



# 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 'official' Newsletter of the Year...although I did send one out last week with some information on.

The School's Newsletter comes out weekly...every Tuesday, and is usually received through 'ParentPay'. 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:

## The Co-op is Raising Money for THT

As school is opposite our local Co-op shop I often pop across for a pint of milk... but I have started to take my Co-op Membership Card with me. Through our PTA 'Friends' we are now one of the Co-op's chosen Charities...and every time you spend money at the Tarleton Co-op and swipe your membership card - we get a percentage of the profits!! Please try and use your membership card if you shop at the Tarleton Co-op and help us to raise as much money as possible for school. As another famous Supermarket advert says...every little helps!!

If you are not yet a member, you can join on-line:

[https://www.secure.membership.coop/NewMember.aspx#\\_ga=1.180895207.1316994057.1473071945](https://www.secure.membership.coop/NewMember.aspx#_ga=1.180895207.1316994057.1473071945)

## Harvest Festival

Next Friday (16<sup>th</sup> September) we will be attending church to join in with this year's Harvest Festival Celebrations. This year we are asking for donations of foods which we will donate to one of our local Food Banks. Father Nicholas will be running the service, where all of our children will be involved in singing hymns, or reciting readings, poems and prayers. If you would like to join us in church for this special Celebration, the service will start at 9.15 and will last for about 45 minutes. All parents, carers, grandparents, family members, friends and Governors are invited to join us...See you there!! Please note that our new Reception children will not be joining us for the service.

The Food Bank website requests donations of the following foods (if you can manage it):

Tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tea, instant coffee, jam, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, biscuits or bags of sugar.

## 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 in your child's classroom on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. The times of the meetings are as follows:

Reception Class - 5.45pm

Year 1 - 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 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.

## What socks are the children wearing?

We have noticed that some of our boys are coming to school with a variety of socks on...from stripes to Superman!! Please can we ask parents and carers to follow the school uniform policy of grey (or black) socks for boys and white or navy socks for girls. (See p16 of our School Prospectus for full details).



### A Plea for 'Parent Helpers'...

Many of our class teachers have asked me, to ask you, whether you have time to help in school to listen to readers...in all of our age groups. If you can spare an afternoon or so, please let us know!!

### What do I do if my child is poorly??

Just a reminder, that if your child is poorly, or needs to attend a medical appointment, you need to contact school on each day of their absence...before 9.15am if possible. The latest 'news' from the Government is that medical appointments should be made outside of school hours if they are not an emergency (whenever possible).

Simply dial the school phone number (as above) and press 'option 1' to leave a message. We can then update the attendance registers quickly and accurately and this will save our office staff making the necessary phone calls to find out why a child is not attending school.

You can, if you prefer, e-mail a message to us using the usual address as above, and to office@... Which is Mrs Sudworth's email. (Please 'copy' me using head@... just in case Mrs Feeney or Mrs Sudworth are not in the office.)

Don't forget that statistics have proven that a good attendance at school (preferably above 95%) has a positive impact on progress and achievement. Can we beat our 100% attenders for the whole year which in 2015-2016 was 11.5% of the school - 19 children.

### Friday's Celebration Worship

Starting this Friday, in the school hall, we will be holding our usual 'Celebration Worship'. If your child / children is/are chosen for doing something special, you will receive a personal invitation on the day before. However, as usual, all parents, carers and family members are invited to join us during our Celebration Worship...just help yourself to a chair at the back. It will begin at 2.55pm and finishes just before 3.25pm - our usual picking up time for our younger children.

Please note:

- There will be a Celebration Worship as usual next week (16<sup>th</sup> September), in addition to our Harvest Celebrations in the morning.
- There will not be any children from Mrs Warburton's Reception Class in the Harvest service or on 'the bench' until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, when they will join us in Celebration Worship for the first time.

### Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2017??

Do you have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016?? - 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. 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 2017 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2016

Primary school applications - 15th January 2017

### A reminder about our Policy on Medicines in School (p18 of our Prospectus)

As a general rule, therefore, we do not administer medicines in school. The vast majority of paediatric medicines are intended to be taken three times a day (before school, after school, before bedtime). In very exceptional circumstances, the school will co-operate and, in these instances, parents and carers will be required to complete the necessary school forms to be able to administer **prescribed medicines only**. The Headteacher and school do not accept responsibility for missed doses, mislaid medicines and side-effects of mistaken drugs. [http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category\\_id=72](http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=72)

### A Message from David Baxter

I spoke to David on the phone yesterday and he said that he was missing everybody at THT and can't wait to come in and say hello!! He can now stand on his own (with help getting up and down), but needs help to take any steps. He still has no movement in his left arm.

David said that he is enjoying using the Fire tablet that was bought with the kind donations that the parents and staff gave him and has sent the attached card to show his appreciation.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. B. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen B. Smith  
Headteacher

### Did you know...

The long School Summer Holiday is a tradition dating back to the Victorian times where the children were given time off school during the summer time in order to pick fruit and farm the land.