



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

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## Non Uniform Day for Year 3 on Friday!!

Well Done to Mr Skinner's Year 3 Class who were the best attending Class of the Spring Term 2017 - That means that this Friday (5<sup>th</sup> May), Mr Skinner's class can have a day off wearing their school uniform and can come in their own clothes!! They will also get their certificate this Friday!!

## School Closures This Week

It was lovely to have a longer weekend and don't forget that we will also be closed for the Local Elections Polling Day on the **Thursday (4<sup>th</sup> May)** as our school is used as the local Polling Station. So two days off this week!!

## Celebration Worship

Last Friday was a very busy Celebration Worship with lots of certificates to look at that the children brought in. Don't forget...please don't send in certificates this week as we are giving out the 100% certificates. Well done to all the children who made it to my bench last Friday, they were:

Reception	Abi
Year 1	Lucy I and Charlie
Year 2	Oscar
Year 3	Thomas
Year 4	Callum B and Sophie
Year 5	Max
Year 6	Adam

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

Justice

## Team Point Winners

Last week's winners - Asland

## Tarleton's Annual Scarecrow Festival

Look out for all the adverts and posters which have come to you via Parentpay regarding this weekend's Scarecrow Festival. The doors open to the stalls in school at 12.30pm this coming Saturday, where you can see the school's entries to the Scarecrow Festival...our Mad Hatter's Tea Party...it goes on until 4pm.

## **The Scarecrow Dance**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm the scarecrow festival is adding an exciting new event to this year's calendar "The Scarecrow Dance"

Come and enjoy live music and a hot pot supper and dance the night away.

Tickets are £7 Adults and £3 Children, and are available from Pretty Peas on Church Road.

## **The Scarecrow Trail**

This is available on Saturday AND Sunday. The Trail maps (£1) are available Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May from Pretty Peas.

Don't forget to vote for your favourite scarecrow!!

## **Cake Sale**

We will be also be holding a cake sale at the forthcoming Scarecrow Festival and would be very grateful for any donations of homemade or shop bought cakes, cookies, muffins and biscuits. These will then be sold to raise funds for the benefit of children at Tarleton Holy Trinity Primary School.



### Attendance Figures

Last week 159 (out of 171) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance. During the same week three pupils were late for at least one session of school.

...and well done to Mrs Birkby's class who were the Best Attending Class of the week...no one was off so 100% for Year 1!!

### Mrs Birkby will be absent for about 6 weeks...

Tomorrow, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Mrs Birkby will be going into Preston Hospital for a pre-planned operation. The operation is a major one and once it has taken place, it will mean that she will be absent from school for at least 6 weeks whilst she recovers. She is hoping to return to school during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June. But as you can appreciate, this date may change.

During Mrs Birkby's absence an experienced teacher called Mrs Barraclough will be looking after our Year 1 class.

In the meantime, we send Mrs Birkby lots of love and best wishes, and hope that she has a speedy recovery once the operation had taken place.

### Newspaper Club

During Mrs Birkby's absence Miss Jagger will be supervising the THT newspaper club starting next Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup> May) at the usual times.

### School Lunches

Next week (the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May) is week 1 of the cycle. The menu will remain unchanged for this week.

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.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith  
(Headteacher)

### Did you know...

Next week it is SATs week for Year 6...here's the history:

Standard assessment tests (SATs) were introduced in phases, starting in 1991. By 1998, there were tests for seven, 11 and 14-year-olds. Some schools actually 'boycotted' the SATs in 1993 and this was spearheaded by the two main classroom teacher unions, the NUT and NASUWT.

SATs were phased out in Wales between 2002 and 2005.

The first signs of change in England came in 2004, when Staffordshire schools took part in a pilot for a new way of assessing seven-year-olds. Instead of everything resting on how an infant performed on a test day, SATs were just used to inform their teacher's overall judgements of their abilities. Parents were given a "teacher assessment" level rather than the test result.

In late 2008, the Government scrapped SATs for 14-year-olds. This left SATs for 11-year-olds in England as the only remaining statutory tests, although they no longer include science.

Good luck Year 6!!