



## Tarleton Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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

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### Christmas Cards in School

Yesterday, we started gathering in the Christmas Cards that the children are sending to each other. There is a box in each classroom for the children to put their cards in for each other. They will then have a week to bring the cards in - so please have them in by this Friday (10<sup>th</sup> December). We will then quarantine them for a few days and then Year 6 have agreed to sort them and hand them out during the following week. (The week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December.)

If the children are bringing Christmas Cards in, please can they be labelled on the envelope - who it is to and which class they are in. It is good to include the child's last name as well - especially if there is more than one in the class (i.e. there are a few Amelia's in the school and even more than one in Year 4).

### Infant Reading Books

Just a reminder that the infant staff are currently in the process of re-banding our Infant reading books in line with new Government directives that they should closely match the Phonics Phases. We aim to offer fully decodable books for all pupils working up to Phase 5 Phonics. We have purchased some new stock and it is a huge task and will be on-going throughout the year. This means that it is possible that your child may occasionally bring home a book that had previously been banded differently. Please be patient and just read it again. Thank you.

### Some Messages from Friends

- Non Uniform Day Thanks

Mrs Korneliussen, the Treasurer for Friends, did a quick count of the money that was donated last Friday. The 'wear something Christmassy Day' raised £181...and our mini cake / biscuit sale raised a further £76!! Amazing and thank you to everyone!!

- Veg Boxes

Due to the availability of locally sourced produce next month will be the last of the veg boxes until further notice. Boxes will be available to order via the PTA website:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoftarletonholytrinity](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoftarletonholytrinity) until midday next Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup> December). Thank you for your support.

- Letters to Santa

Father Christmas has been in touch to let us know that he would love to hear from you if you would like to send him a letter! If parents/carers could complete the attached form and email it to [santaletters.tht@gmail.com](mailto:santaletters.tht@gmail.com) by tomorrow - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. A payment of £3.00 per child is needed to pay for the postage, the North Pole is quite a distance from Tarleton. Payment can be made via the PTA website: [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoftarletonholytrinity](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoftarletonholytrinity) following registration on the site.

- The Chocolate Raffle tickets

The Chocolate Raffle tickets went on sale last week and cost 50p per ticket. There are 4 prizes per class and tickets will be available from the class teachers. The draw will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please send the correct money in a named envelope to your class teacher. On the envelope please also state how much money is in there. The money/envelopes will then be quarantined - so no change I'm afraid. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more details.

- **A Mini Christmas Market**

Although the Christmas Market has been cancelled, we'd still like to run a few stalls to raise money for our school this Christmas. Therefore, after school on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** we'll be running the Chocolate Tombola, the Lucky Dip and the Pre-loved uniform stalls on the playground. Please come along, bring some change and support us!

We are also still running our Christmas Raffle this year, there are lots of fantastic prizes, donated by local companies, to be won! Look out for an envelope, containing raffle tickets, coming home this week! Please be sure to return raffle tickets (with your details on) and the correct money by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Hope to see you there!

Thank you!

There are some posters at the end of this Newsletter for more details...

### **Celebration Worship**

Last Friday, we held another one of virtual Celebration Worship...which you can watch by clicking [here](#). Well done to all those who made it to the virtual bench!! They were...

Reception	Rayne
Year 1	Lucie
Year 2	Ashley
Year 3	Molly
Year 4	Luca
Year 5	Idris
Year 6	Freya
Head teacher Award	Mason in Year 2

### **School Lunch - Week 2 of the Winter menu - Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese Panini with Tortilla Chips and Salad	Cottage Pie with Seasonal Vegetables	Christmas Dinner Day!!	Beef Burger in a Bun with Ketchup, Paprika Potato Wedges	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips and Peas
or	or		or	or
Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta with Garlic Dough Balls and Vegetables	Crispy Fish Finger Wrap with Potato Wedges and Peas		Veggie Sausage Roll with Paprika Potatoes and Baked Beans	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Chips and Sweetcorn

### **This Week's Worship**

Advent - Mary, Jesus' Mother

### **Toast and Breakfast Buns**

The payment items for Toast and Breakfast Buns are now available on ParentPay for January and February 2022, please log in and pay for these items before the deadline which is strictly Thursday 16th December at 12 noon. Sorry but we cannot add late comers!!

### **COVID Update at THT:**

This is a repeat of some of the details on last week's 'COVID Update' letter - dated 25<sup>th</sup> November

- If your child is waiting for PCR test results, please can we politely ask that they do not return to school until you receive the negative result. Please could you let school know of the result ASAP.
- We are still asking Parents / carers / grandparents to continue to wear a face covering (mask / visor etc) when on the school grounds (unless you are exempt).

- School staff are also to wear masks / face coverings in the communal areas of the school.
- With regard to visitors and parents, please limit coming into school as much as possible - i.e. phone or email the office rather than 'popping in'.
- Whole School Worship continues to be recorded which can be played in classrooms rather than gathering together in the hall - so no 'live' Celebration Worship on 10<sup>th</sup> December.
- The football and netball clubs are cancelled for the time being. WLSP, Ninja Club and music lessons will continue as normal...unless you hear from us.
- All community clubs are also cancelled (Yoga, Hiit Classes and Women's Institute).
- Before and After School Club will continue as normal - but will continue with a bubble system.
- We are keeping the classes sat separately at lunchtimes (in 4 quarters) - with the children rotated when they are in the hall.
- Year 2 are isolating at the moment - but the only difference to parents is that this may affect what happens with the Infant Nativity and Party...watch this space...

### Some Messages from Fr Mark

Sadly we have decided to cancel the Christingles this year. HMG's advice is that organisers of such large events should ensure that all attendees have received a negative test before attending. This is not something we can manage.

### **Christmas Services**

COVID permitting, we will hold the following services at the following times:

First Mass of Christmas or the Bethlehem Mass at Tarleton at 9.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December

First Mass of Christmas at Rufford at 11.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December

### **Christmas Day**

9.15 Rufford

10.45 Tarleton

### **St Stephen's Day , December 26th**

8am Rufford

9.15am Rufford

10.45 Tarleton

### **FACE MASKS**

Following a further review we have decided to request everyone to wear face-masks throughout the services in church please.

### **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*

### Our Advent Postings on Facebook and ClassDojo

Just a reminder that Danny Abraham, an Ordinand (Student Vicar), is working closely with Fr Mark for the next three years. Danny has donated a Christmas Tree and Baubles to school and a set of prayers. These are being read out, each day, by a member of our older children - whose name is drawn from a hat. You can watch the children reading the Prayers each day on the School's Facebook Page and by clicking the links on ClassDojo.

### A Reminder of the other Christmas Activities at THT in 2021

#### **Christmas Production / Service:**

We are busy putting together an End of Term Presentation where each class will 'perform' an item. It won't be the 'full on' Production that we usually have, but will be a selection of poems, dances, songs etc...These will be published on Facebook and links put on the website and ClassDojo for all to enjoy. The links will come to you towards the end of the week.

### **Children's Christmas Parties:**

We are hoping that positive COVID cases at THT subside this week and that we can hold out Christmas Parties together. Letters should come out to you soon about food etc.

Infants	13 <sup>th</sup> December afternoon
Juniors	14 <sup>th</sup> December afternoon

### **Children's Pantomime:**

M&M Productions will once again be providing a pantomime for all our children. This will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020...all being well.

### **End of Term Service in Church:**

On the last day of term, the staff and children are hoping to be able to join with Fr Mark for a short End of Term Service in Church. Unfortunately this year, it will not be 'open' for parents/carers to attend.

### **Toy Day for the Infants**

On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, we are allowing the Infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), if they wish, to bring in some sort of game or toy to play with.

Please can we ask for toys that are not too valuable, or have lots of 'little bits' which may get lost...or too noisy... and no electronic games or 'Games Systems' please.

Sorry it's a restrictive list!!

### **End of Term - Autumn 2021**

Just to remind you that school closes for Christmas at the end of next week (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December), at the usual time of 3.25 / 3.30pm. We start the Spring 2022 Term at 8.55am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January with the doors opening at the usual time of 8.45am.

### **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 (17<sup>th</sup> December). Easy Drop and Breakfast Club will run as usual in the morning.

### **Are You Applying for School Places for September 2022??**

Do you have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 - 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.

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 School Admissions and "Apply for a school place")

This went live on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. 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 2022 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Primary school applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

As always...thanks for reading...stay safe...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith  
Head teacher

### **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 who acknowledged authorship of the now very famous poem.



# THT Christmas Stalls

Friday 10th December, 3.30pm

**Chocolate Tombola**

**£1 for 5 tickets**

**Lucky Dip**

**£1**

**Preloved Uniform**

**£donation**

*Please support us this Christmas, we'll be on the playground on Friday 10th December at 3.30pm.*

*Please bring the correct change where possible, thank you!*



# THT Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be coming home this week.

Tickets are £1 per number

Please return tickets (with your details on) and the correct money by Friday 10th December.

The Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 15th December at the children's Christmas lunch.





# Chocolate Raffle

## TICKETS ON SALE



**50p a go**

Draw **15<sup>th</sup> December**



Tickets available  
from Teachers



**Prizes for each class**

