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

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A visit from a SIAMS Inspector

This coming Thursday (28th March), Tarleton Holy Trinity is undergoing another inspection, but this time it is by the Diocese. Every 5 Years or so (the last one was in June 2014) the school has to undergo a SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools). This is because we are a church school and it is a legal requirement that we have both Ofsted and SIAMS inspections. SIAMS inspections focuses on the effect that the Christian ethos of the church school has on the children and young people who attend it. At the time of our last inspection we were judged to be Outstanding (in all areas), since then the inspection criteria has been updated and changed. The new criteria is rigorous, challenging and now more in line with the Ofsted system of grading schools.

The National Church of England Education Office is promoting that the aim of all church schools is to be a 'Good' church school where "the schools distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels" enables pupils and adults to flourish. However, if a school is better than Good then it can be judged as Excellent.

We are proud of our whole school community and we will as always be striving to be the best church school we can be. We hope that this will be recognised by the inspector.

Mrs Kathryn Pym is our inspector for the day.

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 about 9.10 and will last for no longer than 30 minutes. We hope to see you there!!

Celebration Worship

Last Friday's Celebration Worship was another busy one!! Well done those children who made it to the bench!! They were:

Reception	Siddu
Year 1	Amelia S
Year 2	Nate
Year 3	Ethan H
Year 4	Lily
Year 5	Luke and Reggie
Year 6	Cameron and Seraphina

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Lenten Reflection - Our Amazing World...are we looking after it?

Team Point Winners

Last week's winners - Yarrow

Easter Raffle

Just a reminder that the Friends THT Easter Raffle is 'up and running' with tickets available from your class teachers. 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 28th March. Tickets are 50p each and already on sale. The draw will take place at the end of the Easter lunch on Tuesday 9th 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.



School Dinners

The week beginning the 1st April 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 on ParentPay. Please have a look at Newsletter 8 for more details as to how the menu has changed...

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 9 stated, 'As a parent/carer I feel able to enjoy and participate in the Christian ethos of the school.' and Question 11 stated, 'I am able to attend Acts of Worship provided by the school.'

Both Question 9 and 11 had 95% of parents/carers agreeing with the statement, no one said 'No', although 5% stated that they 'didn't know'.

Every Friday there is a Celebration Worship which all parents / carers, Grandparents and family members are invited to attend - regardless as to whether your child / children are 'on the bench' that week. When the Friday worship is not on, it is usually a Class Worship where one of the Junior Classes (Years 3 to 6) lead an Act of Worship, where there are songs, readings, sketches and prayers. Also during the year, parents / carers are invited to attend other Acts of Worship and church services.

During Lent we attend church every Wednesday morning from 9.05am until about 9.30am (including Ash Wednesday) and of course at the end of each term we hold a special service in church for all to come and join in the worship and celebrations. At Christmas we attend the Tarleton Village Carols, we have a special Harvest celebration on the Friday before Harvest Sunday and then of course we join in with a very spiritual act of Remembrance as near to Armistice Day as we can get around the War Memorial. So I think that during the course of the year, the school participates in about 45 Acts of Worship where parents and carers (and Grandparents and family members) are invited to attend.

Some Sporting News:

Here are some up and coming dates for your diary:

4th April - Muddy Woody - Cross Country Competition for all Junior Classes

22nd May - Cricket for Year 4 and below

11th June - Cricket for Year 6 and below

Last night some of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Quick Sticks Hockey Competition. We are very proud of how well they did - and how well they played...and they came third overall!!! Thank you to Mr Skinner for coaching them and to all the parents / carers who came and cheered them on!!



Attendance Figures

During last week, 168 of our children (out of 185) managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!!! The winners of 'best attending class of the week' was a tie between Mr Skinner's Class and Mrs Seeley's Class- so well done to our Year 2 and Year 4 children!! During the same week just two children were late for just one session of school.

A request from the Mrs Dimmock:

Mrs Dimmock is wanting to create a 'greengrocers shop' in the classroom. If anyone has any plastic fruit or vegetables they no longer need, please bring them to the office or pass them to the reception teaching staff in the playground.

A Message from After School Club

...a reminder that there will not be an After School Club, or Easy Pick Up on the last day of term (12th April). Easy Drop and Breakfast Club will run as usual in the morning.

Friends Easter Disco

Our next PTA event is the Easter Disco on Wednesday 3rd April, from 6.30 to 8pm. This is always a popular event with the children, where there will be refreshments and sweets to buy and also we will be selling raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle (to be drawn at the Easter Lunch). It is £3.00 per child for admission, and, due to insurance reasons, is only open to children who attend THT.

Year 4 Class Worship - Friday 5th April

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 4'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 4 children.

Year 6 SATs Evening

On Wednesday 3rd April, just after the start of the Disco, Mr Marshall and I will be holding a short meeting for parents / carers of Year 6 children to discuss this year's End of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. It will take place in the Year 6 classroom and will last for no longer than 30 minutes.

Thanks for reading!!

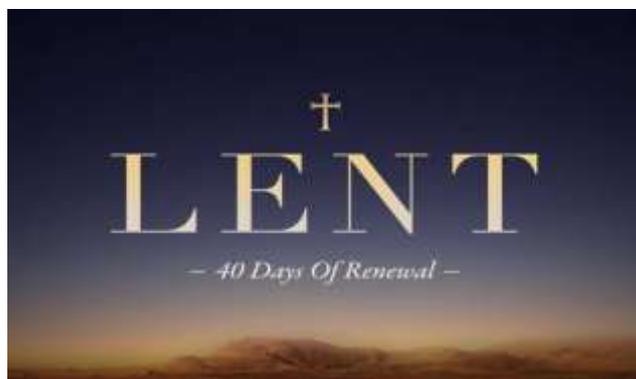
Yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Headteacher

Did you know...

During Lent, it is usual that Christians abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent (which of course includes Good Friday). We can, however, eat fish. According to many websites, abstinence laws say meat is considered something that comes only from animals that live on land, like chicken, cows, sheep or pigs.



Our school vision:

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.

A Prayer for the Week:

Last week, in worship, we discussed - 'Talking to God' and 'Chatting to God'.

Prayer doesn't have to be a formal process with the shutting of eyes and the clasping of hands...You can eat a bag of M&Ms and pray to God (other sweets are available)!!

"God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us." Ephesians 3:20 The Message

Orange - Thank God for one gift or good thing in your life eg. Family, love, health, enough food...

Red - pray for someone that you love.

Yellow - pray for our leaders or those who are in charge eg. At Church, school, government...

Green - pray for someone who is sick or hurt and needs to be healed.

Blue - pray for a friend or neighbour who needs help or someone who perhaps doesn't know about Jesus like you do.

Brown- pray for yourself. Tell God something you are sorry for, something that is worrying you or something you need help with.



Many of the Children enjoyed these prayers and one or two parents also asked about them. The ideas are taken from 'Flame Ministries', with some links below:

3 in a row prayer <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B0RweH-3RyI0UIIKOEc1WIAzNik/edit>

Play dough prayers <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/01/play-dough-prayers.html>

Bubble wrap prayers <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/07/bubblewrap-worry-prayers.html>

Play dough world map prayers <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/world>

Prayer spinners <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/07/prayer-spinner.html>

Prayer colouring <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Colour%20in%20prayers>

Prayer bottles <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/04/reflection-bottles.html>

Prayer dominoes <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/02/prayer-dominoes-to-print-and-play.html>

Prayer playing cards <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/08/playing-card-prayers.html>

Prayer chatterbox <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/11/origami-prayer-chatterbox.html>

Prayer cubes <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/02/prayer-cube-for-3-5s.html>

Boxes Prayer |Game <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/05/boxes-prayer-game.html>

Prayers to colour in <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/01/prayers-to-colour-in.html>

Skittles Prayer <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2016/10/the-power-of-prayer-skittles-experiment-37.html>

Lego Prayers <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2015/03/lego-or-duplo-prayers.html>

Amazing water glass trick <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2016/09/trusting-god-amazing-water-glass-trick.html>

Dear Parents and Carers

This LENT, THT are going to collect food for the food bank in Southport. Here is their website <https://southport.foodbank.org.uk/>

It would be amazing if we could get lots of food and help those less fortunate.

What you could do

Items can be brought in at any time and placed on the stage in school. You could even try and collect an item for every day in Lent. You could keep them at home in a box or just gather a few items together and bring them on the last Tuesday before the Easter holidays. Anything you can donate would be much appreciated!

Here are a few things the food bank would love to receive...

- **TINNED TOMATOES**
- **TINNED POTATOES OR INSTANT MASH**
- **BREAKFAST CEREALS**
- **SOUP**
- **BABY FOOD**
- **PASTA**
- **LADIES' SANITARY ITEMS**
- **BABIES NAPPIES**
- **BAKED BEANS**

Thank you in advance!

Sophie and Lucy

Worship and Justice Group.

