

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

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# Happy New Year Everyone!!

Welcome back to a new year at THT. We hope that you had an amazing Christmas - you managed to relax and reboot...and are ready for the exciting things that 2022 has to bring!!



#### Team Point Winners for Autumn Term 2021

Just a reminder that last term's Team Points for the Autumn Term were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> - <mark>Yarrow</mark> - 1331 2<sup>nd</sup> - <mark>Asland</mark> - 1224 3<sup>rd</sup> - <mark>Ribble</mark> - 1222 4<sup>th</sup> - Douglas - 1172

So well done to Yarrow who are last term's winners. As a treat, this Friday,  $7^{th}$  January 2022 - they will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes (with a hint of Yellow).

# <u>COVID 19 Update and Measures - Return to School January 2022 (A repeat of yesterday's information)</u>

#### 1. Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.

Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

#### 2. Whole School Gatherings

For the time being we are not going to mix the classes of children inside school.

This means that we will eat dinner as separate classes in the dining hall, and we will not gather for Whole School Worship (including Celebration Worship). Only one class at a time can use the toilets.

#### 3. Face Coverings

Unless exempt, we ask all adults to wear a mask or face covering when in the communal areas of the school (i.e. when moving through the corridors). We also ask that parents / carers to wear face masks when they are on the school property.

#### 4. Visitors to School

Please try to limit non-scheduled visits to school. Please try and either phone or email the school office - or if it is a concern regarding your child's work at school, contact teachers using ClassDojo. Please remember not to use Dojo to log absences - these can be done via the App or by pressing Option 1 when ringing the school.

#### Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church and St Mary's Rufford

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July there will be a Confirmation service with Bishop Philip at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church, Rufford.

Those wishing to be Confirmed are asked to get in touch with Fr Mark (Tel: 01772 814431). Confirmation is usually children presently in Year 6 or older.

Confirmation preparation Lessons will take place at 6.00pm on Sundays from the middle of May onwards - more information will be announced at a later date.

#### Friends' Christmas Fund Raising Events

Thank you to everyone who spent their money at our various raffles, tombolas and cakes sales during the last few weeks before we broke up for Christmas. All in all, we raised a massive £1654.53!!

A HUGE thank you to all the members of Friends for working so hard to put together these fund raising events - which replaced our cancelled Christmas Market!!

#### This Week's Worship

Happy New Year and Epiphany

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

Only a few days to go...

Do you have a child who has a  $4^{th}$  birthday between  $1^{st}$  September 2021 and  $31^{st}$  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:-

<u>www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools</u> (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 - 15th January 2022

#### Christmas Cards and Gifts

The staff of THT and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to those who sent in cards and gifts that were sent to us as Christmas Presents. The gifts were very thoughtful, often very personal and the 'homemade gifts' were exceptionally lovely. Thank you!!

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

Stephen B. Smith Head teacher

### Did you know...

England, Wales and Northern Ireland didn't adopt January  $1^{st}$  as New Year's Day until 1752. Scotland had adopted it 150 years before this.

In England, before 1752, the New Year began on March 25th, aligned with the feast of the Annunciation.