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I apologise that this Newsletter is a day late - but due to issues with servers and the internet we couldn't get it out to you yesterday!!

Our Chair of Governors Retires

On the 28th June 2019, Paul Dunnings' term of office as a School Governor came to an end. Not only does this mean that we have lost a valuable member of the School's Governing Body - but also our Chair of Governors.

Mr Dunnings has been a Governor of the school for a long time and had just been appointed Chair when I was appointed as the Head of THT in February 2013. He has been Chair ever since - through two Ofsteds and two SIAMs inspections. He will be sadly missed, both on a personal level and as our Chair. Good luck for the future Paul and many thanks of behalf of us all at THT!!

The 'next' Chair of Governors will be appointed in the Autumn term 2019, in the meantime the Acting Chair of Governors is Mr Richard Every - our present Vice Chair of Governors.

Term Dates 2020-21

During the Summer Term meeting of the School's Full Governing Body, the term dates for the academic year 2020-21 were set. These were sent to you recently, or you can view them on the website by clicking on:

<http://tarletonholytrinity.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Holiday-List-2020-2021.pdf>

Year 6's Min y Don Trip

Mr Marshall, Mr Skinner and Mrs Fairclough and some very tired Year 6 children arrived back safe and sound Monday night... I hope we kept you up to date enough with all the goings on!! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and of course, were impeccably behaved!!

Celebration Worship

It was our penultimate Celebration Worship last Friday. Well done to all the children who made it to my bench...they were:

Reception	Tommy
Year 1	Oliver and Summer
Year 2	Hugo
Year 3	Charlie
Year 4	Lily
Year 5	Alexa

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Jesus the Teacher - week 2

Year 3 Class Worship

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 3'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 3 children.

Please do not send any certificates etc. from home this week...thanks!!



School Lunches

Unfortunately, due to increasing costs (of food and delivery fuel) we are having to increase the price of our Junior Lunches (Years 3 to 6). The increase will be an extra 10p a meal - so £2.30 each day. This increase will take effect from 1st September 2019. Meals for Reception children and Years 1 and 2 remain free!!

...and please can I remind Year 6 adults and pupils to book on the leavers lunch asap as Janet needs to make her order. Each family can have up to 4 extra guests at our special Year 6 meal!!

Are you receiving emails from ParentPay??

We have been informed that some emails accounts, particularly 'hotmail', are 'junking' communications from ParentPay. Please have a check just to make sure you are not missing out on any information!!

Road Safety Training

Just a reminder that for the next four weeks, our Reception children have taken part in Lancashire County Councils' Stage 1 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. This Programme teaches them to keep themselves safe when out and about in the traffic environment. They have been taught how important it is that they stop behind the kerb and both look and listen before crossing the road with a responsible adult that they know. They have also been reminded to play in a safe place away from traffic and wear bright clothing.

Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.

A Message from Friends re: Bingo Night

On behalf of the friends team we would like to say a big thank you to everybody who came to support THT's first ever Bingo night!

Everybody had a good time and we have been able to raise £942.27 for the school!! Thanks again, your support means a lot!

Attendance Figures

During last week, an impressive 164 of our children (out of 186) managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! Well done to Mrs Warburton's Year 3 class and Mrs Seeley's Year 4 class who were the joint winners of 'best attending class of the week!!' During the same week a disappointing nine children were late for school.

Infant Teddy Bear's Picnic - please keep this a secret!!

As you may be aware, on Tuesday 16th July, our Infant children will be taking part in our Teddy Bear's picnic. Janet will provide the children with a special pack lunch rather than their usual lunch choice and weather depending, the children will have a picnic outside (or in the hall due to rain) during their lunch hour. The children will be allowed to bring one teddy from home, into school on that day. The key stage one staff will organise a few games in the afternoon followed by a story.

In the past, we have had a surprise visit from the local ice cream man. We usually keep this a secret so that it is a nice surprise for the children when he arrives and drives onto our playground, playing the music. We would really appreciate it if you would not mention this to the children, however, let us know if your infant child would like an ice cream in the afternoon. We ask that you send £1 into school and give this to your class teacher, which will pay for your child to either have an ice cream with a choice of topping, or a fruit juice lolly if they would prefer.

On this day, as the Ice Cream Van will stay on the playground, any parents / carers who want to buy ice creams etc. after 3.30pm can do so.

A Message from West Lancashire.

West Lancashire Borough Council are currently carrying out Public Consultation on their proposals to replace the existing facilities at Nye Bevan in Skelmersdale and Park Pool in Ormskirk with new Leisure and Wellbeing Hub facilities. Full details of the proposals can be found at the website www.westlancshubs.co.uk.

The website provides an opportunity for local residents to feedback on the proposals through the "Have your say" link and the council would be grateful if as many families as possible could take the time to let them know what they think.

A Message from Tarleton library

Claire from Tarleton library visited us last week to invite children to join their Summer Reading Scheme classed the SCART Reading Scheme in your assemblies. Over the summer if the children visit the library there are many activities for them to do and stickers etc. to win. Also a special certificate has been designed and will be presented to the top 5 schools who achieve the most sign ups and also to the top 5 schools that have the most completions from around the county...maybe another award coming our way?? Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Findings from our Parent Questionnaire Spring 2019

This is the next 'instalment' of what the results of the 2019 Parent Questionnaire told us.

Question 6 asked, 'The school encourages my child to have a healthy lifestyle' and Question 7 asked, 'The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future'.

Question 6 had 4% of parents/carers stating that they 'didn't know' and 1% that disagreed. For Question 7 there were 9% who said that they 'didn't know'.

With regard to Question 7:

At Tarleton Holy Trinity we try to make sure that the children are always ready for their next step in life. Before the children start in Reception, we have special taster mornings and of course Stepping Stones that the children can attend to familiarise themselves with life at THT. At the end of each year we always have a 'Move Up Morning' where the children spend the morning with their next teacher to get used to the new classroom and to find out where trays are etc.

With the older children we have annual 'Growing Up' talks with them and then of course in Year 6 there are a wide range of activities that we do at the local High Schools so that the children are ready for their transition to Year 7.

In some of our classes we teach the Right Start programmes which looks at safety near the road, whether as a cyclist or as a pedestrian and throughout their time at Tarleton Holy Trinity we always strive to get the children to do their best, follow the Christian Values and learn the power of resilience and persistence. I know there's a lot more we can do...but it's hard to pack it all into 39 weeks each year!!

In response to Question 6:

Tarleton Holy Trinity supports the Milk Scheme for schools and the Free Fruit Scheme. We also have a water cooler in school available for all our children.

All the snacks available to eat in school are healthy; toast for the Juniors and fruit for the Infants. I admit we do allow the junior children to have a 'Breakfast Bun' on a Friday.

Each week the children have at least two PE sessions, and we have extra activities for the children to do at break and lunch times which include netball, football, cricket and, of course, our 'Adventure Trail'.

Every year each class covers 'Healthy Lifestyles' as part of their science curriculum, which discusses health issues with our children and then each term one of our Worships usually cover aspects concerned with 'Looking After Ourselves and Each Other'.

...we do quite a lot...although I admit that my love of Jelly Babies is not a healthier aspect of life at THT!!

Thanks for reading!!

Yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
(Headteacher)

Did you know...

If you know your 1x table, your 2s, 5s and 10s - bearing in mind that 4x6 is the same as 6x4 - then you only have to learn 36 times table fact before you know them all up to 10x10!! One a day for 5 weeks and you're sorted!! (...learned in half a term!!)