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

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Snow Day Apologies - I'm sorry that we had to close because of the snow last Thursday...and I know that I caused some problems for some of you...although others enjoyed themselves sledging and Ella R in Year 6 had a lovely birthday!!

Even though we managed to stay open the week before (I know what you're thinking...because of Ofsted...) - we had to close last Thursday as the majority of class teachers could not get into school due to the road systems grinding to a halt. Mrs Hewertson and Mrs Birkby travel from north of Preston, Mrs Seeley and Mrs Simpson come from the Penwortham direction, Mr Skinner lives in Aughton and Mrs Dimmock comes from near Bamber Bridge... all of which had very heavy snow and it would have been a danger for them to try and drive to school. I know that two of Tarleton Academy's staff were involved in collisions trying to get into school.

I think basically, it would have been me and Mr Marshall teaching half the school each - which we can't do due to Health and Safety reasons. Apologies again!!

Key Stage 1 SATs Meeting (Year 2)

This Friday, 16th March, we have invited a member of the Lancashire assessment team to come and talk to parents / carers about this year's Tests for our Year 2 children. The meeting starts at 1.30pm and will finish just before the Celebration Worship at 2.55pm. The session will be held in the Year 2 Classroom. Please email Mrs Feeny if you would like to attend on bursar@holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk so that we can get an idea of numbers. Thank you.

Wednesdays during Lent

Don't forget that each Wednesday morning, worship is celebrated in church rather than in school. This happens every Wednesday morning from now until we break up for Easter and will be led by Father David. You are more than welcome to join us for the services which start at approx. 9.10am and will last for no longer than 30 minutes. We hope to see you there!!

Celebration Worship

We went ahead with Celebration Worship last Friday - even though we couldn't let you know on the Thursday due to 'Snow Day'. I hope you all got notifications on the Friday morning if your child was 'on the bench'. They were:

Reception	Joseph
Year 1	Charlotte
Year 2	Lucy H and Cayla
Year 3	Oliver
Year 4	Jessica P
Year 5	James
Year 6	Emily and Alfie

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Lent - Journey to the Cross

Team Point Winners

Last week's winners - Ribble

Attendance Figures

During last week, 92% of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! The 'best attending class of the week' was Mrs Birkby's Year 1 Class with 100% attendance for the week!! During the same week three children were late for at least one session of school.



The Two week Easter Break

Don't forget that next Friday we break up for two week Easter Break at **3.00pm** (Friday 23rd March) and return to school on Monday 9th April (8.55am start with the doors opening at 8.45am).

The Last Day of Term

Please note that on Friday 23rd March there will be **NO** After School Club (but there will be Breakfast Club and Easy Drop as usual).

School Dinners

The week beginning the 19th March 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.

It is the Easter Lunch on the Tuesday (20th March). Please can parents / grandparents etc. arrive at about 12.10 - to be seated at 12.15pm.

Please note that we cannot accept any more adult bookings for Easter Lunch as we have hit the maximum for people in the hall at any one time.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings are being held in school next week (Monday 19th March, 5.30 - 8.00pm and Tuesday 20th March, 3.30 - 5.30pm). The children's work will be in the Classrooms for you to have a look at, and the teachers will meet you to discuss their progress etc. in the school hall.

It would be helpful if parents could try, as much as possible, to keep to their allotted time(s) so that we do not have a 'back log' of parents and carers waiting for teachers. If you feel you need a longer meeting with a member of staff you can always make an appointment for another day.

End of Term Easter Service in Church - Friday 23rd March

We will soon be practising for our end of Spring Term, Easter Service in church which we would like to invite you to. The service begins at 2.00pm, on Friday 23rd March, and will last for about an hour. My bell ringing club and I will remind you about the service by ringing the bells from 1.15pm onwards!!

Once the service has finished the children will come back to school. If any parents and carers who have attended the service, would like to pick their children up from school, please come into the school yard after the service and pick up your Reception and Infant children from their classroom doors and the Juniors as usual from the main blue door just inside the school gate. For those parents who can't make it...we will see you at the usual pick up time of 3.25 / 3.30pm.

Club Cancellations:

Due to the Parents' Evenings and the End of Term, I'm afraid that many of next week's after school clubs are being cancelled. These include:

Mr Skinner's Tuesday and Friday Football Clubs,
My Bell Ringing Club (Tuesday) and
Mrs Seeley's Monday night ICT Club.

Other Sporting Updates at THT:

Some sporting fixtures for your diary:

Year 5/6 orienteering on 19th March

TASA 'muddy woody' for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 on 19th April

Cross country for Years 5/6 on 20th April

Year 3/4 tennis on 24th April

Relay for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 on 26th April

More details regarding the events etc. will come to you nearer the time.



Thank You!!

Our Year 5 Star Wars Dancers did brilliantly well at last week's TARDiS Festival of Performing Arts. A big **THANK YOU** to all those who took part and to all the parents / carers who provided costumes for the children.

Library Books

If your child / children have library books at home, please can they return them to school as soon as possible - then Mrs Birkby can do a bit of a tidy and a stock take. Thanks!!

Sales at Parents' Evening

During next week's Parents' Evening we have two sales for you. Mrs Cath Greenlees MBE is bringing into school some Fairtrade Products which are available to buy on Monday and Tuesday, and Fiona Evans from Favourites (our uniform supplier) will be there on the Monday night - if anyone would like to update their child's / children's uniform.

The Friends Summer Ball

The date for the Charity Ball has been changed and will now not to be held on Saturday 7th July. However I have been assured by the Ball team that all will be revealed very soon!

...And don't forget Mr Marshall's Fairtrade Competition

Fairtrade Photo Competition.

What Fairtrade items
can you find to buy?

CHALLENGE



- Ask Mum, Dad or another family member to take a photo of you holding a Fairtrade product that you have bought.
- Make sure we can see the Fairtrade symbol.
- Make the photo as interesting as you can make it.
- Bonus points if you find a Fairtrade item that no one else has photographed.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the Celebration Worship on Friday 16th March.



Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

Lent is derived from an Old English word which means "lengthen" and lasts for 40 days.

Why 40 days? The number is significant in Jewish-Christian scripture: in *Genesis*, it took 40 days and nights of rain to cause a flood which destroyed the earth; the Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the Promised Land; Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai; Jesus spent 40 days of fasting in preparation for his ministry.

The last week of Lent is of course Holy Week - which takes us up to Easter Sunday.

Below is a list of the services in our Parish from Palm Sunday up to and including Easter Day.

PALM SUNDAY

The day on which we remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowd shouted praises to him.

8.00a.m Said Eucharist (Rufford)

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist (Tarleton)

9.15 a.m. **SUNG EUCHARIST** with Palms (Rufford)

10.45 a.m. **SUNG EUCHARIST** with Palms (Tarleton)

(Meet in the school)

6.00 p.m. **Chrism Mass** at *St Catherine's Burnley*, at which Bishop Philip blesses the Holy Oils and the priests renew their ordination vows.

MONDAY: *Jesus cleansed the Temple*

7.30 p.m. Said Eucharist. (Rufford)

TUESDAY:

7.30 p.m. Said Eucharist (Tarleton)

WEDNESDAY: *Jesus was anointed at Bethany*

10.00 a.m. Eucharist, Traditional Language (Tarleton)

7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Tarleton)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father David will be available in church at 6.45 p.m. on Monday (Rufford), Bishop John 6.45p.m Tuesday (Tarleton) and on both on Wednesday at 6.45p.m. (Tarleton) for the sacrament of reconciliation, or for confidential advice. For other times please contact Father David for an appointment (01772 381999) or Bishop John (01772 812532).

MAUNDY THURSDAY

This is a night when all Christians should try to be with our Lord at His Last Supper and then in the Garden of Gethsemane.

8.00 p.m. SUNG EUCHARIST (Joint at Tarleton)

After supper Jesus went out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, before he was arrested. He said to his disciples, 'Can you not watch with me one hour'. We too can watch for a while between the end of the Service and 12 midnight at the Altar of Repose - which is like a garden.

Watch 9.00 p.m. - 12 midnight in Holy Trinity Tarleton

Vigil list on noticeboard

GOOD FRIDAY

Today we watch with Our Lord as he died for us.

10.00 Stations of the Cross (Rufford)

11.00-2.00 Church open for private prayer (Tarleton)

2.00 - 3.00 p.m. **THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY**

(Joint at Tarleton)

HOLY SATURDAY

8.00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL (Joint at Tarleton),

followed by drinks and nibbles

EASTER DAY

A day of obligation for all Christians

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist (Tarleton)

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9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST (Rufford)

10.45 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST (Tarleton)