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Tarleton Holy Trinity Parent / Teacher Consultation Meeting

Thank you to all those who took the time to meet / talk to the teachers regarding your child / children. To date just 1 child was not discussed at a meeting - so 99.5% were represented during our consultation meetings!!

Celebration Worship

We held a lovely Celebration Worship last Friday. The children making it to the Bench were:

Reception	Anais
Year 1	Hugo
Year 2	Esme W
Year 3	Imara and Erin
Year 4	Teddy D and Toby
Year 5	Lily
Year 6	Ophelia and Charlie J
Headteacher Award	Lizzie in Year 5

A Reminder from Friends - Christmas Chocolate Raffle

The Friends are holding a Christmas Chocolate Raffle to raise funds for school! Raffle tickets are priced at 50p each and are available to purchase from your child's class teacher. Tickets are already on sale with chocolate prizes to be won in each class. The draw will take place on Friday 15th December. See the flyer below for more details.

A Second Reminder from Friends - Christmas Disco

This year the Christmas Disco will be held this Thursday (7th December). Doors will open at 6:30pm and children are to be collected at 8:00pm. Admission to the Disco is £3.00 per child.

Parents and Carers of younger children are welcome to stay, but unfortunately we can only accept children who attend the school at the event. Contact forms will be sent out separately, please ensure you complete these prior to the disco to speed up entry on the night.

If you are able to help at this year's Christmas disco please get in touch with me - or with Steph Farnworth. Many thanks for your support with this event.

End of Term Service in Church - Wednesday 20th December

It is a tradition that Tarleton Holy Trinity finishes the Autumn Term by enjoying a Christmas Service that the children and staff have put together. We would like to invite you to join us in Church on Wednesday 20th December with the service beginning at **1.30pm**. It will last for about an hour. Once the service has finished, the children will then come back to school. If any parents and carers who have attended the service, would like to pick their children up from school, please pick your children up from the usual doors after school. For those parents who can't make it...we will see you as soon as possible after 2.30pm.

A Message from After School Club

...a reminder that there will not be an After School Club, or Easy Pick Up on the last day of term (16th December). Easy Drop and Breakfast Club will run as usual in the morning.



School's Christmas Post Box

Our own School Post Box is in the main corridor (near to the library) 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!!

Start times and Finish Times

We have some parents bringing or picking up children frequently late. Please remember that the school day officially starts at 8.55am and we shut the gate at that time.

The school day finishes at 3.25pm for the Infant children and 3.30pm for Years 3 to 6. If you feel you are struggling each week to pick up on time - please consider booking your child into easy pick up. It only costs £2.50 where we look after your child until 4.00pm.

Lunches - Week 3 of the Winter Menu - Week Beginning 11th December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Booths Pork or Vegetable Sausage with Creamed Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables	Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice and Naan Bread	A change to the Menu: Fish and Chips with peas	A change to the Menu: Christmas Dinner Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage, Roast and Mashed Potatoes	A change to the Menu: Sandwiches for all Reception, KS1 and some KS2 children due to the trip to the Pantomime
or	or	or	Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy Also a Vegetarian Option	
Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta with Crusty Bread and Salad	Pizza Panini with Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn	Janet's choice (she's emptying the freezer)		

Dates for your Diary

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

7th December - Friends Christmas Disco 6.30pm

8th December - Last Stepping Stones before Christmas

8th December - Choir Church Club Eucharist Service in School

12th and 13th December - Infant Production at 2pm

14th December - Infant Production at 6.30pm

14th December - School Choir Singing at Tarleton Library (10.00am)

15th December - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime in Southport

18th December - Infant Christmas Party (YR and Y1 & 2) 1.30pm

18th December - Holy Trinity Church's Village Carol Service at **7.00pm** in Church

19th December - Junior Christmas Party (Years 3 to 6) 1.30pm

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

4th January 2024 - School Opens for the Spring Term 2024 at the usual time

Village Carols at Holy Trinity Church - 18th December 2023

This is a similar service to a 'Nine Lessons and Carols' service that some churches have round about Christmas time. The Village Carol Service is a time where all the Village meet in church to listen to some readings and sing some carols.

Children from Tarleton Holy Trinity School and Tarleton Mere Brow School will be joining together to sing one of the carols during the service - and we would love for as many THT children to be there as possible.

I will be near the front of the church with some other members of staff to look after the children if needed during the service - or they can sit with parents and come out when it is our bit. It all starts at 7.00pm and should last for about an hour and 15 minutes!!

Last Week's Attendance

Last week - 158 pupils (a lower number due to a couple of 'illnesses' going through school) attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

11 children (from 7 different families) were late for school at least once (after 9.00am).

The best attending classes for the week was Miss Iddon's Year 4 class - with an attendance figure of 96.3%.

WLSP After School Wednesday Dance Club

This Wednesday (6th December) will be the last WLSP After School Dance Club - as we have an Infant Production next week and then the follow week is our last day and we will be finishing early for Christmas.

This Week's Worship - Advent 2

Services in Church over Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christingle 3.15pm at Rufford

Christingle 4.30pm at Tarleton

Bethlehem Mass 8.30pm at Tarleton

Midnight Mass 11.30pm at Rufford

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sung Eucharist 9.15am Rufford

Sung Eucharist 10.45am Tarleton

DECEMBER 26th / 27th 10am Holy Eucharist at Tarleton

DECEMBER 28th 7pm Holy Eucharist at Rufford

SUNDAY December 31st

8am Holy Eucharist at Rufford

9.15am Holy Eucharist at Rufford

10.45am Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity at Tarleton

A Message from our Rose Queen

Don't forget that it is the Tarleton Holy Trinity Rose Queen Family Quiz in Church this Saturday - see the poster below for more details.

Stepping Stones

We will squeeze one more Stepping Stones Session in this week on Friday (8th December). Stepping Stones then takes a short break and will return on Friday 12th January 2024.

Breakfast and After School Club Playworkers

We are still looking to recruit a Playworker(s) for our Breakfast Club (BC) and After School Club (ASC). Initially this would be approximately 2 times a week in the Breakfast club, 7:45 - 8:45am and 3 times a week in the Afterschool Club, 3:30 - 6.00pm. Pay is £10.79 per hour (Grade 3 Point 3).

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=62678

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

According to one website: The custom of bringing evergreens into the home began in the 16th century among northern and eastern Europeans. As a means of 'cleaning up' the Christmas tree and making it more uniform, instead of throwing out cut-off greens, people wove the excess into wreaths.

However, the religious significance is that the circular shape and evergreen material of the wreath represent eternal life. The circle, which has no beginning or end, "symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life we find in Christ."

Scroll down to see a couple of posters...

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



The poster features a cartoon Santa Claus on the left, wearing a red suit with white fur trim, a red hat, and green gloves. He is pointing towards the right. The background is white with green pine branches and gold stars at the top and bottom. In the top left corner is a circular logo for 'Friends of Harleton' with a school building illustration. In the top right corner is a circular logo with a yellow cross on a blue background and a church illustration below it.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets on Sale
Wednesday
29th November

50p a go!

Drawn on
Friday 15th December

Tickets are available
from
class teachers
Prizes
for each class

Putting the fun into fundraising!

Charity No: 1105014

Rose Queen Family Christmas Quiz

Saturday 9 December 2023

At Holy Trinity Church

2pm



Join us for a family quiz with refreshments, craft stall and tombola. £10 per team entry (maximum of 6 people per team).

Booking is essential. Email your team name and numbers of adults and children to email rosequeenevents@outlook.com
Details of how to pay will be sent to you. All funds raised will go to Holy Trinity Church.