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

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David Baxter is to Retire

Some sad news to begin with...David Baxter has decided to retire through ill health, and from 1st January 2017 onwards will no longer be our official Caretaker or Lollipop man.

As most of you know, David suffered a serious stroke towards the end of April 2016. He has only managed to make limited progress to overcome the immobility that he now has on his left hand side. He would like to send everyone his and his wife Sandra's best wishes and hope you all have a lovely Christmas!

School Council's Christmas Bake Off - Friday 9th December

The School Council would like to thank everyone who made and/or bought cakes last Friday. So far they have raised just over £55.00...although there is still some money to come in.

The School Panto Trip

Just a reminder that this Thursday (15th December) is our trip to the pantomime in Liverpool. Therefore for the large part of the day there will be **no one in school!** Effectively school will be closed until we return at approximately 3.00pm.

The children need to be in school uniform for the day.

Infant Christmas Production of 'Shine Star Shine'.

This evening is the first public performance of our Infant Production. Although the admission is free, it is a **ticket only event** due to there being a limited number of people in the school hall at any one time, due to fire regulations. So please make sure that you bring your ticket(s) with you!! We allow parents and carers to come in jeans and trainers...but 'if your name is not down...!!' The Productions are at 6.30pm today and 2.00pm on Wednesday 14th December.

For tonight's evening performance, please have your child/children back at school by 6.00pm so that they can get ready...and preferably in School Uniform (as it is named if it gets misplaced).

Each production will last for approximately 45 minutes.

THT Christmas Lunch

If you (parents/carers) have not booked your Christmas Lunch I am afraid that it is now too late as all 'adult' tickets have been sold. You just have time to order a Christmas Lunch for your school child though, as long as you let us know by 9.00am tomorrow morning.

For those parents / carers who have ordered a Lunch, **please come to school for 11.40am if you are 'first sitting' or 12.25pm if you are on the '2nd sitting'...and it all happens this Friday (16th December).**

All the staff will be on hand to help serve meals, pour drinks and to 'wait' on tables.

Friends Christmas Disco

This takes place in the School Hall on Thursday 15th from 6.30 until 8.00pm. Prices are £3 per child and you simply pay on the door. The admission price includes a free drink although other refreshments will be available to buy on the night.

School Dinners Next Week

Janet is altering the menu for the final three days of term next week. On Monday she is serving Vegetarian sausage rolls, Tuesday is Spaghetti Bolognese or Cheese Panini and on Wednesday it is Fish and Chips or Pizza and Chips.



Village Carol Service in Church - Sunday 18th December

It is a tradition that the school sings a carol as part of the Annual Tarleton Holy Trinity Church Village Carol service.

If you would like your child to take part, **please return the slip on the letter that you received yesterday in paper form by Friday 16th December.** On the Sunday night, the children will sit in the pews with some of the staff from school. Parents and Carers are of course welcome to join us in this very special village event.

Alternatively, children can be dropped off at church between 6:00 and 6:15pm and be collected about 7:45pm. The service commences at 6:30 pm. **Children should wear their school uniform if possible.** Some children will be attending as part of the uniformed organisations and are of course, welcome to also represent the school in singing our carol.

Please clarify on the reply slip if your child will be sitting with the school, as we need to reserve pews. Thank you.

Time is Running Out...Are You Applying for School/Academy Place(s) for September 2017??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 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")

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 Primary school applications for September 2017 are at 11-59 pm on 15th January 2017.

Celebration Worship

Last Friday was our last Celebration Worship of 2016...as **there is no Celebration Worship this Friday!!** Well done to all the children who made it to my bench!! They were:

Reception	William
Year 1	Tyler
Year 2	Joshua
Year 3	Jacob
Year 4	Nathan
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Evan and Lloyd

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...
Advent - Peace

Team Point Winners for the Term
Ribble - well done Ribble!!

Sunday club

Sunday club had a surprise visitor this week and all received a little gift! A fun filled party was had by everyone! Sunday club has now finished for the year now but there is a family service next Sunday and



then we'll be joining in at Christingle at 4pm on the 24th. Merry Christmas from the Sunday club team!

Library Books

If your child / children has got a school library book at home - please can we have them in as soon as possible - last day tomorrow, so that we can do a 'stock check' before the start of next term.

Attendance Figures

During last week, 145 (out of 172) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! The 'best attending class of the week' was Mrs Dimmock's Year 2 Class - for the second week running!! During the same week four children were late for at least one session of school.

A Reminder about Morning Toast and Friday Breakfast Buns

These items are now 'open' to book for next $\frac{1}{2}$ term on ParentPay. Payment/ booking needed by 21st December at 1.00pm in order to get them on the list for the first day back after the Christmas Holidays. Thanks!!

Next Term dates

Attached to this Newsletter is the Calendar of events for the Spring Term 2017. Keep it safe, as it takes us up to April!!

Toy Day

On the penultimate day of term (Tuesday 20th December), we are allowing the children in Years 1 and 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!! Key Stage 2 and Mrs Warburton's class have 'their own plans' for the day.

Food Bank Collection

On Friday (16th December) we are having a Food Bank Collection prior to the End of Term Christmas Service. Christmas is always a time where we think about those who are not as fortunate as we are at this time of year. If you would like to make a contribution to the Foodbank collection, please simply send in one of the following things with your child / children on Friday. Thank you!!

Suggested items: Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar, Fruit juice (carton), Soup, Pasta sauces, Sponge pudding (tinned), Tomatoes (tinned), Tea Bags/instant coffee, Tinned meat/fish, Tinned fruit, Jam or Biscuits.

Christmas Parties

Our children's Christmas parties are next week. On the day of the party (Monday for Infants and Tuesday for Juniors) we allow the children to come in their own party clothes for the whole day. Please ensure, however, that the children are dressed warmly and that the girls (and boys) wear sensible shoes or trainers as they will still have break times in the morning and at lunchtime. Please also remember that the children will require their usual lunch as their party food is served well into the afternoon. Separate letters will be coming out to you soon from Mrs Dimmock and Mr Marshall, regarding how the parties are organised.

End of Term Carol Service in Church - Wednesday 21st December

It is an end of term tradition that Tarleton Holy Trinity finishes the Autumn Term by enjoying a Carol Service in church, and we would like to invite you to join us in Church. The service begins at 2.00pm and will last for about an hour...and our Year 6 Bell Ringing Club will be ringing the church bells to welcome people into church. 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 3.00pm - or at the usual pick up time of 3.25 / 3.30pm.

Pumps and PE Kit

Very soon the children's PE kits will be coming home to be washed over the Christmas break. Please can we ask parents/carers to check that pumps fit the children as some seem to have outgrown them. Thanks!!

A Message from Miss Jagger

Year 5 would like to 'revamp' their reading area...if you have any spare cushions you could donate to the area - it would be very much appreciated!

A Message from Mr Skinner - Football Club

Football has now finished for the term, and therefore there will be no practice this Friday. Mr Skinner will be in touch with you in the New Year for the next set of practices.

A Message about Bell Ringing Club

Due to a funeral next Tuesday (20th) there will be no after school Bell ringing Practice. We are practising tonight and of course ringing the bells at next Wednesday's service in church.

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 who acknowledged authorship of the now very famous poem.