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THT's Christmas Fair 2024

Just to remind you that the THT Christmas is after school on Friday 6th December - from 3.30pm until approximately 6.30pm. If you can help in anyway during the evening - whether it is helping to organise the day - or simply running a stall - please get in touch!! (See the poster at the end of this Newsletter...)

During the Fair we will be running a variety of stalls...these include:

A Chocolate Tombola

A Bottle Tombola

A Cake Stall

Arts and Crafts Stalls

Jewellery Stall

Lucky Dip

Café (Hot Food and Drinks)

And of course, the children can meet Father Christmas

And a Secrets Room

There will be other stalls during the evening.

(The secrets room is where the children pay to disappear into a room and then re-emerge with a present already gift wrapped for Mum / Dad/ Grandma etc.)

As part of our Christmas Fair, we are very excited to be holding a Grand Raffle. Raffle tickets are already on sale priced at £1 per strip and are available from the class teachers. They will also be on sale on the evening of the Christmas Fair.

There are some amazing prizes to be won including:

£100 Billy Bob's Parlour voucher

Bouncy Castle hire voucher

Quirky Quarter Family Pass for a day out in Liverpool

4 tickets on the East Lancs Railway

2 Vue cinema tickets

£25 Scott Charles Voucher

A 4-ball Pleasington Golf experience

Meal voucher for the Cock and Bottle

A Pet Portrait voucher worth £135

£50 Entertainer Gift Voucher

Afternoon tea vouchers

Johnson's Butchers prize

£20 Turtle Bay voucher

Wok Flavour Voucher

Bottle of Wine

Hilton Beauty Gift Bag

Large 3D printed dragon, made by one of our Y6 pupils

Plants

...and more prizes coming in all of the time.



Early Closing for the Christmas Fair 2024

Please note that we will not be running an After School Club on 6th December and please can you pick up your child / children at 3.15pm on that day - all in readiness for the Christmas Fair.

Up and Coming Non Uniform Days on Fridays...

To prepare for our Christmas 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 29th November - 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'.

On Friday 6th December (try and wear something Christmassy!!) - please can they bring a cake. (This could be home made or shop bought - a whole cake or cupcakes etc.) There again, please make sure that it is unopened and 'in date'.

Please can we ask for the cakes to be 'Nut Free'.

Thank you for all the chocolate we received last week!!

Celebration Worship

It was a busy Celebration Worship last Friday!! Well done to the children who made it to 'The Bench'...they were:

Reception	Marley
Year 1	Elliott
Year 2	Scarlett
Year 3	Minnie
Year 4	Isla
Year 5	James
Year 6	All Year 6
Headteacher Award	Lily D and Violet in Year 1

Please can I remind Parents and Carers only to attend Celebration Worship if your child is 'On the Bench' and not if they are showing a medal / certificate from home. As we now have 205 children in the school - we have to be careful that we don't exceed our 'fire regs' numbers.

Parents' Evening - Autumn 2024

Just a reminder that this year's Autumn Term Parents' Evening is either tonight (**Tuesday 26th November**) or tomorrow night, (**Wednesday 27th November**).

Both sessions will be face to face sessions in the hall - with social distancing between parent(s) and teacher if preferred. In the hall, the teachers will discuss how your child has settled into their Year Group, and perhaps any next steps your child has to help them move on in their learning.

Reading at Home

We have noticed that there is a smaller number of children who are regularly heard to read at home. I know parents and carers are busy - but if you could spend 5 to 10 minutes to hear your child read - this really helps with the fluency and understanding of their reading - which of course has a positive impact on other areas of the curriculum. Children who do not read at home tend to have lower attainment in school - not only in reading and writing - but in other areas of the curriculum which involve reading.

Last Week's Attendance

Last week - 173 pupils (out of 205 of the school) attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

14 children (from 9 different families) were late for school at least once (after 9.00am).

The best attending classes for the week was our Year 2 Class who achieved over 99% for the week - Well done to Mrs Birkby's Class!!

Infant Production Costumes

Please can all costumes be sent into school by the Friday of this week (29th November) so that can start practising in the costumes next week...thank you!!

For our "Follow the Star" nativity performance, we need a few more CAMEL costumes.

These could be costumes/onesies that your child/ren has/have grown out of OR that anyone is willing to lend or donate or make for us.

We often have offers of other costumes and outfits for all of the other roles and we have many of these (so we do not need any more) - thank you to PTFA and particularly parents!!

Please get in touch with Mrs Seeley - on ClassDojo or lauraseeley@holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk

Christmas Lunch - 18th December - Bookings need to be made by Monday 2nd December.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch on the 18th please go onto ParentPay and book a school meal for your child on that day. Adult meals also need booking through ParentPay - look for 'Adult Christmas Lunch'. Please enter TURKEY or VEGETARIAN in the notes field to select your meal choice. If your child receives a free school meal - or is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 - they will automatically get a meal - unless you let us know otherwise.

There will be two seating's as usual:

11:45am - single children and parents / carers

12:30pm - siblings and parents / carers

School Dinners - Week 1 of the Cycle - week beginning 2nd December

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional Main Course	Red Pork Meatballs with Mild Chilli & Sweet Pepper Sauce Mixed Rice & Broccoli Florets	Red Lancashire Butter Pie with Garden Peas & Carrots or Baked Beans (v)	Red Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet & Gravy with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Red Booths Beef Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges, Sweetcorn & Tomato Ketchup	Red Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Pizza & Pasta	Green Macaroni & Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Green Loaded Vegetable Quesadilla with Herby Wedges & Salad Selection (v)	Green Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Green Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Green Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)
Jacket potato	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 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 Sandwich Roll with Tortilla Chips Freshly Prepared Salad Selection
Sandwiches	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham	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. Meals are priced at £2.75 per meal.

The Lighting of Tarleton's Christmas Tree

The Douglas Cardiac Trust would like to invite you to this year's lighting of Tarleton's Christmas Tree in Mark Square on Friday night (29th November). Miss Jagger, Mrs Simpson and many of the other staff (and me) will be near to the Christmas tree representing THT. If any of the children would like to join us we are gathering at 6.45pm to start at 7.00pm. It should be finished by about 7.45pm. We will be singing carols, eating mince pies and one of the THT children will be chosen to help press the button to light the tree.

School Choir

Our Choir is busy practising Christmas Songs to sing at various locations and events - including the lighting of the Tarleton Christmas Tree and our own Christmas Fair. One other main event is when the choir sing at Tarleton Library on 19th December at 11am. Please join us at any or all of these events!!

Choir Church

This Friday (29th November) is the last Choir Church of 2024 - and it is a Eucharist Service in the school hall. It all starts at 3.45pm and will finish at approximately 4.30pm. If you are a family member of one of our After School Choir Church members - please join us for the service!!

The Choir Church will also be singing for the Tarleton's Mother's Union on the afternoon of 11th December at 2pm.

A List of What is Happening Up to Christmas at THT - I did check it twice!!:

The Diary is very busy between now and the End of Term, here are some of the more important dates:

29th December - Choir Church Club Eucharist Service in School 3.45pm

29th November - lighting of Tarleton's Christmas Tree - 7.00pm (gather at 6.45pm)

2nd December in the afternoon - M&M Pantomime in School

6th December - THT's Christmas Fair at 3.30pm until 6.30pm (school closes at 3.15pm and there is no After School Club)

10th and 11th December - Infant Production at 2pm (ticket only event)

11th December - Choir Church After School Club singing for the Mother's Union in Church at 2pm

12th December - Years 5 and 6 to visit Tarleton Academy to watch their Christmas Concert 10am

12th December - Infant Production at 6pm (ticket only event)

13th December - Last Stepping Stones before Christmas

16th December - Infant Christmas Party (YR and Y1 & 2) 1.30pm

17th December - Junior Christmas Party (Years 3 to 6) 1.30pm

17th December - Holy Trinity Church's Village Carol Service at 7.15pm in Church - all invited

18th December - THT's Christmas Lunch 11.45am and 12.30pm

18th December - Friends Christmas Disco 6.30pm (more details to follow)

19th December - School Choir Singing at Tarleton Library (11.00am) - all invited

20th December - End of Term Service in Church at 1.30pm

20th December - School Closes for Christmas after the Church Service has finished - approx 2.30pm

6th January 2025 - School Opens for the Spring Term 2025 at the usual time

Message from our Rose Queen - Hannah Chapman

Do you decorate your house Christmassy?

Tarleton Rose Queen Hannah (a former pupil of THT), would like to invite you to enter the Tarleton and Hesketh Bank Christmas Light Competition, to decorate your house as "Christmassy" as possible. If you would like to enter donate £5 via just giving and email rosequeen.tht@gmail.com with your name, address and contact details for your entry.

All proceeds to the Douglas Cardiac Trust, please look at our just giving page for details.

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If you would prefer to enter with cash, please visit Wignalls Chartered Surveyors at 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

The Douglas Cardiac Trust who provide financial support for First Responder Group within Tarleton, Banks and Hesketh Bank to respond to Emergency Health matters particularly Cardiovascular and provide static medical equipment at social and workplace environments within Tarleton, Banks and Hesketh Bank. For more details and entry form - please click [here](#).

Are You Applying for a Primary School/Academy Place for September 2025?

If have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, 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 closing dates for [Primary school applications](#) September 2025 - is 15th January 2025 at 11:59 pm.

The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at: - www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (or simply click [here](#)).

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.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Headteacher

Did you know...

This coming Sunday is Advent Sunday - the beginning of the Christmas Season and beginning of the New Church Year. Time to get those Advent Calendars ready...

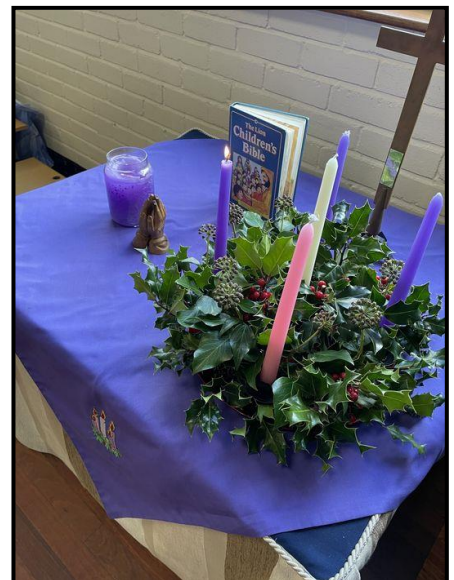
Some Advent Calendar 'Did you knows'...

- The first known handmade Advent calendar was made of wood in 1851. The first printed Advent calendars appeared in the early 20th century.
- German publisher Gerhard Lang is credited with inventing the modern Advent calendar. Lang was inspired by his mother, who would sew 24 cookies or pictures onto cardboard for him to eat or look at each day of Advent. In the 1920s, Lang added small doors to his calendars, each hiding a picture or Bible verse.
- In 1958, British chocolatier Cadbury began adding small pieces of chocolate behind the doors.

Each year, during Advent we say our Advent prayer at the beginning of Worship.

Here's a copy if you would like to say it at home:

*Dear God,
Help us to make our hearts ready for Jesus.
Help us to be patient as we wait.
Help us to re-live this amazing story.
Help us to change for the better, that we may reflect
the light of Jesus.
In Jesus' name. AMEN*





Come and join us
All welcome
at

**Tarleton Holy Trinity
Primary School's**

Christmas

Fair

**Friday 6th December
3.30pm-6.30pm**

**Chocolate
Tombola**

**Bottle
Tombola**

**Santa's
Grotto**

**Cake
Stall**

**Craft
Stall**

**Face
Painting**

Raffle

£1.00 a strip

Secret Room On sale from 27th November from the class teacher
or buy on the night.
Draw to take place at 6.00pm on the night
Many fabulous prizes to be won!

Cafe

