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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 2023 - 24 academic Year!!

For those new to the school, the School's Newsletter comes out weekly...every Tuesday, and is usually available to view on the school's App and also received on email through 'ParentPay'. You can, if you prefer, 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 the first Celebration worship of the academic year is next Friday (15th September). We are still only inviting parents / carers into worship if your child is 'on the bench'. Please also join us if your child is showing an award that they have won out of school.

Staffing for September 2023

Our teaching staff for this year remains the same as it did for the last 2 terms - with Mrs Lancaster now officially appointed as a member of staff to work alongside Mrs Simpson in Year 5.

Year Group	Class Teacher
Reception	Mrs Warburton
Year 1	Mrs Seeley
Year 2	Mrs Birkby
Year 3	Miss Jagger
Year 4	Miss Iddon
Year 5	Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Simpson
Year 6	Mr Skinner

We also welcome some new faces to the team:

Miss Bennigsen will be working in Year 6 with Mr Skinner until the end of January.

Mrs Wright is our new Site Supervisor and is also working as a lunchtime welfare assistant for 3 days during the week.

Maria Marques, who works with Janet in the kitchen at lunchtimes, is also now working as our after school cleaner - alongside Mrs Wright.

Stepping Stones

A reminder that Mrs Bates' Stepping Stones runs on every Friday at the slightly revised time of 10.30 am (until 11.40am). If your 'pre-school' child would like to join us for Stepping Stones, they (and you) are more than welcome to join us each Friday!! You don't have to book - just come along and bring £1 which goes towards refreshments. If you know someone who has a pre-school aged child who doesn't come to Stepping Stones - please let them know!! It starts this Friday (8th September)!!

After School Club Manager / Breakfast Club Manager

We are still on the lookout for someone to manage our Before and After School Clubs - please let us know if you are interested in the position or click on the link below for more information.

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=61817



Calendar of Events for 2022 - 2023

Every year we publish our 'Calendar of Events' as soon as we can so that parents / carers know when things are happening at THT are for the forth coming year. Events include Open Day, Parents' Evenings and Sports Day 2023!!

The Calendar is available to view on the School's Website and the dates will also soon be on the App. Or...click [here](#) to have a look at what we're up to next year!!

Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2023??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2023?? - 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 (or simply click [here](#)).

This already went live on 1st September 2023. 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 2024 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2023

Primary school applications - 15th January 2024

For prospective parents, or indeed anyone who is interested in life at THT, our Open Day for this year is on Wednesday 18th October, with both afternoon and evening sessions. We hope to see you there!!

Our Rewards Assembly - July 2023

On the last day of the Summer term 2023 we announced the Pupil of the Year from each class and the team point winners for the year. All the winners are listed below. Well done to you all!! It was another fantastic year at THT!!

Reception	Hugo
Year 1	Lucas
Year 2	Freya
Year 3	Henry
Year 4	Alfie
Year 5	Amelia HP
Year 6	Ella
Key Stage 1	Erin in Year 2
Key Stage 2	Emily in Year 6
The Gary Ablett Sports Trophy	Lucy in Year 6
Kindness Cup	Hannah in Year 6

Team Point Winners for the 2022 - 2023 Academic Year

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Choir Church

Our Choir Church sessions (during the day) start again this Friday (8th September). Dr Rebekah Okpoti will not be returning to THT - and instead we will be joined by Mr Stopford.

Dr Okpoti sent the following message during the holidays:

Dear Fr Mark and Mr Smith,

Hope this finds you all well. Hopefully you will agree we had a lovely start to Choir Church at Tarleton and it really developed to have an ebb and flow with the Eucharists and families getting involved etc, long may it continue.

Sadly, and joyfully from September I will be required to move to another school to setup choir church there instead of returning to Tarleton. With this in mind we have been working towards finding a suitable replacement which has landed on

the most excellent Robin Stopford, who is already known to you. Mr Stopford will be coming to start Choir Church with you in September.

Just want to say thank you for welcoming me into your community at THT. I will still come and visit as part of my Coordinator role. It has been a joy with many lessons learnt.

We will be 're-launching' our After School Choir Church Club on Friday 15th September.

ClassDojo Usage

Please can I politely remind parents and carers that ClassDojo should be used to communicate with teachers during the usual working school hours. (Monday to Friday 8am until 5.30pm.) Outside of these times please use ClassDojo for emergencies only.

Please also remember that requests regarding School Dinners, Toast, After School Club and the recording of absences should be done by contacting the school office - and not by contacting Class teachers on Dojo. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Medical Information

If there has been a change in any medication that your child receives - please let Mrs Willingham know (or the school office) as we are updating our records.

If children use inhalers - please make sure that these are back in school for the new school year.

We need a new 'Lollipop Person!!

Are you interested in being our new Crossing Patrol Officer - if so please read the message below from LCC:

Good afternoon Holy Trinity,

Up to now, we have had no applicants or interest for the school crossing patrol vacancy at your school, at present I am able to cover your school this Friday 1st September, I am still trying to sort out which schools I can and cannot cover next week, there is a probability that I will not be able to cover your school due to all the other vacancies and long term sickness problems but if I can I will.

I will keep you informed.

The vacancy for the school crossing patrol job is now posted and live, vacancy number 3749, under West Lancashire, Tarleton on the LCC jobs web page, lancashire.gov.uk/jobs, can you please pass this on to any interested parties.

Regards

Geoff A Purcell

School Crossing Patrol Manager

Children's Attendance at THT

At THT our Attendance for the last academic year was 92.4% for the academic year - 96% is the target!!

Of the more 'common' absences:

3.4% were ill

0.3% were medical appointments

0.2% were on an authorised holiday and

0.6% were on an unauthorised holiday. Other absences were recorded.

At THT we are taking a much firmer approach to attendance for 2023 - 2024 academic year - in line with Government expectations.

Please remember that holidays during term time cannot be authorised (unless for very exceptional circumstances) and any illnesses or medical appointments count as an absence if a child is not present at school during registration times. I know this sounds harsh - but is in line with Lancashire Attendance Policy. (Click [here](#) for more details.) Once a term our new Pupil Attendance Support Worker will be visiting the school - and we will be inviting any parents or carers into school where attendance is lower than expected - to give advice or strategies on how it can be improved.

As we used to in the past (before COVID), we will reward those children who manage to gain 100% each term with a certificate - and if they manage 100% attendance for the year - they will receive a medal.

The highest attaining classes for each week (as always) will be congratulated on the Newsletter and the highest attending class for each term will receive a Non Uniform Day as a reward!!

A Message from Fr Mark...

You are invited to bring your Pets of all shapes and sizes to church to be blessed this coming Sunday. The special services start at 9.15am if you attend Rufford Church and 10.45am if you attend the Tarleton services. We will be joined by a real live Friar , Br Michael-Jacob SSF.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

When I looked through last year's 'Lost Property, there were so many jumpers, cardigans and PE Kits which did not have names in, so they could not be returned to the children. Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled and then we can return to your child if it gets misplaced...

(4 complete PE kits and 3 jumpers were returned...)

Please can you also make sure that full, named PE kits are in school - with black pumps and not trainers for footwear. Teachers will be in touch if your child needs trainers. (This is usually in the older year groups.)

For more information on the School Uniform Policy for uniform, see pages 16 and 17 of the [School Prospectus](#).