



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

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## A Message from the Headteacher

If I have not seen you so far... 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 2018!!

## A Final reminder...Are You Applying for School/Academy Place(s) for September 2018??

Time is running out...

Do you have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018? - 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 2018 is at 11-59 pm **this coming Monday**, the 15th January 2018.

## Attendance Letters

Last week we sent out your termly green, yellow or red attendance letter. We send 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!!

## 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 if it's changed. You'll be surprised at how many phone calls that we make out 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...The Word

## Team Point Winners: Autumn 2017:

During each week we give out Team Points to the children which all add to a total which is announced each week. We also keep an 'ongoing total' for the term where, at the end, we have an overall winner. **Well done to our 'Red' Ribble Team who are last term's Team Point Champions. Therefore, this Friday (12<sup>th</sup> January) members of the Ribble Team can come to school in which ever clothes they would like to wear...but please try and have a theme of red for their team colour.** The scores for the term were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ribble with 2757 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Yarrow with 2706 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Asland with 2580 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Douglas with 2434 points



### School Clubs Starting this Week:

Mrs Goddard's Library / Reading Club (anyone) - Mondays 12.20 - 1.05pm

Mr Smith's Year 6 Bell ringing club (Specific members of Y6) - Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.45pm

Miss Jagger's Homework Club (anyone) - Tuesdays 12.20 - 1.05pm

Mrs Simpson's / Mrs Dimmock's (and Mrs Seeley and Mrs Forrest) Choir (anyone Years 3 to 6) - Fridays 12.40 - 1.05pm

Mrs Williamson's Art Club (letters have just gone out about this to Year 4) - Thursdays 12.30 - 1.05pm

Mrs Seeley's ICT / Coding Club (anyone in Year 4 and the Y6 digital leaders) - Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm

Mr Skinner's Sports Clubs - letters coming home soon Year 3/4 on a Tuesday and Years 5/6 on a Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Sports Partnership After School Coaching Sessions (letters have just gone out about this):

Year 5 Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm - Athletics

Year 4 Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm - Gymnastics

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

### School Dinners

The week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> January is 'Week 2' of the Lancashire Lunch Winter Menu.

Slight changes to week 2's menu: Janet is changing Monday's menu to a choice of Pork Sausages or Fish Fingers and adding Cheese Paninis to Wednesday's options.

As usual, in addition to the advertised meals - the children can choose a jacket potato on the day or there is a choice of 3 sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) which can be booked in advance, online via ParentPay.

### Checking School Holiday Dates

It happened this time last year and again this year...

When we came back after the Christmas Break, one or two parents/carers had put the wrong holiday dates in their diaries. Apparently there are one or two websites out there that claim to report school's holiday dates - but are inaccurate.

**Please can I urge parents/carers to keep a close eye on the 'key dates section' of our own school website (<http://tarletonholyltrinity.org/category/key-dates/>) for all term dates and events that are happening during the year... (and next year's term dates)!! They are also available to view on the School App.**

### Our New School App

There are still a few parents / carers who have not started to use our School App.

Using the App (available on Apple and Android phones), as well as looking at Newsletters and the School Calendar, we will be able to send you 'Notifications' about school events and you will be able to reply, via the App, giving your permission for your child to attend a school trip etc.

If you have received an 'invitation' in the past... get it 'up and running'

You can also pass on the email to your partner and they should be able to sign up using their own email address. For all information etc. contact Mrs Sudworth in the office or email her on 'office@holyltrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk'.

### A Funeral at Church

On Friday (12<sup>th</sup> January) at 2.00pm there is going to be the funeral of a very well respected and well-loved member of the community. We expect that the funeral will be very well attended, so please be aware that parking etc. at the end of the day and for Celebration Worship might be more difficult than usual.

### What do I do if my child is poorly??

Just a reminder, that if your child is poorly, or needs to attend a medical appointment, you need to contact school on each day of their absence...before 9.15am if possible. The latest 'news' from the Government is that medical appointments should be made outside of school hours if they are not an emergency (whenever possible).

Simply dial the school phone number (as above) and press 'option 1' to leave a message, or you can now let us know through the School App (select the 'more' tab at the bottom then choose 'absence').

For the school records we need to log the reasons for absence as accurately as possible. Rather than 'poorly' or 'ill' we therefore ask you to be more specific, i.e. flu symptoms, headache, high temperature etc. We can then update the attendance registers quickly and accurately and this will save our office staff making the necessary phone calls to find out why a child is not attending school.

Also, you can, if you prefer, e-mail a message to us using the usual address as above (please 'copy' me using head@...) Just in case Mrs Feeney or Mrs Sudworth are not in the office.

### German Measles

We've already had one child with German Measles in our school...so it is 'in the area'. Please see the attached information from County.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

### Did you know...

According to one website...the most common New Year's resolutions for 2018 are:

1. Exercise more (38 per cent)
2. Lose weight (33 per cent)
3. Eat more healthily (32 per cent)
4. Take a more active approach to health (15 per cent) =
5. Learn new skill or hobby (15 per cent) =
6. Spend more time on personal wellbeing (12 per cent) =
7. Spend more time with family and friends (12 per cent) =
8. Drink less alcohol (12 per cent) =
9. Stop smoking (9 per cent)
10. Other (1 per cent)

### A Thank you letter from the Foodbank...

(see below)



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To : Mr P Marshall  
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8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Phil,

I write to thank the pupils of Tarleton Holy Trinity Primary School for their very generous donation of food to the Southport Foodbank. The food weighed in at 81kg which is enough to provide more than 70 meals for people in need. I can promise you that this donation will be put to good use and make a real difference to our work to bring emergency help to people in crisis.

To date and since we opened our doors in April 2013 we have helped over 20,000 people in the Borough including more than 8,000 children.

We currently have 6 outlets in the Southport and Formby area with at least one open each day from Monday to Friday. We have noticed an increase in footfall over the last year and we are very much dependent on the generosity of our community to help us continue our work in 2018.

With best wishes and thank you again,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Sullivan".

John Sullivan,  
*for Southport Foodbank*