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Value...Dream...Achieve...

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Tarleton Holy Trinity's Christmas Market

We would like to send you a final invitation, asking you to join us at the Annual Tarleton Christmas Market which takes place on Sunday, 3rd December. It all starts at 12:30pm and will run throughout the day until approximately 4:30pm. There will be lots of things to buy and entertain you...over 30 stalls will be there in total including indoor Santa's Grotto, the Secrets Room, a cafe, Face Painting, children's crafts and lots, lots more!! If you're free - we hope to see you there!!

Celebration Worship

Just before half term we held another one of our Friday Celebration worships. Well done to everyone who made it to my bench...they were:

Reception	Jasmine	
Year 1	Daisy	Our Worship Theme for this Week is All Different, All Equal – Anti Bullying <u>Team Point Winners</u> Last week's winners – Ribble
Year 2	Rosey	
Year 3	Jack	
Year 4	Venkishen	
Year 5	Anastasia, Sophie, Jessica G,	
	Seraphina, Daniel and Edward	
Year 6	Katie, Katie-Anne and Ewan	

As you can see, our Worship theme for this week is, All Different, All Equal, which was the message of this month's Anti Bullying campaign in schools. A useful resource for parents and carers is: https://www.anti-bullying/aba-definition-bullying/aba-definition-bullying/aba-definition-bullying

Time is Running Out...Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2018??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2017?? - 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 (then click on "Apply for a school place")

This already went live on 1st September 2017. 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 2018 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2017

Primary school applications – 15th January 2018

School Lunches

The week beginning 4th December is week 3 of the Menu cycle. At the moment, Janet is not changing the menu until we see what the children like. As usual, in addition to the advertised meals - the children can choose a jacket potato on the day or there is a choice of 3 sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) which can be booked in advance, online via ParentPay.

Books for Buikwe

Please read last week's Newsletter 'Extra' that you received on ParentPay from Mr Marshall...it tells you all about how our School Council decided they would like to help Buikwe School rather than do a big fundraiser for Children in Need...and we're joining with St John's CE Church in Burcough, to try to help some of the 760 students in Buikwe School who each need four books costing £8 per book. *Mr Marshall adds:*

Buy -a -book for Buikwe (Uganda) Can you help a child in need?

Can you help a child to escape poverty through a better education? This is the last week to donate to this very worthy cause. Donations can be made in cash or via Paypal. (*by November 30th please*.) A huge thank you to all those who have already responded.

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world." Malala Yousafsai

Letters to Father Christmas

Just to remind you that our special Post Box for our children to write to Father Christmas last night year and we have put it just outside of Mr Skinner's Classroom door.

As Father Christmas can get a little confused at this time of year, seeing as he has so much to do, please could parents / carers include a possible achievement that your child has done this year or something exciting that has happened or is going to happen, without the children knowing, and send it into school...and this will help Father Christmas make his reply that little bit more personal. Mrs Forrest will collate all the information and get it to Father Christmas, so please either slip a little note in the Letter to Father Christmas envelope which will be passed to her, email her via the school or pop in and see her. *Please note that the final day for letters to be posted to Father Christmas is next Friday (8th December).*

Old Toys - are you having a Clear Out?

If you've been good, Father Christmas might be bringing you or children some new toys for Christmas. If you are then having a 'clear out' of any older toys (which are still in good condition) please can we have them in school for wet break toys, our Foundation Classroom or for our pre-school Stepping Stones group.

Attendance Figures

Last week, 160 (out of 177%) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance last week - they didn't miss one day of school!! The 'best attending class of the week' was Year 3 with 99% of the class attending for the whole week!! During the same week two children were late for one session of school.

A Message from After School Club

...an early reminder that there will not be an <u>After School Club, or Easy Pick Up on the last day of term</u> (<u>22nd December</u>). Easy Drop and Breakfast Club will run as usual in the morning.

Term and Holiday Dates for 2018 - 2019

At last week's meeting of the Full Governing Body, the Term and Holiday Dates for 2018 – 2019 were agreed. The dates are attached at the bottom of this Newsletter, and are available to see on the School's Website, which can be viewed by clicking on:

http://tarletonholytrinity.org/school-term-dates-and-holidays-2018-2019/

Our New School App

Don't forget we have a new App. Using the App (available on Apple and Android phones), as well as looking at Newsletters and the School Calendar, we will be able to send you 'Notifications' about school events and you will be able to reply, via the App, giving your permission for your child to attend a school trip, or by recording their absence if they are poorly...

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

Stephen B. Smith - Headteacher

Did you know...

Advent starts on Friday...

The origin of the Advent Calendar can be traced back to the 19th. Century. One of the earliest traditions was to paint chalk strokes on the door, one per day until Christmas Eve.

Gerhard Lang from Germany is said to have produced the first printed Advent Calendar, although without windows to open. It was published in 1908. This Calendar was named "Christmas-Calendar" or "Munich Christmas-Calendar". A little later, Lang produced the first Advent Calendars with little doors to open.

School Term and Holiday List 2018 – 2019

Autumn Term 2018

1st Half Term – Monday, 3rd September to Friday, 26th October

Half-Term Holiday (School Closed) – Monday, 29th October to Friday, 2nd November

2nd Half Term – Monday, 5th November to Friday 21st December

Christmas Holiday (School Closed) – Monday, 24th December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019

75 days

Spring Term 2019

1st Half Term - Monday, 7th January to Friday, 15th February

Half-Term Holiday (School Closed) – Monday, 18th February to Friday, 22nd February

2nd Half Term - Monday, 25th February to Friday, 12th April

Easter Holiday (School Closed) – Monday, 15th April 2019 to Friday 26th April 2019

65 days

Summer Term 2019

1st Half Term - Monday, 29th April to Friday, 24th May

Polling Day (School Closed): Thursday, 2nd May

Bank Holiday (School Closed): Monday, 6th May

Half-Term Holiday (School Closed) – Monday, 27th May to Friday, 31st May

INSET Days (School Closed): Monday 3rd June to Friday, 7th June

2nd Half Term - Monday, 10th June to Tuesday, 23rd July

50 days

Total = 190 days Total + 5 INSET Days = 195 days