



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

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### A Message from the Headteacher

**A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all!! Everyone at Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary School wishes that you all have a healthy, safe, successful and prosperous 2017!!**

### A Final reminder...Are You Applying for School/Academy Place(s) for September 2017??

Do you have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 date for Primary school applications for September 2017 is at 11-59 pm **this Sunday**, the 15th January 2017. Time is running out...

### Attendance Letters

Soon we will be sending out your termly green, yellow or red attendance letter. This year we are continuing to do it electronically through ParentPay in order to try and cut down on paper usage in school...and we know that many of you prefer it when it 'pops up' on your tablet / phone. Keep checking your ParentPay account!!

### Checking School Holidays

When we came back after the Christmas Break, one or two parents/carers had put the wrong holiday dates in their diaries. Apparently there is a new website on the internet called 'myschoolholidays.com' which appears at the top of a google search when you are looking for your local school's holiday dates - but these (initially) have been advertised incorrectly. After talking to all the local heads in our cluster, all have had similar problems with this, but we have now managed to amend the dates for this year so that they are correct. None of us knew about the website as they had not told us about its launch.

**Please can I urge parents/carers to keep a close eye on the 'KEY DATES' section of our website (<http://tarletonholytrinity.org/category/key-dates/>) for all term dates and events that are happening during the year... (and next year's term dates)!!**

### New Mobile Phones...

Did Father Christmas bring you a new mobile phone for Christmas?? If so - don't forget to let us have your new number. You'll be surprised at how many phone calls that we make only to find out that the number is no longer in use. Thank you!!

### 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!!

**Our Worship Theme for this Week is... Shine your light - your gift to God**

**Team Point Winners: Last Week's Winners -Asland**



### School Clubs Starting this Week:

Mr Smith's Year 6 Bell ringing club - Tuesday 3.30 - 4.45pm

Mrs Birkby's Newspaper Club - Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Miss Jagger's Homework Club - Tuesday 12.20 - 1.05pm

Mrs Simpson's / Mrs Dimmock's Choir (started last week) - Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm

Mrs Williamson's Art Club (letters have just gone out about this to Year 5) - Thursday 12.30 - 1.05pm

Mrs Seeley's ICT / Coding Club (letters coming out soon to Year 4) - Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Please note that these clubs will be on every week unless parents / carers are notified otherwise.

### Attendance Figures

Last week 160 children (out of the 172 in school) managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss any of the two days of school!! The 'best attending class' for the two days was Year 5 with 100% for the two days!! During the same (short) week three children were late for one session of school.

### School Dinners

The week beginning the 16<sup>th</sup> January is 'Week 3' of the Lancashire Lunch Winter Menu.

Slight changes to week 3's menu: Janet is adding Cheese Paninis to Tuesday's options.

Don't forget, as usual, in addition to the advertised meals - the children can choose from 3 sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) or can request a jacket potato - just get them to ask when they are having the dinner register 'taken'.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

### Did you know...

According to one website...the most common New Year's resolutions for 2017 are:

Rank	Top 10 New Year's resolutions for 2017	Percent
1	Lose Weight / Healthier Eating	21.4%
2	Life / Self Improvements	12.3%
3	Better Financial Decisions	8.5%
4	Quit Smoking	7.1%