



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

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## Tarleton's Annual Scarecrow Festival

It's nearly time for this weekend's Scarecrow Festival. There are different events in the village throughout the day (see the poster below). The doors open to the stalls of the Fair in school at 12.30pm this coming Saturday, where you can see the school's entry for the Scarecrow Festival. The Fair goes on until 4pm. There's Craft stalls, Cakes, Hook a Duck, Tombola, Bottle Stall, ...and I'll see you in the café (don't worry - on the till...not touching the food!!). We hope to see you there!!

...then pop next door as the Church is open all day to show off its Scarecrow and for an exhibition.

## The Scarecrow Dance

On Saturday 19th May 7:00pm the Scarecrow Festival rounds of the day with the "The Scarecrow Dance". Come and enjoy live music and some supper and dance the night away. Tickets are available from Pretty Peas on Church Road...or you pay on the door on the night.

## The Scarecrow Trail

This is available on Saturday AND Sunday. The Trail maps (£1) are available from Pretty Peas and the Cock and Bottle. Don't forget to vote for your favourite scarecrow!!

## 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	Freya
Year 1	William
Year 2	Lucy I
Year 3	Stephanie
Year 4	Sophie
Year 5	Adam and Matthew
Year 6	Rachel

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

Pentecost

## Class Photos

Due to a clash of diary dates we have rearranged our Class Photos to next Thursday (24<sup>th</sup> May). Time to spruce up those uniforms!! (Although to be honest our children always look very smart!!)

## Attendance Figures

During last week, an amazing 172 (that's 94%) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance. During the same week six pupils were late for at least one session of school.

...and well done to Mr Birkby's class who were the Best Attending Classes of the week...no one was off so 100%!!



## School Lunches

Next week (the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> May) is week 2 of the cycle. There are no changes to next week's 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.

## Some Sporting News:

Some up and coming dates for your diary:

18<sup>th</sup> May - 'Dengineers' for a group of Year 5/6 children

22<sup>nd</sup> May - a Key Stage 1 scavenger for a group of Infant children

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Girls cricket tournament

7<sup>th</sup> June - TAG Rugby tournament

15<sup>th</sup> June - 'Dengineers' for a group of Year 3/4 children

26<sup>th</sup> June - a team initiative challenge for a group of Year 5/6 children

12<sup>th</sup> July - Athletics tournament at Edge Hill University



## Half Term Holiday

...an early reminder that next Friday (25<sup>th</sup> May), we break up for our two week May Half Term. We finish at 3.25/3.30pm and then return to school on **Monday 11th June** at 8.55am with the doors opening at the usual time of 8.45am. Let's hope that the sun is shining!!

## Findings from our Parent Questionnaire Spring 2018

Here is the next 'instalment' of what the results of the 2018 Parent Questionnaire told us.

Question 8 stated, 'The school deals effectively with bullying.'

Question 8 had 74% of parents/carers agreeing with the statement and 26% stating that they 'didn't know'. We hope that the 26% say that they don't know as we have very little bullying at THT.

Every term I have to report to the School's Governors on incidents of bullying - and the last incident was in the Autumn term of 2015. This took place out of school but involved two of our children at the time. Keep looking at the next couple of Newsletters to see the results from other questions!!

## Min y Don Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers

Next Monday (21<sup>st</sup> May) at 7.00pm, Mr Marshall is holding a meeting for those parents / carers whose children are going on the Min y Don Year 6 residential trip on 29<sup>th</sup> June. It is essential that each child going on the trip is represented at the meeting as some important information will be given out to parents.

## Have you got any spare Lego??

Just a reminder that we are asking for donations of Lego, as 'Lego therapy' is proven to help children with confidence and to follow instructions. 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. ...and a big THANK YOU to the Salkeld family who donated some Lego last week - it is very much appreciated!!!!

## InVentry Installation

This coming Monday (21<sup>st</sup> May) we are having a new electronic signing in system installed. This may make signing into school a little slower, but it will mean a more accurate and quicker way of monitoring visitors and late arriving children into school, and it will mean that we are compliant to the new GDPR regulations which come into place next Friday.

It may also mean that there may be a slight disruption to the office during the day.

## GDPR - General Data Protection Regulations

As stated above - there are new Data Regulations coming into place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. To see our GDPR documentation, please click [here](#).

## Nagar Kirtan

When Kash visited us on 10<sup>th</sup> April, she helped us to understand her religion of Sikhism. She talked about the 5 K's of Sikhism, and the history and origins of Sikhism. She also told the children about the festival of Vaisakhi, which is an annual festival to celebrate the birth of the Khalsa, celebrated through a Nagar Kirtan - a procession through the town led by five initiated Sikhs. The children were very interested when Kash told them about the festival and we thought the children would like to know that there is a procession through some of streets of Preston, this Sunday - 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith  
(Headteacher)

## Did you know...

On one particular website it says that:

Scarecrows been used worldwide for more than 3,000 years to scare away crows and other birds from crops.

The Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and Japanese all used them in ancient times and their use carried on into the Middle Ages. It was then that some people in Europe believed scarecrows could have special powers. In Germany, scarecrows were made of wood and looked like witches. These witch scarecrows were supposed to help the coming of spring.

In medieval Britain, young boys and girls became live scarecrows or bird scarers. These youngsters would patrol the fields and chase off birds by waving their arms or throwing stones. Unfortunately, the Black Plague of the mid-1300s killed almost half of the people in Britain, including these bird scarers. Farmers then started to lean stuffed sacks of straw with gourd faces against poles. The scarecrows' picturesque appearance has been recorded as early as 1592 and has been a favourite of writers including Shakespeare.



# SCARECROW FESTIVAL

19th & 20th May



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Pretty Peas  
Fruit and Veg



## Activities on Saturday 19th

### Trail Maps

available at  
**Pretty Peas and The  
Cock and Bottle**  
from 14th May

### Scarecrow Dance

**7:00pm till late**

Tickets available from  
**Pretty Peas**

### Library

Activities

**9:30 – 12:30**

**Tarleton Holy**

**Trinity Primary**

**Spring Fair &  
Market**

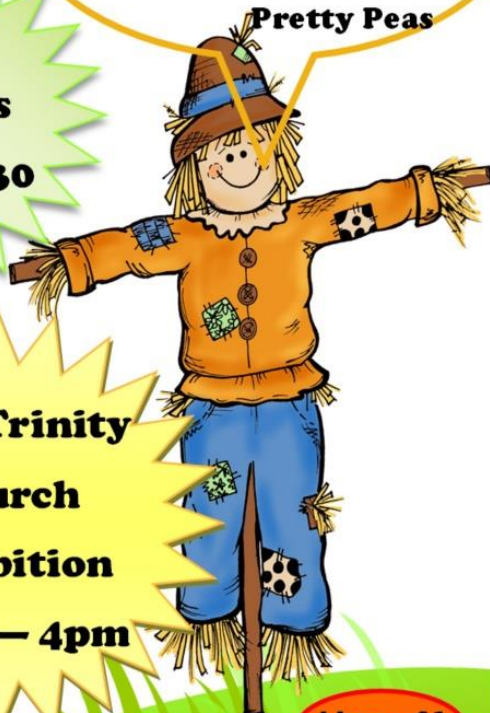
**12:30–4:00**

**Holy Trinity**

**Church**

**Exhibition**

**10:00 – 4pm**



Maps £1

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