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### THT's Christmas Fair 2024

Just to remind you that the THT Christmas Fair is after school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Hot Drinks and Cake (Café)

And of course, the children can meet Father Christmas

...And a Secrets Room (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.)

There will be other stalls during the evening.

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. The raffle will be drawn on the night at approximately 6.00pm.

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

£15 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

£50 Wok Flavour Voucher

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Day on Friday

We are holding a Non Uniform day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (try and wear something Christmassy!!) - in return please can the children bring a cake. (This could be home made or shop bought - a whole cake or cupcakes etc.) Please make sure that it is unopened and 'in date' and 'Nut Free'.

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

### Mrs Weston is Moving On

It is with mixed emotions that I have to tell you that Mrs Weston is leaving us after Christmas and moving to another school as their Deputy Headteacher. We're happy that she has got a 'job for the future' - but are sad to see her go!!

Mrs Weston came to us knowing that she would only be with us for a short time whilst Miss Iddon is away from school on maternity leave. Miss Iddon is planning on returning to THT after the February Half Term. After Christmas - Mrs Weaver will be teaching Year 3 for the half term. Mrs Weaver is a supply teacher who we have used many times in the past and knows the school well.

Thank you for everything you have done for us at THT Mrs Weston - and Good Luck in your new School!!

### Pyjama Rama Worship

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who gave donated money for our Pyjama Rama sponsored event at the beginning of the November.

All the monies have been counted...Guess how much we raised for our school funds?? ...a massive £1603.55!! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Celebration Worship

It was the penultimate Celebration Worship of 2024 last Friday!! Well done to the children who made it to 'The Bench'...they were:

Reception	Polly
Year 1	Poppy
Year 2	Tommy
Year 3	Matilda D
Year 4	Cody and Leo
Year 5	Harry
Year 6	Esmee and Mary
Headteacher Award	Nevaeh in Reception Class

Due to the preparations for the Christmas Fair this Friday - we will not be holding a Celebration Worship - but we will squeeze one more in on the following Friday (13<sup>th</sup> December).

### Last Week's Attendance

Last week - 175 pupils (out of 205 children) attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

16 children (from 11 different families) were late for school at least once (after 9.00am).

The best attending classes for the week was our Year 6 Class who achieved over 98.4% for the week - Well done to Mr Skinner's Class!!

### Infant Production

The tickets for our Infant Production 'Follow the Star' are being distributed 'as we speak'. Please remember to bring them with you when you come to watch the performance!! We cannot go above our allocated number for people in the hall at any one time - due to fire regulations - so it is a ticket only event!! (This is calculated on the number of doors there are to the hall and not how big the hall is.)

The Thursday evening performance is full - and we have no more tickets available. There are a few tickets left for the Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Please let us know by the end of school on the Thursday of this week if you still require tickets.

For the evening performance on the 12<sup>th</sup> - please can the children return to school at 5.45pm so they can get ready for the 6.00pm performance.

### School Dinners - Week 2 of the Cycle - week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Traditional Main Course</b>	<b>Red</b> Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Tomato Ketchup with Herby Potatoes & Baked Beans (v)	<b>Red</b> Crispy Chicken Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	<b>Red</b> Booths Pork Sausage Toad-in-the-Hole with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	<b>Red</b> Cooks Choice of Chicken or Vegetarian Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	<b>Red</b> Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
<b>Pizza &amp; Pasta</b>	<b>Green</b> Homemade Pizza Margherita with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips (v)	<b>Green</b> Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	<b>Green</b> Oriental Vegetable Noodles with Spring Rolls & Sweet Chilli Sauce (v)	<b>Green</b> Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	<b>Green</b> Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Sweetcorn or Baked Beans (v)
<b>Jacket potato</b>	<b>Blue</b> Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	<b>Blue</b> Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	<b>Blue</b> Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	<b>Blue</b> Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	<b>Blue</b> Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Tortilla Chips Freshly Prepared Salad Selection
<b>Sandwiches</b>	<b>White</b> Tuna/cheese/ham	<b>White</b> Tuna/cheese/ham	<b>White</b> Tuna/cheese/ham	<b>White</b> Tuna/cheese/ham	<b>White</b> 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.

### School Choir

Our Choir is busy practising Christmas Songs to sing at our own Christmas Fair and the End of Term Church Service. One other main event is when the choir sing at Tarleton Library on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. Please join us at any or all of these events!!

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

A reminder of what is happening between now and the end of term...

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

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

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

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

12<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Production at 6pm (ticket only event)

13<sup>th</sup> December - Last Stepping Stones before Christmas

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

17<sup>th</sup> December - Junior Christmas Party (Years 3 to 6) 1.30pm

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

18<sup>th</sup> December - THT's Christmas Lunch 11.45am and 12.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> December - Friends Christmas Disco 6.30pm (more details to follow)

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

20<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term Service in Church at 1.30pm

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

6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - School Opens for the Spring Term 2025 at the usual time

### Choir Church

Last Friday Fr Mark and Fr Joe led us through a wonderful Eucharist Service where our Choir Church After School Club sang.

There weren't many of them - but they made a beautiful sound!! They have one more 'job' to do in 2024 - and that is to sing at a special church service for the Mother's Union on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. Once the service has ended the Choir Church will have finished for 2024 and it all resumes on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### Have you found a Garmin Watch??

One of our children have lost a Garmin Junior watch - it is turquoise with Ariel (the little Mermaid) on it. Please get in touch if you find it!!

### Team Point Update

It's nearly time to announce the winning team of the term...

Last week Asland and Yarrow gained the most team points for the week - it was a tie!

Ribble are leading the overall 'race' at the moment...

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

If have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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...

Lucy and Lyla in Year 4 have been doing some research...and have 'come up' with some 'Did You Knows'...

- Christmas Trees usually grow for close to 15 years before they can be sold. The tallest Christmas tree was 67.36 (221ft) tall.
- Reindeer live for about 16 years and their eye colour changes during each season.
- Father Christmas is apparently 1,741 years old and Mrs Clause is 1,700 years old.
- Father Christmas' clothes used to be green.
- Father Christmas is now famous for his red coat - and this is largely due to the Coca Cola company.

Our Advent prayer...

*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**

