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

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### Mrs Feeney is to Retire

I don't know whether to be sad or happy - Mrs Feeney is retiring at the end of this academic year. Happy for her... as she can now spend as much time as she likes with her family who live 'down South' or over the Atlantic Ocean in America and Canada. But sad - as Mrs Feeney has been an integral part of the THT team over that last 19 years, and after July she will be sorely missed at THT!! She has been the welcoming smile that greets you as you arrive at the main door for many a year - and my right hand lady when it comes to letters, finance and admin!! We're already ordering the extra tissues for July 20<sup>th</sup>!!

### School Closures over the next couple of weeks

Don't forget that school will be closed for the Local Government Elections Polling Day on the **Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup> May)** as our school is used as the local Polling Station. Then after Polling Day we get a longer weekend as the first weekend in May is a Bank Holiday!! Therefore school is also closed on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**.

### Year 4 Class Worship

Well done to Mrs Seeley's Year 4 Class who performed a wonderful Class Worship for us all!! Photos appearing soon on the website and Facebook!!

### A Message from Friends - Summer Ball

Just a reminder from the Ball team to get your booking forms in for the Great Gatsby Ball this July. The first 80 received will go into a draw to receive a free overnight stay at The Ramada that evening - a guaranteed lie in!!

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

Standing up for what is right.

### Team Point Winners

Last week's winners - Ribble

### Attendance Figures

Last week, 158 (out of 183) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance. During the same week one pupil was late for at least one session of school.

...and a '3 way tie' for the Best Attending Classes of the week... well done to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 for being here the most last week!!

### Car Parking

Please can we remind you that, unless you have special permission from me, parents and carers are requested not to use the staff car park at any time - as it is needed for staff parking. This includes dropping off or picking up from our before and after school session.

### A Message from Mrs Birkby

Please can each child in Year 1 bring in an empty 2 litre plastic pop bottle and an empty 500ml plastic bottle ready for a technology project which starts next week (8<sup>th</sup> May). Thanks!!



### Some Sporting News:

Well done to our Tennis players who came second in their competition - a wonderful result!!

...and fantastic news about our Cross Country Runners:

Our Year 3/4 Boys won Gold in the team event with Alfie (Y4) and Owen (Y3) picking up the Gold and Silver individual medals!!

Our Year 5/6 Boys also won Gold in the team event with Alfie (Y6) picking up a silver individual medal. Jacob (Y4) and Callum G (Y5) both missed out on a medal by finishing fourth.

Not to be outdone, both our Girls teams picked up the silver team medals in their events with Alexa (Y4) winning the Year 3/4 event and Maisy (Y6) just missing out of the medals in the Year 5/6 race by coming fourth.

What a fantastic set of results from all of our Sporting Stars!!



### Findings from our Parent Questionnaire Spring 2018

This is the second 'instalment' of what the results of the 2018 Parent Questionnaire told us.

Question 6 stated, 'My child receives appropriate homework for their age.'

Question 6 had 3% of parents/carers stating that they 'didn't know' and 3% who said that they 'didn't agree'. 3% is one parent.

For the younger children, homework is largely based around reading, and learning phonics sounds and number facts. In the older classes, the homework is largely to support the learning which has taken place in the classrooms - and sometimes a project set over a few weeks. The homework is always matched to the National Curriculum standards for the age and ability of the children. Don't forget that Miss Jagger runs a homework club every Tuesday lunchtime in her classroom for those children who need a bit more help or a bit more time with their homework.

Look out for the next few Newsletters to see the results from other questions!!

### A Message about Water Bottles

Some of our children are bringing water bottles to school where a cap has to be lifted to drink, which leaves a 1p sized hole in the top of the bottle. These are then not being sealed, then knocked over and work and school books are being ruined. Therefore, please can we request that bottles brought from home have a sports cap style lid which is better sealed and doesn't leak if knocked over. Don't forget that we do sell them in school (£1.50 each - with a replacement cap at 50p).

### Have you got any spare Lego??

Miss Jagger has recently been on a course which uses Lego to help children to work with each other. 'Lego therapy' is proven to help children with confidence and to follow. It is very good for children who are with Autism Spectrum Disorders. If you have any spare / old Lego, which can be donated to school, please see Miss Jagger. Thank you!!

### School Dinners

The week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> May is 'Week 3' of the new Lancashire Lunch Summer Menu.

As yet, Janet is not making any changes to the menu.

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.

## The Scarecrow Festival

See below for details regarding our up and coming Scarecrow Festival Barn Dance...and how to buy tickets.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith  
(Headteacher)

## Did you know...

May Day is a public holiday usually celebrated on May 1. It is an ancient northern hemisphere spring festival and a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cakes are usually part of the festivities.

Traditional English May Day rites and celebrations include crowning a May Queen and celebrations involving a maypole. Historically, Morris dancing has also been linked to May Day celebrations.

Much of this tradition derives from the pagan Anglo-Saxon customs held during "Primilci-mōnath" (the Old English name for the month of May).

May 1<sup>st</sup> is also Mrs Dimmock's Birthday - and Miss Jagger's Birthday!! Happy Birthday to you both!!

# SCARECROW DANCE



Family Night



# BARN DANCE

featuring

"Fit For Purpose" Celildh Band

Saturday 19th May

Tarleton Bowling Club



*Pretty Peas*  
Fruit and Veg



Doors Open 7pm

Adults £5

Children £1

Scarecrow Dance - Saturday 19th May 2018

No of Adult Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ No of Child Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ (Who tickets are to be returned to)

Please make cheques payable to Friends of Tarleton Holy Trinity C of E Primary School and place in an envelope marked Friends of Tarleton Holy Trinity C/o Andrea Davies and hand into the school office by Friday 27th April. Tickets will be distributed in the school bags.

IF YOU ARE A TAX PAYER, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SO WE CAN CLAIM GIFT AID ON THE ENTRANCE FEE. AMOUNT £ \_\_\_\_\_

First Name	Surname	House Name / No	Address	Postcode	DATE	GIFT AID

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