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Meet the Teacher Evening - Wednesday 20th September 2023

On Wednesday 20th September, we are holding a meeting where parents and carers are invited into school to discuss the routines etc. in your child's new class. The meetings are very informal and will take place in your child's classroom.

Please note that the evening is for Parents and Carers only and unfortunately, we do not have any Crèche Facilities for the evening.

On the same Wednesday, Mrs Birkby and members of the Infant team will be running a workshop looking at the teaching of Phonics. This is open to ANY parent or carer. If you would like to attend the session it will be held in the School Hall before the Meet the Teacher sessions. It's free of charge so just turn up if you would like a greater insight into the teaching of Phonics at school.

The timings of the classes' Meet the Teacher Evenings are as follows:

Phonics Workshop - 5.00pm	Reception Class - 5.30pm	Year 1 - 5.45pm	Year 2 - 6.00pm
Year 3 - 6.15pm	Year 4 - 6.30pm	Year 5 - 6.45pm	Year 6 - 7.00pm

Each session will last for about 15 minutes (apart from the Workshop). We do hope that you can attend.

Rose Queen Coffee Evening

The Church will be holding a Rose Queen Coffee evening on Friday 15th September, at 6pm, at Tarleton Bowling Club. There will be a raffle, stalls, games and refreshments, as well as entertainment from the children. Tickets are £1 for adults and children go free, so please support this event if you can.

Covid-19 guidance

Unfortunately this week we have had a number of staff test positive for Covid. Please read below for the current Covid-19 guidance on what to do.

What happens if a staff member or my child tests positive for COVID-19?

For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious.

The UKHSA has also published public health guidance on [living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#).

Car Park safety

Just a polite request to remind parents not to use the staff car park as a short cut to the playground. There have been a couple of "near-misses" where staff have been pulling onto the car park and children and parents have been cutting across it. Please stick to the path from the playground if accessing the front office and please do not enter/exit at the entrance into the car park.



Celebration Worship

Please note that the first Celebration worship of the academic year is this Friday (15th September). We are still only inviting parents / carers into worship if your child is 'on the bench'. Please also join us if your child is showing an award that they have won out of school.

Extra-curricular activities

West Lancs Sports Partnership will be running after school clubs for Year 3 - Invasion Games on Wednesday after school and for Year 4 - Gymnastics on Thursday after school. Mr Skinner's football club will be starting this week for Years 5 and 6.

RAAC

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that THT is not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents / carers may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

I hope that this offers reassurance.

After School Club Manager / Breakfast Club Manager

We are still on the lookout for someone to manage our Before and After School Clubs - please let us know if you are interested in the position or click on the link below for more information.

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=61817

Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2023??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2023?? - 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 (or simply click [here](#)).

This already went live on 1st September 2023. 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 2024 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2023

Primary school applications - 15th January 2024

For prospective parents, or indeed anyone who is interested in life at THT, our Open Day for this year is on Wednesday 18th October, with both afternoon and evening sessions. We hope to see you there!!

Choir Church

Our Choir Church sessions (during the day) started last Friday (8th September) led by Mr Robin Stopford. Dr Rebekah Okpoti will not be returning to THT - and instead we will be joined by Mr Stopford. Dr Okpoti sent the following message during the holidays:

Dear Fr Mark and Mr Smith,

Hope this finds you all well. Hopefully you will agree we had a lovely start to Choir Church at Tarleton and it really developed to have an ebb and flow with the Eucharists and families getting involved etc, long may it continue.

Sadly, and joyfully from September I will be required to move to another school to setup choir church there instead of returning to Tarleton. With this in mind we have been working towards finding a suitable replacement which has landed on the most excellent Robin Stopford, who is already known to you. Mr Stopford will be coming to start Choir Church with you in September.

Just want to say thank you for welcoming me into your community at THT. I will still come and visit as part of my Coordinator role. It has been a joy with many lessons learnt.

We will be 're-launching' our After School Choir Church Club on Friday 15th September.

Tarleton Library

We have received the following information from Tarleton Library about the summer reading challenge and some other activities taking place:

"We have had a very successful summer with our Reading Heroes scheme. Please can you remind all pupils who signed up that they have until Saturday 30 September to come in and complete and collect their prizes?"

We will be running a Magical Matilda session tomorrow evening for Roald Dahl Day

Magic Matilda

Tuesday 12 September

4pm-5pm

Come along and explore the power of levitation. Can you make things float with your mind?

And for coding week, a session on Binary Code

Brilliant Binary

Monday 18 September

4pm-4:50pm

Come along and learn all about binary code for National Coding week. Write your name, code secret messages and even learn some jokes before taking part in our scavenger hunt."

Ice pack amnesty

Please can everyone have a look at home to see if their child has brought home a school ice-pack?

Sometimes children do get sent home with them if they have had a bump and we are now running very short in school. Please could you return any to the school office? Many thanks.

We need a new 'Lollipop Person!!

Are you interested in being our new Crossing Patrol Officer - if so please read the message below from LCC:

Good afternoon Holy Trinity,

Up to now, we have had no applicants or interest for the school crossing patrol vacancy at your school, at present I am able to cover your school this Friday 1st September, I am still trying to sort out which schools I can and cannot cover next week, there is a probability that I will not be able to cover your school due to all the other vacancies and long term sickness problems but if I can I will.

I will keep you informed.

The vacancy for the school crossing patrol job is now posted and live, vacancy number 3749, under West Lancashire, Tarleton on the LCC jobs web page, lancashire.gov.uk/jobs, can you please pass this on to any interested parties.

Regards

Geoff A Purcell

School Crossing Patrol Manager

Thank you for reading.

Kind regards,

Miss W Jagger (Deputy Headteacher)