



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

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***Value...Dream...Achieve...***

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### COVID 19 Update

Fingers crossed that this coming Monday, we should be able to return to 'normal' this coming Monday for our Year 3 class.

Last week I was busy completing all the necessary forms etc. that schools need to complete at the beginning of term in relation to COVID. These are available to view on the school website.

<http://tarletonholytrinity.org/school-documents/>

### Stepping Stones

Just a reminder that we have re-opened' our Stepping Stones Pre-School Group.

Stepping Stones is for Parents and Carers to 'Stay and Play' with their Pre-School children. It runs from 10.15 until 11.30am and is for anyone in the village - not just those associated with school or church, or 'Stepping into THT'. Please bring £1.00 per family per visit, to pay for refreshments. Lynn Eminson, who runs our club, has some posters to advertise our Club to other parents of toddlers. Please feel free to take one / some away to give to neighbours you may have with pre-school children (of any age).

Last week 17 children from 14 families came and joined us - and they had a fantastic time!!

Boskins Café (on Church Road) are holding a special 'coffee morning' on Fridays for 'Mums and Toddlers'. Why not go there first and then join us for Stepping Stones at 10.15am!!

### Celebration Worship

Last Friday we returned to our 'live' Friday Celebration Worship...and well done to all those who made it to the first bench of the year.

Year 1	Teddy D
Year 2	Charlotte (who was poorly)
Year 3	Lily
Year 4	Sadie and Harley
Year 5	Austin
Year 6	All of Year 6
Head teacher Award	Leo in Year 1

### Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Giants of Faith - Noah (linked with our Christian Value of Forgiveness)

Don't forget that if chosen for the bench, we are inviting two family members to come and see the children get their Certificate, their Sticker and share in their five minutes of fame. I'm afraid that we are not inviting all parents in at the moment... We will hopefully widen the invitation to all parents / carers / family members as the year progresses. Don't forget that there is already 200 people in the school hall during a worship - even before parents join us.

### Meet the teacher meetings

We are going ahead with this year's Meet the Teacher Evening - in person!! As many of you are aware, at the beginning of each new school year, we hold 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 on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

***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 will be running a short 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 after the Year 1 meeting and before the Year 2 session. 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 other classes' Meet the Teacher Evenings will remain the same. They are as follows:

Reception Class - 5.30pm      Year 1 - 5.45pm      Phonics Workshop - 6.00pm      Year 2 - 6.30pm  
 Year 3 - 6.45pm      Year 4 - 7.00pm      Year 5 - 7.15pm      Year 6 - 7.30pm

...each session will last for about 15 minutes (apart from the Workshop). We do hope that you can attend!! Each term our class teachers will also complete a topic letter so you know are aware of what your child / children will be focussing on each term. These will all be available to view on our Website and School App.

**Two Messages from Friends**

**Fun Raisin Day**

Hopefully all the children received their box of raisins and after eating them, they have been busy doing chores and acts of kindness over the weekend to fill their empty boxes with coins! Please could any coin filled boxes be returned to school by Friday 17th September. Thank you!

**Veg Boxes**

Hopefully you received an App message yesterday telling you that you had until midday today to order a veg box for this month. Any orders received after this time will be carried over to next month. Boxes will be distributed on Thursday - please see Alice Murphy in the school car park at 3.30pm if you have ordered a box. Monthly special - local strawberries!

**School Lunch - Week 2 Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Just like McDonalds and Halfords (and other shops / restaurants) Schools are experiencing difficulties with orders arriving on time - due to a lack of drivers. Janet says that she will try and keep the menu as close as possible to that which has been advertised - but it may be subject to change due to these difficulties.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian Brunch with Hash Brown and Baked Beans	Fish Fingers with Diced Potatoes and Vegetables	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy with Creamed potatoes and vegetables	British Beef Burger and Tomato Ketchup with Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn	Crispy Battered with Chips and Peas
or	or	or	or	or
Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Garlic Bread and Broccoli	Freshly Baked Baguette with Tina, Ham or Cheese, with Herby Potatoes and Salad	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Panini Melt with Paprika Potatoes and Salad	Baked Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings and Salad	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Chips and Salad

A reminder that the Lancashire catering Summer Menu is available to view on ParentPay. Please note that it is for information only as the children are asked at registration time what choice they would like. However...please discuss it with them in advance...especially the younger ones!!

**Reception Toast**

Toast is available to all children in school during morning break and is paid for in half term blocks. The cost for Reception, 5 days a week for half a slice of toast for this term is £3.00. The children are being provided with a taster for now however payment needs to be made by Friday at noon for them to continue to receive it. The payment item will be available this week on ParentPay.

You should have your log in details for ParentPay but if you are having any trouble or have any questions, please contact Elaine or Helen in the school Office.

### Contacting School

A polite reminder to parents / carers.

When contacting school (out of hours) please use the bursar@ or office@ emails as your primary contact. Especially for pupil absences, dates and times of events, and information related to lunches and Before and After School Club.

The app has an absence reporting function too.

Please only use ClassDojo to contact your child's class teacher regarding their work.

### Free School Meals etc.

Over the last year lots of people's circumstances have changed because of the pandemic and you might not know that you can **claim Free School Meals for your child** if your child is in full-time education, you are responsible for your child, and you get **at least one of the following benefits**:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Guaranteed pension credit
- Child tax credit with an annual income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by tax credits)
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

If you receive child tax credit and working tax credit, your child **will not** qualify for Free School Meals.

### IMPORTANT

Even if your child receives a Universal Free School Meal (reception, Year 1 and Year 2) it is still important to apply, because THT will receive additional Pupil Premium funding for every eligible pupil. This extra funding will allow us to use extra Teaching Assistants in school and will obviously benefit ALL pupils.

To apply, you should contact your [Area Education Office](#). You will be required to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number

If you get any of the [qualifying benefits](#), your child's school can get extra funding called pupil premium if you [register](#) with Lancashire County Council.

More information can be found on Lancashire County Council's [free school meals](#) page.

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

Do you have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021?? - 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 School Admissions and "Apply for a school place")

This already 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:-

Secondary school applications - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Primary school applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

For prospective parents, we have scheduled an Open Day for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We will try and go ahead with this (COVID restrictions permitting), otherwise get in touch with school and we will try and find a convenient time to show you round.

### Pyjama Jog

We will be trying to hold a more 'traditional Bog Eyed Jog this year. It is due to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Look out for a communication from Friends coming out to you soon.

### Remembrance Crosses

This lovely wooden cross arrived through my door yesterday, getting ready to remember those who died or were injured whilst serving in the armed forces during the many conflicts which have taken place over the last 100 or so years.

THT has a plan to use these for a display in school, when we get nearer to Remembrance Day, and wondered if anyone would kindly donate their cross to school if and when it arrives through your door. Just leave them with Mrs Sudworth or Mrs Lee in the School Office. Thank you!!

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



Stephen B. Smith  
Head teacher

### Did you know...

We try to give you as much information as possible to keep you informed and up to date with what is going on at THT...and we 'keep in touch' through **Five** different ways:

**The Website** - this is not interactive, but gives you a lot of statutory information, including the school's prospectus, term dates, the main school policies as well as Newsletters and other news regarding life at THT. Please note that all photos can be downloaded from the website and printed etc. It is available for anyone to view, just click on <http://tarletonholyltrinity.org/>

**Facebook** - all sorts of news and photos come out to you via our Facebook page and as long as you 'like' us - you can get notifications as to when our latest news comes out to you. All photos can be saved to your mobile device if you would like and is available for anyone to use, we have over 500 people who have 'liked' our FB page. Click on <https://www.facebook.com/tarletonholyltrinity/>

**The School App** - this is only available for parents / carers of pupils at THT and you need to contact Mrs Sudworth or Mrs Lee in the office to 'set you up'. The App holds a lot of info about the school, i.e. terms dates, news that is put on the website etc...But it is more interactive. You can let us know that you children is poorly by using the App and we can also send you notifications regarding after school clubs such as ICT, football and netball etc. You can use the App to send permissions for your child to join the afterschool clubs run by staff.

**ParentPay** - there again, this is only available for parents / carers of pupils at THT and you need to contact Mrs Sudworth or Mrs Lee in the office to 'set you up'. ParentPay is used to pay for things in school (as we try to be a cashless school), such as dinners, toast, bacon butties, before and after school club and school trips. Trip letters come out to you on ParentPay and permissions for the children to attend the trips. We will also send out Newsletters on ParentPay and your Inbox will let you know when it's arrived...

**ClassDojo** - once gain, can only be set up for you by members of staff at THT. Class Dojo is largely used for your Classteacher to contact you regarding how your child is doing in class. You can see photos posted by the teachers and can access many of the homeworks set for your child / children.



They may also send you reminders regarding your child's class from time to time - for example swimming kits on Fridays for Year 5 etc.