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

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## Tarleton Holy Trinity's Christmas Market

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who was involved with the Christmas Market, the stall holders, the people who spent money, the Staff and of course to Katie Kitching and her team of Friends members who organised the whole event. The day went so smoothly!! Early indications are that a profit of £2,000 was raised - which is a huge amount...Thank you once again!!

## Book Fair

Mrs Birkby announced this morning that the book fair raised £555.00 - of which we get 40% worth of books in return. Thank you once again to all those who bought from the Book Fair - and thank you to Mrs Birkby, all the volunteers and the school librarians for helping out each evening. Just over £220 worth of books have already been ordered!!

## Celebration Worship

My voice just about held out during Celebration Worship last Friday!! Well done those children who made it to the bench, they were:

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| Reception | Alfie                 |
| Year 1    | Rebecca and Zakariyya |
| Year 2    | Tilly                 |
| Year 3    | Jonah                 |
| Year 4    | Steven                |
| Year 5    | Sam S                 |
| Year 6    | Anastasia             |

## Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Advent - What are we waiting and hoping for?

## Team Point Winners

Last week's winners - Yarrow

## School's Christmas Post Box

Our own School Post Box is outside the School Hall and is ready for the children's Christmas Cards to each other (and the staff). Just make sure that the card has the name it is going to, and their class, clearly on the front...and our Year 6 postal workers will do the rest!!

## Letters to Father Christmas

This Friday is your child's last chance to write to Father Christmas. 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.

## Some Reminders:

### Co-op Membership Cards - Are you signed up??

Just a quick reminder that even if you logged on last time to choose your favourite charity...**you need to do it again**. Please log into you Co-op membership account and select Friends of Tarleton Holy Trinity if you would like your share of the community fund to raise money for our school.



### Min-Y-Don Meeting

Mr Marshall has arranged a Min-Y-Don information evening for Year 6 parents on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

### Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2019??

Time is beginning to run out for you to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2019.

Do you have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, 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 3rd September 2018. 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 2019 is at 11-59 pm on 15th January 2019

### School Dinners

The week beginning the 10th December is 'Week 1' of the Lancashire Autumn Winter Menu. As you know, after discussion with children in Year 6 and with the school council, we, at THT, are moving the menu around quite a bit and it is this which will appear in the Menu in ParentPay. Please have a look at Newsletter 10 for more details as to how the menu has changed.

### The Infant Production 2018 - 'Baubles'

Please look in the children's bags tonight as the tickets are being distributed today. Both productions are now full and extra tickets have been allocated on an 'out of the hat' type system.

If you no longer need a ticket / tickets, please could you return them to school as soon as possible, as then we can reallocate them.

A reminder that during all the performances, we do not allow any photographs or videos to be taken due to Safeguarding reasons...and younger children / toddlers need a ticket. I always apologise but unfortunately we need to restrict the number of tickets we allocate due to the amount of people we can accommodate at any one time in the hall - regardless of age!! Thank you.

### Costume Reminder for The Infant Production 2018 - 'Baubles'

A reminder that we need all costumes need to be in by tomorrow, (including Christmas jumpers and hats) - then we can start practising in full costume.

### A Plea from Mr Marshall

If anybody has red, yellow, green or blue (or any brightly) coloured wool please donate it to Year 6.

### Mr Skinner's Football Club

Tonight's practice will be the last for a while until the nights begin to 'draw out'.

### Library Books

If your child / children has got a school library book at home - please can they be now returned to school, so that we can do a 'stock check' before the start of next term.

### Old Toys and Board Games - are you having a Clear Out?

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

### A Message from After School Club

...an early reminder that there will not be an After School Club, or Easy Pick Up on the last day of term (21<sup>st</sup> December) or on the 20<sup>th</sup> after we get back from the trip to the Pantomime. Easy Drop and Breakfast Club will run as usual in the morning.

### Our School Choir as on Tour

To spread the Christmas message, the school choir have started their 2018 Christmas Tour last week and sang beautifully at the lighting of the Tarleton Christmas Tree and at the Christmas Market. Today they are singing at Briar Dene Nursery School and then next week will visit other members of our community at Tarleton Library and at the Oakgate Close Sheltered housing. Their Christmas '18 Tour will finish during the THT Christmas Service on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please can the choir keep hold of their T Shirts during the 'tour'!!

### Some Sporting News:

Up and Coming events:

AGT Dance Y3/4

Y5/6 Sports Hall Games

Please look out for a letter from Mr Skinner.



### Attendance Figures

During last week 167 (out of 183) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! The winner of 'best attending class of the week' was Mr Marshall's Class - so well done to Year 6!! ...and **NO** children were late for school!!

Thanks for reading!!

Yours sincerely,

Stephen B. Smith  
Headteacher

### Did you know...

"A Visit from St. Nicholas", more commonly known as "The Night Before Christmas" and "'Twas the Night Before Christmas", is a poem first published anonymously in 1823. It wasn't until 1837 when Clement Clarke Moore acknowledged authorship of the now very famous poem.

There is a reminder about tonight's Christmas Bingo at Our Lady's Church Hall...and please scroll down to see the letter that was sent out to you earlier regarding 'Gifts for Uganda'.

Christmas  
Bingo

Alcoholic beverages, tea, cakes, snacks available

Tuesday 4th December

Doors open 7pm  
Eyes down 8pm

Our Ladys Church Hall  
Hesketh Lane Tarleton

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Worship and Justice Group and our teachers have decided not to do shoeboxes this year. After the visit of Rev. Justus Miwanda, we felt we wanted to help the children of Uganda directly. So we would like to focus on what the Ugandan Schools need.

**In particular, they have requested the following:**

1. **Coloured pencils**
2. **Crayons**
3. **Pencil Sharpeners**
4. **Ordinary pencils**
5. **Pritt Sticks**
6. **Posters** – with useful information that you would normally find in schools. Such as times tables posters, alphabet posters, punctuation posters, adjectives posters, any posters that may come in useful in an educational environment (please could all of the above be new or look like new – thank you).



They have also requested some clothes, they don't have to be new but in decent condition:

1. **Dresses** – any colour, size or brand (for girls mainly)
2. **Shorts** – any colour, size or brand (for boys mainly)
3. **T-Shirts**, any colour, size or brand (for boys mainly)
4. **Caps** – any colour, size or brand (for anybody)

We thank you greatly for anything you donate and just know it is much appreciated and is going to a good cause. Mr Marshall's wife will take out all the above in February and deliver it personally to the schools. In addition, the schools have requested money for school books (priced at £8) and Bibles (priced at £10). If you would like to donate to a book, please give via Parent Pay. There is an opportunity to leave a gift label in the book.

### **Child Sponsorship**

The Worship Group thought that some parents/carers may want to sponsor a child. This could literally change a child's life.

Sponsorship costs £20 a month. This makes sure a child will get 2 meals a day, medical care, a decent education and uniform. Many of these children would only eat 1 small meal a day at home. If you are interested in sponsorship please see Mr. Marshall or contact the office.

And finally – have a Merry, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Gracie, Daniel and the rest of the Worship and Justice Group

Our Vision Statement:

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

*As a loving Christian family, our aspiration is for all pupils to flourish, safe in the belief that we, "...can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us" Phil 4:13.*

*Everyone is valued, we all achieve and our dreams for the future begin.*