



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

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

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## Ascension Day

This Thursday is Ascension Day. Some of the children from Mere Brow CE Primary School will be joining us in church where Father David will be leading us in a short service. It will start at about 9.10 and will last for no longer than 30 minutes. Please join us in church if you can!!

## Scarecrow Festival - Non Uniform Day

This coming Friday (11<sup>th</sup> May) we are holding a Non-uniform day. Come to school dressed in whatever you want and in return please bring something that can be used as a Tombola prize. Any type of item is welcome - as long as it is unused! Thank you in advance for your support.

## Celebration Worship

Last Friday was a very busy Celebration Worship with lots of certificates to look at that the children brought in. Well done to all the children who made it to my bench last Friday, they were:

Reception	Ophelia and Rachael
Year 1	Ava H and Isaac
Year 2	Matthew and Charlie
Year 3	Amelia
Year 4	Kelsey and Milly
Year 5	Sam
Year 6	Billy

**Our Worship Theme for this Week is...**  
Ascension

## Attendance Figures

Last week 165 (out of 183) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance. During the same week five pupils were 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 1, Year 2 and Year 6 for being here the most last week!!

## Sun Safety

It's that time of year when the sun can be 'cracking the flags...'. Please make sure that on these days, your child comes to school with adequate sun protection on them. Please remember, we cannot really allow the children to put it on themselves in case it goes in eyes etc. ...and I'm afraid that we cannot put it on for them. There are plenty of 12 hour and 24 hour sunscreens out there!!

Please also make sure that the children come with a hat...and a water bottle - thank you.

## Lip Balm

We have an increasing number of children coming to school with lip balm. If they do really need it, please talk to the teacher first - just to make sure that you know they are bringing it to school. Some children are also sharing lip balms which we cannot allow.



### School Lunches

Next week (the week beginning 14<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!!