



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

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## Happy New Year Everyone!!

If I haven't already seen you...Welcome back to a new year at THT. We hope that you had an amazing Christmas - you managed to relax and re-boot...and are ready for the exciting things that 2024 has to bring!!



### House Points for Autumn 2023

Just a reminder that we announced that last Term's House Point Winners are Yarrow.

House	Total for the Term
Yarrow	1737
Asland	1614
Ribble	1532
Douglas	1324

So well done to Yarrow, who, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, may come to school in whatever clothes they want (with a hint of yellow) - as a reward for winning the most House points for the Autumn Term 2023

### Applying for a Reception Class Primary School Place for September 2024?? Time is running out!!

A final Newsletter Reminder: If your child is due to start primary school in September 2024 don't forget to submit your application by 15 January 2024.

Visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces/) for a step-by-step guide, from picking schools to admission criteria.

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### Road Closures

You will have hopefully seen my messages that both Church Road and Blackgate Lane will be closed today - and I think for about a week. It definitely affected my journey to school this morning - so maybe set off a little earlier tomorrow if you think it's going to affect you!!

This morning, the traffic trying to get out of Tarleton was a 'nightmare'. Queues to get onto Coe Lane started at the roundabout by Mark Square...And there were queues trying to join it down Hesketh Lane and Gorse Lane. The queue on Hesketh Lane this morning reached down to the Academy!!

For further info click on: <http://tarletonholytrinity.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ttro-02.pdf>

### Library Books

If your child / children has got a school library book at home - please can they be returned to school this week and given to your child's class teacher - thank you!!

### Football Kits

As the school football season is taking a break due to the dark nights, please can all football kits be sent into school ASAP.

### Christmas Chocolate Raffle

We held the draw for the raffle at the end of last term - all organised by Alice Murphy on behalf of Friends!! The final amount raised is £360!! Amazing!! Thank you everyone!!



### Christmas Presents to Staff

On behalf of all the staff - we would like to a huge THANK YOU for all the gifts and cards you have sent into school!! They are always a very welcome surprise!!

### Welfare Assistant

From 22<sup>nd</sup> January onwards we will have a Welfare Assistant position available for 3 days a week - working one to one with a child in our Year 1 Class. We ask you to work from 12 noon until 1.10pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday - paid at the 'Living Wage'. Please get in touch if you are interested...

### Forest School

Our Forest School Area is very, very boggy!! We were going to try to fit in sessions for Year 5 and Year 6 this month - but these will now have to be postponed until later in the year.

### Year 5 Class Worship

Year 5 have asked if they can postpone their Class Worship until 9<sup>th</sup> February - this will fit in nicely with their Topic of Fairness and Justice - so please put Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February (2.55pm) in your diary if you are a parent, carer or family member of someone in our Year 5 Class!!

### Holocaust Memorial Day

On Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> we will mark Holocaust Memorial Day with the help of our Year 6 pupils. Children from Mere Brow CE Primary and Rufford CE Primary will also be taking part in the service. It all starts at 11am at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton and should be finished by 12 noon.

### Holiday Dates for the Remainder of the School Year:

#### Spring Term 2024

1st Half Term - Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February

*Half-Term Holiday (School Closed) - Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February*

2nd Half Term - Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

*Easter Holiday (School Closed) - Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April*

#### Summer Term 2024

1st Half Term - Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April to Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

*Bank Holiday (School Closed): Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May*

*Half-Term Holiday (School Closed) - Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May*

*INSET Days (School Closed): Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June*

2nd Half Term - Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June to Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

### Did you know...

Epiphany is on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Christians believe that the 12 days of Christmas mark the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the magi, or wise men, to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany when they recognized him as the son of God.

The gifts of the gold, frankincense and myrrh that the magi presented to Jesus, are mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 2). According to one website, these valuable items were standard gifts to honour a king or deity in the ancient world: gold as a precious metal, frankincense as perfume or incense, and myrrh as anointing oil. Although Matthew's gospel does not include the names or number of the magi, many believe that the three gifts is what led to the tradition of the Three Wise Men.

...and the person behind the creation of the THT Elf?? A huge THANK YOU to Rebecca Lynd for both making the Elf's outfit and for sending in the photo!!

