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Meet the Teacher Evening - Wednesday 25th September 2024

After much discussion, we have decided to change the format of our annual Meet the Teacher Evening.

Mrs Birkby and members of the Infant team will start the evening with a workshop looking at the teaching of Phonics. This is open to ANY parent or carer. If you would like to attend the session it will be held in the School Hall before the Meet the Teacher sessions. It's free of charge so just turn up if you would like a greater insight into the teaching of Phonics at school. It starts at 5.00pm and will last for approximately an hour.

After the Phonics workshop the teachers will then be in their classrooms from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for you to have a very informal discussion regarding the routines etc. in your child's new class.

Please note that the evening is for Parents and Carers only and unfortunately, we do not have any Crèche Facilities for the evening. Please also note that this not a parents evening and the teachers will not be in a position to be discussing pupils' attainment etc.

Carry a load for Kiyindi - Sponsored Event

Please support Tarleton Holy Trinity pupils sponsored walk 'Carry a load for Kiyindi'. This will be our International Charity fundraiser this term, and replaces the usual collection for BBC Children in Need. In 2023, class teacher Mrs Birkby travelled to Uganda with International Needs UK and taught in Makonge Primary School in Kiyindi. Kiyindi is a small fishing village on the banks of Lake Victoria, with many families living in poverty. This school serves more than 1,000 pupils. The classrooms are dark, stifling and overcrowded.

Our friends at International Needs Uganda have started the construction of a new classroom block and Tarleton Holy Trinity would like to support them, through a sponsored walk to be held on Friday 4 October 2024. THT pupils will be sponsored to walk the school grounds carrying a container of water. Water collection in Uganda is often undertaken by children, often over long distances. By walking and 'Carrying a Load' we encourage THT pupils to reflect upon their own access to free education and running water. We would like to raise around £300, which equates to about 2 sq m of new classroom at this school which serves a rural area with limited access to education.

You can find out more about this appeal at [Squaring up for new classrooms in Kiyindi | International Needs \(ineeds.org.uk\)](https://ineeds.org.uk)

The children will receive a sponsorship form in the near future, but we also have a dedicated online donation page at <https://ineeds.org.uk/events/carry-a-load/>

This is the payment link for sponsorship for our fundraising event on 4th October. Please only use this one so that we can keep track of our total. Thank you for your support.

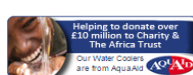
Last Week's Celebration Worship

There wasn't the usual Bench last Friday as we gave our Prefects their badges and their certificates for becoming Play Leaders (Buddies).

During the same Worship we also announced the children who have been chosen to be Sports Councillors, and House Captains.

The Sports Councillors were chosen by Mr Skinner (via an application letter) - the children voted for their own Year 6 House Captains.

We also gave our Year 6 Faith Advocates their Badges. Fr Mark and Fr Joe also gave our Year 6 Faith Advocates their Badges and were blessed for the work they are going to do this year. Our Faith



Advocates have volunteered and been chosen to work with Mrs Seeley during the Year to lead the classes in worship.

Team	House Captains
Asland	Max and Lexie
Douglas	Esmae and Tommy
Ribble	Elena and Freddie
Yarrow	Molly and Jack
Year 5 Sports Councillors	Amelia H and Lily M
Year 6 Faith Advocates	Thomas, Jamie, Jenson, Harry, Ben, Amelia and Lexie

Mrs Flowers' Conker Competition

Every year, to raise a bit of money for school, Mrs Flowers runs a Conker Competition. You need to find the heaviest conker you can and get it sent into Mrs Flowers!! - see her poster below for more details!!

We Need Some Volunteers

If you have some spare time - there are always jobs to help with around school... we need parents/carers to:

Help Mrs Wass run the Right Start Road Safety lessons - where our youngest children learn about Road Safety.

Hear Readers, help tidy the School Library, walk with Year 5 to the Swimming Baths and to be an 'extra adult' when we go on a school trip.

We usually ask you not to volunteer in your own child's class - but any extra help is always welcome. Just let your child's class teacher or Mr Smith know if you can help in any way.

School Dinners - The week beginning 30th September - week 1 of the LCC Summer Menu

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional Main Course	Red Crispy Coated Chicken Burger or Quorn Goujons in a Bun with Tortilla Chips & Sweetcorn	Red Loaded Beef or Vegetarian Bean Chilli Tacos with Mixed Rice Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Red Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Red Booths Pork or Vegetarian Sausages with Herby Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans	Red Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans
Pizza & Pasta	Green Vegetable Pasta Bake with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (v)	Green Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel Pizza with Paprika Potato Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans (v)	Green Creamy Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (v)	Green Tomato & Italian Herb Pasta with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (v)	Green Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans (v)
Jacket potato	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Tortilla Chips Freshly Prepared Salad Selection
Sandwiches	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham

Just a reminder that if your child has a paid for school meals - these need to be booked by 11.59pm on the Thursday of this week through ParentPay. Meals are priced at £2.75 per meal.

Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2025??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2024?? - then for Lancashire resident families

you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school/academy.

The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at: -

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (or simply click [here](#)).

This already went live on 1st September 2024. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application.

The closing dates for applications for September 2025 are at 11-59 pm on:-

[Secondary school applications](#) - 31st October 2024

[Primary school applications](#) - 15th January 2025

For prospective parents, or indeed anyone who is interested in life at THT, our [Open Day](#) for this year is on Wednesday 9th October, with both afternoon and evening sessions. We hope to see you there!!

The Open Evenings for our local High Schools are as follows:

26th September - Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy 4.15 - 6.00pm or 6.30 - 8.30pm

26th September - Penwortham Priory Academy

26th September - Burscough Priory Academy 4.00 - 7.00pm

26th September - All Hallows Catholic High School Penwortham 5.00 - 7.30pm

2nd October - Tarleton Academy 4.00 - 7.30pm

3rd October - Penwortham Girls' High School 5.30 - 6.30pm or 6.30 - 8.00pm (Need to book)

17th October - Hutton Church of England Grammar School 6.00 - 8.00pm

A Reminder from Fr Mark regarding Faith References

Parents and Carers of pupils in Year 5 who will require a Faith Reference off me in 12 months' time, are asked to make themselves known to Fr Joe or me in the first instance. A faith reference is dependent on attending church (at least) twice a month, to assist with recording attendance please sign in with the Churchwardens when attending services.

Fr Mark can be contacted by email: rector@rsmtht.church

Harvest

An early reminder that our Harvest Festival Celebrations for the children will be on Friday 11th October. The service will be held in church at 2.30pm and will last for about 45 minutes.

All of our children will be involved in singing hymns, or reciting readings, poems and prayers. All parents, carers, grandparents, family members, friends and Governors are invited to join us in Church...we hope to see you there!!

This year we are asking parents/carers to donate a tin of food which will be donated to one of our local Foodbanks.

Last Week's Attendance

Last week 176 pupils attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

23 children (from 19 different families) were late for school at least once (after 9.00am) - but that rather large figure is due to the fact that there were road works on Bank Bridge which caused huge queues!!

The best attending classes for the week was Year 5 - with the attendance figure of just over 99.4%.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Headteacher

Did you know...

Conkers come from horse chestnut trees. Mature horse chestnut trees grow to a height of around 40m and can live for up to 300 years.

The horse chestnut tree seed, as we know, are usually called Conkers, but (according to one website) are also known as "cheesers". They are also called as "Cheggers" or "Cheggies" - and in America are called "Buckeyes". The origin of the word 'conker' is unclear but it is believed that it comes from the French word 'cogner' which means 'to hit'.

Tarleton Holy Trinity's Annual Conker Competition

It's that time of year again!

Get searching for those ENORMOUS
conkers!

*£1 per conker entered (maximum of 3 conkers
per entry)*

Please put your conkers in a bag with your name, year group and entry money and hand to Mrs Flowers by Friday 11th October

Prizes for Infant and Junior winners

REMEMBER – it's the **HEAVIEST** conker *not* the biggest that wins!

