evenings, I invited as many parents / carers as possible to complete a Parent Questionnaire. This is based on the Questions asked by [Parent view](#) - the platform that Ofsted use when they are Inspecting Schools and seeking the views of Parents.

110 questionnaires were completed over the course of the 2 nights, and, as I do every year, over the next few weeks I will 'talk you through' the results.

Question 1 asked for your response to the statement: *'My child is happy at school.'*

Only 1 parent/carers said that their child disagreed. I spoke to that parent on the night and fully understand their reasons for their answer. The other 99% agreed so I'm pretty happy!!

Question 2 asked for your response to the statement: *'My child feels safe at school.'*

The same 1 parent/carers said that they disagreed. Once again, I spoke to that parent on the night and fully understand the reasons for their answer. The other 99% agreed so again...I'm pretty happy!!

Back Gate

I have heard a rumour that one or two parents are unhappy that we are keeping the back gate locked. A while ago a person unknown to the school walked through the gate and sat in the gazebo at 'home time'. To be extra vigilant in keeping our children safe - that is why we are keeping the gate locked - as we do not have extra personnel to 'police' both gates. As you know, Miss Jagger or I (with the help of Mrs Willingham) usually 'police' the front gate at both ends of the day. Sorry for any inconvenience that this is causing - but the safety of the children comes first!!

Attendance

Last week, an amazing 186 pupils (out of 207 children) attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

Eight children from 6 different families were late for school on one day last week (they after 9.00am).

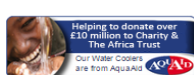
The best attending class for the week was a tie between our Year 5 and Year 6 Classes who achieved 97.7% for the week - Well done to our oldest two classes!!

Best Attending Class for Spring 2025

Last Friday I gave out the certificates for the children who attended school for 100% of the Spring Term 2025. I also announced the top 3 attending classes for the term...they were:

Position	Class	Attendance
1 st	Year 1	96.5%
2 nd	Year 2	96.3%
3 rd	Year 5	95.6%

Congratulations to Mrs Seeley's Class who were the best attending class!!



School Dinners:

Week 2 of the new Summer Menu Cycle - week beginning 5th May

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday VE Day Lunch	Friday
Traditional Main Course	Bank Holiday	Red Southern Style Chicken Goujons & Dips with Mild Chilli Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Red Booths Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Red Assorted Sandwiches Margherita Pizza Bites Buffet Sausage Roll Vegetable Sticks & Dips Ready Salted Crisps	Red Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
Alternative Choice		Green Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Mixed Salad (v)	Green Spaghetti Arrabbiata with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)		Green Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
Jackets & Sandwiches		Blue Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Sandwiches		White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham		White Tuna/cheese/ham

Just a reminder that if your child has a paid for school meals - these need to be booked by 11.59pm on the Thursday of this week through ParentPay.

Don't forget that School Meals have increased to £2.90 per meal. Lancashire Catering have asked us to change the prices from 1st April - but to make life easier for all - we have made the increase from Monday 21st April onwards. Please click [here](#) to see Lancashire Catering's reasons for the increase.

Scarecrow Festival - Entry Forms Are Available

The plans are well underway for this year's Tarleton Scarecrow Festival. If you would like to enter the scarecrow competition, entry forms and numbers are now available from Tarleton Tyre Service, Church Road. Closing date for entries is the 1st May. Entries received after this date will be entered into the Judges Pick competition but may not appear on the trail map. If you would like more details about the festival please email tarleton.scarecrow@gmail.com

The event takes place across the weekend of Friday 16th May to Sunday 18th May.

THT School will be 'running' a Spring Fair - type event on the Saturday of the weekend - more details will come to you soon!!

Two of the stalls that we will be definitely running is a 'sweets' stall (rather than chocolate) and the usual bottle stall.

To prepare for our Spring Fair we are asking parents / carers to bring in some items for some of our stalls. In return we are allowing the children to come to school in clothes of their own choosing.

On Friday 9th May - please can they bring to school some sweets (of any size or sort or 'multi pack') - please do not send chocolate in - as we are hoping that it will be a hot, sunny day and we will be having the stalls outside. See the poster below for more details.

On Friday 16th May - please can they bring a bottle. (This could be orange squash, wine, shampoo, washing up liquid, bubble bath etc). Please make sure that it is unopened and 'in date'.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support!! See the poster below for more details.

Other stalls that we are planning to be at our Fair include:

Coconut Shy, Candy Floss, Refreshments, Recycled School Uniform, Bouncy Castle (weather permitting), Face Painting, Veg Stall, Milk Shake Stall, Lucky Dip Stall and possibly Ice Cream and a Raffle.

If you are able to help with our Spring Fair in anyway - please get in touch.

Polling Day on Thursday May 1st

If you are voting 'in person' on Thursday - don't forget a couple of things:

1. You need photo ID with you
2. The Polling Station is in church and is no longer in school. Polling was last held in school in 2019!!

Water Bottles, Sun Cream and Sun Hats

Even though it was a grey Monday morning this week - it turned out to be a lovely day today!!

It's time to start thinking about sending your child to school with a named Sun Hat - but please remember to bring a coat (just in case).

We also had quite a few children who did not come to school with a water bottle. Please ensure that they have a water bottle in school each morning - which is filled with water and not juice so that they can keep hydrated during the day. Juice/Squash is allowed for lunchtime drinks - but not a 'during the day' drink. Sun cream needs to be applied at home I'm afraid - as we can't let the children apply it themselves and we can't do it for them. There are plenty of 8-hour (or longer) sun creams out there!!

Our PSHE Scheme - Jigsaw

During the consultation period when we started using our Jigsaw PSHE scheme a few years ago (Personal, Social and Health Education) - some of our parents requested that we remind parents of when the 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me' topics were to be taught. These will take place over the next two half terms - with the 'Changing Me' topic taking place after the Half Term Break.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Headteacher

Did you know...

On Thursday it is May 1st - Miss Jagger's Birthday!!...and on 5th May it is the May Day Bank Holiday Monday.

The spring bank holiday on the first Monday in May was created in 1978; May Day itself - May 1 - is not a public holiday in England (unless it falls on a Monday). In February 2011, the UK Parliament was reported to be considering scrapping the bank holiday associated with May Day, replacing it with a bank holiday in October, possibly coinciding with Trafalgar Day (celebrated on October 21), to create a "United Kingdom Day".

Unlike the other Bank Holidays and common law holidays, the first Monday in May is taken off from (state) schools by itself, and not as part of a half term or end of term holiday. This is because it has no Christian significance and does not otherwise fit into the usual school holiday pattern.



SWEET Tombola

All children are invited to
wear what they want to school on
Friday 9th May to support the
Friends Sweet Tombola Stall

This will enable us to have a fantastic
Sweet Tombola at the **SPRING
FAYRE** on 17th May 2025

*Any type of sweet prize is welcome.
Thank you in advance for your
support*

Friends!

Putting the fun into fundraising





BRING A BOTTLE

ON NON-UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 16TH MAY

FOR OUR BOTTLE STALL AT THE
SPRING FAYRE ON
SATURDAY 17TH MAY



ANY BOTTLES ARE WELCOME AS LONG
AS THEY ARE FULL AND SEALED



