



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

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## Value...Dream...Achieve...

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### Wednesdays During Lent

Tomorrow, Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> March) is Ash Wednesday - It is a tradition at THT that the Wednesday morning worship is celebrated in church rather than in school during Lent. This happens every Wednesday morning from now until we break up for Easter and will be led by Father David. Parents / Grandparents / Family Members are more than welcome to join us for the services which start at about 9.10 and will last for no longer than 30 minutes.

As next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the service will be a joint service between Mere Brow Primary School and THT. This will be a Eucharist service which may go on for approximately 45 minutes. We hope to see you there!!

### World Book Day 2019 - Reading Week at THT

A reminder that on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 it is officially World Book Day. However, at THT, we would like to do something a little different...

The School Council have 'drawn up' the plans for a Reading Week starting on Monday:

1. Dress Up Day\* - Today, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - the children look brilliant in their World Book Day Outfits - all dressed as a variety of book characters.
2. Various Activities in Class - On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - the teachers will choose their own activities to do in class
3. Grown Ups reading in School - On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - we are asking Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandads to come into school at 2.00pm and share reading a book with their children - and possibly some other children, please note Y6 will not be available to read with as they will be practising their class worship. If parents would like to come and read to other parents they are more than welcome. Then feel free to stay for the Year 6 Class Worship (see later)!!

\*As Mrs Dimmock's Reception Class will be dressed ready for their Forest School activities on the Tuesday - they will be having their 'Dress Up' day for World Book Day on the Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> March).

### Year 6 Class Worship - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

At THT all children get to perform on the stage at least once a year - whether it is during the Christmas Production (Infants) or during a Class Worship (Years 3 to 6). This Friday it is Year 6's turn to 'WOW' us with their Class Worship. As usual all parents, carers and family members are invited to watch all our Friday Worships, starting at the usual time of 2.55pm...but a special invitation goes out to parents / carers / family members of our Year 6 children.

### Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship was as busy as usual last Friday!! Well done those children who made it to the bench!! They were:

Reception	Henry
Year 1	Luke
Year 2	Archie
Year 3	Josh
Year 4	Leah
Year 5	Sophie
Year 6	Callum G

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

Lenten Reflection - Saying Sorry

### Team Point Winners

Last week's winners - Douglas



## Year 5 and the Performing Arts Festival

Good luck - I mean 'break a leg' to our Year 5 Class who take part in tomorrow's the TARDiS Performing Arts Festival at Tarleton Academy tomorrow evening!! .

## Some Messages from Friends

### 1. Treasurer Required

A vital role in the PTA needs to be filled as our current Treasurer will be stepping down. We are appealing for anyone with direct links to the school who is able to commit some time throughout the year to join the PTA committee. Book keeping experience would be handy, but not essential. **Without a Treasurer we are unable to run a full programme of family fundraising events.** CAN YOU HELP? Please email [friends.pta.tht@gmail.com](mailto:friends.pta.tht@gmail.com) for more information or to express an interest.

### 2. Easter Raffle

It's coming up to the time of year where we run the Easter Raffle. Easter Egg hampers are created using donations from teachers and PTA members, but if you would like to donate an Easter egg to make these hampers 'eggstra' special then please hand them into the school office by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are 50p each and will go on sale on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The draw will take place at the end of the Easter lunch on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. There is a prize hamper for each class and hopefully (depending on donations received) an extra special main one to give everyone an eggstra chance to win.

### 3. 100 Club

The Friends 100 Club is a great way for you to support us. Here's how it works, for £3 a month we allocate you a membership number which enters you into a prize draw. Up to half of the income is given as cash prizes, the remainder of the money goes to our school to provide essential equipment, resources and facilities for the children. The draw takes place monthly and the prizes are, 1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £12, 3rd Prize £6. 4th Prize £3. If you would like to become a 100 Club member please contact us at [tht100club@gmail.com](mailto:tht100club@gmail.com) for details. All participants must be over 16.

## A Message from Hesketh Bank Community Centre

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing on behalf of the Trustees of Hesketh Bank Community Centre to ask for your support in building a new Centre in our village. We are in the process of completing our bid to the National Lottery Fund and in order to meet their requirements we must be able to show that we have consulted the local community.

However, there is one group that we have found it very difficult to gather the views of, the children. Please spend a few minutes with your child/children to complete the survey with yours and their thoughts, as the future of our village depends on our children.

Thanking you in advance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S5LZLVT>

Diane Earles

Treasurer of Hesketh Bank Community Centre  
Station Road, Hesketh Bank. PR4 6SR

## School Dinners

The week beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> March is 'Week 2' of the Lancashire Autumn Winter Menu. As you know, after discussion with children in Year 6 and with the school council a while ago, we, at THT, are moving the menu

around quite a bit and it is this which will appear in the Menu in ParentPay. Please have a look at Newsletter 8 for more details as to how the menu has changed...

### Attendance Figures - a good week last week!!

During the week before half term, 173 of our children (94% of the school) managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! The winner of 'best attending class of the week' was Mrs Seeley's Class who managed 100% for the week - so well done to Year 4!! During the same week just one child was late for just one session of school.

### Parent Questionnaire 2019 on our Church Distinctiveness

Here is the next 'instalment' of what the results of the 2019 Christian Distinctiveness Parent Questionnaire told us.

Question 5 stated, 'The school informs me on a regular basis about my child's progress'.

Question 5 had 88% of parents/carers agreeing with the statement, 9% said 'No' and 4% stating that they 'didn't know'.

Each term we hold a parents' evening where parents and carers are invited into school to discuss their child's progress and attainment. We hold an 'Open Door' policy where parents are always welcome, between parents' evenings, to come into school to ask questions regarding how their children are doing. I know that some schools in the area also send a data sheet to parents each term stating how their child is attaining with regard to National Expectations. Is it something we should look at in the future?

### Fairtrade News and Competitions:

Mrs Greenlees MBE came into school to tell us all about Fairtrade and the difference it makes. She talked



about how hard the people work who grow our food (often in hot and poor countries) but also how little they get paid. She talked about chocolate and also about bananas.

Mrs Greenlees will be back in school for Parents' Evening with her popular Fairtrade stand. Our Worship and Justice Group will be helping her to sell the lovely Fairtrade goodies.

#### Fairtrade Poetry Competition- Juniors

*WHAT TO DO-Write a poem which reflects the fabulous taste of chocolate but also the benefits of Fairtrade (such as Divine chocolate) to poor communities. You could add an illustration if you wish. (Don't forget the Fairtrade symbol!)*

*Entries by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. There will be lots of Fairtrade prizes!*

So how does Fairtrade help? The Fairtrade Foundation monitor that:

Farmers receive a fair price (this extra money might help pay for a child to go to school, to make repairs to a house, to buy more food or better food or to pay for medical care.) That price is guaranteed (it doesn't fluctuate with World prices)

The village or Co-operative receives a FAIRTRADE PREMIUM which it can spend on anything it needs e.g. a water pump to provide fresh water, a building for a school, a health centre and medicines (THERESA from Kenya used some of her money to build a water tank so that she could grow her own food during dry periods.)

Workers-especially women- have more rights

You get a guarantee that no child labour is used.

<http://www.divinechocolate.com/uk/>

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Farmers-and-Workers/Cocoa/Kuapa-Kokoo>

Infant Fairtrade Competition - What to do

Draw a picture of a Fairtrade banana doing something. The banana could be playing football or could be helping someone. Don't forget to add lots of colour to your pictures.

To help you - You might want to follow the adventures of the amazing Pablo -the- super-banana

<https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/resource/pablo-the-super-banana/>

### Would you like a Fairtrade Easter Egg?

Mrs Greenlees is happy to take orders for these Fairtrade milk chocolate eggs. The eggs are £4.00 and include a small book explaining the Easter Story.

Please put £4.00 (exact change only) in an envelope, with your child's name and year group - marked 'Fairtrade Easter Egg' and send it into the school office if you would like an egg for your child.

The closing date for eggs is 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Eggs will be delivered to school in time for Easter.

Thanks for reading!!

Yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith  
Headteacher

### Did you know...

Tomorrow it is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. It is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

During Lent, in school we will be saying this Lenten Prayer:

Loving and compassionate God,

We are sorry for those things that we have done wrong.

Teach us to show love and forgiveness to each other.

As we journey through Lent, inspire us to be generous and kind.

Through our joy, patience and kindness,

May we help to build a better World.

Amen

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

*As a loving Christian family, our aspiration is for all pupils to flourish, safe in the belief that we, "...can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us" Phil 4:13.*

*Everyone is valued, we all achieve and our dreams for the future begin.*