



## *Tarleton Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School*

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### A Message from the Headteacher...

If I haven't already seen you...Welcome back to everyone!! This is the first Newsletter of the 2018 - 19 academic Year!!

The School's Newsletter comes out weekly...every Tuesday, and is usually received through 'ParentPay' and is also available to view on the school's App. You can, if you prefer, receive a paper copy of the letter (please contact school), and you can always view the latest newsletters in the school entrance or by logging onto the School's Website: <http://tarletonholytrinity.org/news-category/newsletter/>

### Celebration Worship

Please note that there is no 'bench' during Celebration worship this week, although parents and carers are invited in to watch as quite a few children have some certificates / trophies to show!! Please bring any awards in that the children have received during the summer break!!

### Stepping Stones

Mrs Bates' Stepping Stones begins this Friday at the usual time of 10.15 am (until 11.30am). If your 'pre-school' child (or child in this year's Reception class who hasn't started yet) would like to join us for Stepping Stones, they are more than welcome to join us this Friday!!

### Staff Changes for September 2018

Mrs Warburton has now re-joined us at THT after spending a year being a new Mum to baby Arthur (who is now 1!!). Mrs Warburton joins us in our Year 3 class. Mr Skinner is now teaching our Year 2 class and Mrs Dimmock, our Deputy Headteacher, is teaching our youngest children in Reception.

We also welcome Miss Brown to our Year 2 class. She is working with Mr Skinner whilst she takes part in the SCITT programme (school centred initial teacher training). Miss Brown will be working with us until the February half term 2019. We wish her well as she join our THT team!!

### Meet the teacher meetings

At the beginning of each new school year, we hold a meeting where parents and carers are invited into school to discuss the routines etc. in your child's new class. The meetings are very informal and take place next week in your child's classroom on Wednesday 12th September.

On the same Wednesday, Mrs Birkby and Mrs Dimmock will be running a short workshop looking at the teaching of Phonics. If you would like to attend the session it will be held in the Year 1 Classroom after the YR and Y1 Meet the teacher Meetings. It's free of charge so just turn up if you would like a greater insight into the teaching of Phonics at school.

The times of all the meetings are as follows:

Reception Class - 5.30pm	Year 1 - 5.45pm	Phonics Workshop - 6.00pm	Year 2 - 6.15pm
Year 3 - 6.30pm	Year 4 - 6.45pm	Year 5 - 7.00pm	Year 6 - 7.15pm

...each session will last for about 15 minutes. We do hope that you can attend!!

Each term our class teachers will also complete a topic letter so you know are aware of what your child / children will be focussing on each term. These will come out to you soon and will be available to view on our website.

### Growth Mindset Evening

On 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - we have invited Rachael Ainsworth into school present a talk on Growth Mindset. Rachael is an Education Training Consultant at confident minds - you can 'google' her for more information.

Growth Mindset is something we have been trialling in school over the last year - trying to encourage children to have a positive approach to work and life rather than an 'I can't do it' approach.

The staff have attended a talk by Rachael in the past and have been very much inspired by what she says - helping anyone to be more positive both at home and at school / work, and encouraging others to 'have a go'.

The talk is from 6.00pm until 8.30pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> and is open for any parents / carers / grandparents / School Governors to attend.

### Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2019??

Do you have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018?? - then for Lancashire resident families you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school/academy.

The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) (then click on "Apply for a school place")

This already went live on 3rd September 2018. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application.

The closing dates for applications for September 2019 are at 11.59 pm:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2018

Primary school applications - 15th January 2019

### School Clubs

Not all of our extra-curricular clubs are starting straight away...

The ones that are starting next week are:

Mrs Seeley's ICT/Coding Club - Mondays for Year 4 - 3.30 - 4.30pm

Miss Jagger's Homework Club - Tuesdays for all children - 12.40 - 1.10pm in the Year 5 classroom.

Mr Smith's (and Fr Martin's) Bell Ringing Club - Tuesdays for Year 6 - 3.30 - 4.45pm

Mrs Simpson's Choir (with Mrs Dimmock, Mrs Seeley and Mrs Forrest) - Thursdays for Years 3 to 6 - 12.40 - 1.10pm

Mr Skinner's Football Club - Fridays for Years 5 and 6 - 3.30 - 4.45pm

Keep looking at the Newsletters for other clubs starting soon!!

### After School Club (ASC)

Just a reminder that even though Breakfast Club and After School Club is held inside school and is 'manned' by staff from our school, it is not part of THT. Therefore, if you need to contact ASC or make a booking, please find Mrs Fairclough before or after school (Mrs Fairclough is always in the Year 2 Classroom before school). Preferably, if you can, text the ASC phone on 07887882533. Ideally, we need at least 24 hours' notice if you need to book your child in, but we will always try to accommodate children where we can.

For more details about our Before and After School provision, click on:

<http://tarletonhollytrinity.org/out-of-school-club/>

### Some 'Thank Yous' from Mrs Dimmock and Mrs Forrest in our Reception Classroom

Over the Summer our indoor and outdoor Reception learning areas have undergone a huge transformation - and we couldn't have done it without the support of some of our parents and local businesses.

So a huge THANK YOU to:

Tarleton Tyres for the big tractor tyre and other tyres

Tarleton Flooring for the big rug

Mrs O'Hare for the curtains and other donations

Mrs Benson for helping to make resources and signs for the classroom

Mr Forrest for donation top soil for the planter and 'digging bed'

Pete, the project manager of the Penwortham By-Pass for donating some signs and the large pipes

Friends - as we used some of the money they raise to buy new furniture for the classroom

Everyone who sent in a basket / wooden bowl etc.

We very much appreciate all those who donate to help with resourcing our school...thank you!!

### Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder that a Calendar of all the key events for this year is available to view on the school website. Simply click on <http://tarletonholyltrinity.org/the-calendar-of-events-for-the-2018-2019-academic-year/> to download or view a copy.

The dates are also available to view on the School's App.

### ...And finally

A huge THANK YOU to the 'Friends' of the school, the committee, the helpers and everyone who came to support the events last academic year. All-in-all Friends raised a massive £14,000 for school. Many, many thanks, the school very much appreciates everything you do!!

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith  
Headteacher

### Did you know...

This academic year, some primary schools (particularly on the Isle of Wight) will be trialling 2 week half terms by reducing the summer holidays by 2 weeks and then blocking their INSET days like we do for the third  $\frac{1}{2}$  term. We'll wait and see what the 'general consensus' is...