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Meet the Teacher Evening - Wednesday 20th September 2023

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended the Meet the Teacher Evening and Phonics Worship last Wednesday - we hope you found the sessions useful!!

Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2024??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2023?? - 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](#)).

The website already went live on 1st September 2023. 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 2024 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2023

Primary school applications - 15th January 2024

For prospective parents, or indeed anyone who is interested in life at THT, our Open Day for this year is on Wednesday 18th October, with both afternoon and evening sessions.

If your child is to start Primary School in 2025 - Open Day might be a good opportunity to have an early look at THT as choosing the right Primary School for your child can sometimes be a difficult choice.

We hope to see you there!!

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

26th September - Tarleton Academy 4.00 - 7.00pm

28th September - Burscough Priory Academy 4.00 - 7.00pm

28th September - All Hallows Catholic High School Penwortham 6.00pm

5th October - Hutton Church of England Grammar School 5.30 - 8.30pm

A Message from Fr Mark re: References for High Schools

A message for any parents of children in Year 5 thinking of sending their children to Bishop Rawstone school: The faith reference

I am asked to complete is very specific, I have to state that one of the child's parents has worshipped in church twice a month in the preceding 12 months.

If you are likely to want a faith reference please email me on rector@rsmtht.church and make yourself known to me.



Harvest

A reminder that our Harvest Festival Celebrations for the children in school will be on Friday 6th October. The service will be at 2.30pm and will last for about 45 minutes. The festival will be in the school hall if we can't hold it in Church (at 2.30pm).

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

Usually we ask parents/carers to donate food items to support the Southport Foodbank. However, we are fully aware of the financial difficulties that some parents/carers may be facing at the moment, so if you feel that you can donate, we are limiting everyone to bring **just 1 item**.

The Food Bank website requests donations of the following foods:

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned potatoes/ instant mash

Breakfast cereals

(But any tinned or dry foods would be gratefully received).

After School Club Manager / Breakfast Club Manager

We are still on the lookout for someone to manage our Before and After School Clubs - please let us know if you are interested in the position or click on the link below for more information.

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=61817

Breakfast and After School Club Playworkers

We are looking to recruit a Playworker(s) for our Breakfast Club (BC) and After School Club (ASC). Initially this would be approximately 4 times a week in the Breakfast club, 7:45 - 8:45am and 3 times a week in the Afterschool Club, 3:30 - 6.00pm. Pay is £10.79 per hour (Grade 3 Point 3). Please email the school office for an Application form: bursar@holytrinity-tareton.lancs.sch.uk or office@holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk

A message from Breakfast and After School

The Breakfast and Afterschool Club are currently extremely busy. We are trying to recruit extra staff but in the meantime, apart from Breakfast Club Drop Off (from 8:30am), we cannot take any children into the clubs who have not already been booked in. We also can't take any late bookings for Afterschool club for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday as these are the busiest days and fill up very quickly.

Friends

We would like to invite you to our first PTFA (called Friends) meeting for the fundraising year 2023/24 on Wednesday 4th October at 3.30pm in the school hall.

Our school relies on fundraising from the PTFA, so moving forwards it's particularly important that we have the support of our school family and the wider community.

If you would like to come, or have anything that you would like to add to the agenda, please let me or Alice Murphy know.

Celebration Worship

Last Friday saw the second Celebration Worship of the school year!! Well done to the children who made it to the Bench, they were...

Year 1	Rachel
Year 2	Cole
Year 3	Emelia Grace and Paddy
Year 4	Theo
Year 5	Oliver L, Esmee and Aria
Year 6	Cooper and Noah
Headteacher Award	Elena in Year 5 (we also gave Arlo in Year 3 his HT Award that he missed last week)

Earrings and PE

The Lancashire Policy for Earrings in PE is that they must be removed (not by a teacher) or covered by surgical tape. If your child needs to have tape over their earrings - please send a roll into school. Thank you!!

Spare Underwear

When a child has a 'toilet accident' at THT - we send them home in spare, clean underwear that we keep in school. When this happens, please can we request that it is washed, dried and sent back into school ASAP - as we're beginning to run out!!

Any donation of boys or girls underwear for ages 4 to 7 would be gratefully received!!

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!!

Lunches

Week 3 of the Summer menu - Week beginning 2nd October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Pulled BBQ Chicken Melt Tortilla with Paprika Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables	Swedish Style Veggie Meatballs with Herby Potatoes and Broccoli	Roast Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Booths Beef Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges and Vegetables	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Chips and Peas
or	or	or	or	or
Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta with Crusty Bread and Salad	Pasta Neapolitan with Crusty Bread and Salad	French Bread Pizza with Potato Wedges and Salad	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread and Salad	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Chips and Sweetcorn

Last Week's Attendance

Last week - 173 pupils (out of 202 children) attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

7 children (from 5 different families) were late for school at least once (after 9.00am).

The best attending classes for the week was Miss Jagger's Year 4 Class - with an attendance figure of 98.7% for the week.

This Week's Worship - Trust

House point Update:

Last week our yellow Yarrow team won the most team points (just - by 4 points) - which means they still lead the House point competition for the term.

A Visit from Miss Iddon's Snake

Last week Miss Iddon sent out a letter that she is bringing her pet python 'Noodle' into school on Thursday (28th September). If your child is scared of snakes - we will make sure they are well away from Noodle - but if they have a genuine phobia - please let Mrs Lee or Mrs Brown know in the school office - and we will make sure that they are elsewhere in the school when Miss Iddon and Noodle are visiting their classroom.

Want to Earn a Blue Peter Badge?

If the answer is 'YES' - here is the simplest way ever to earn one. All you to do is share your love of reading and you could win a Blue Peter Badge. It is a Special New Look badge designed by the famous Sir Quentin Blake (illustrator of many Roald Dahl books). To earn your badge, just share



your love of books with Blue Peter by following the instructions on their website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Our New Parent Governor

If you remember, not too long ago, I 'advertised' for a new Parent Governor.

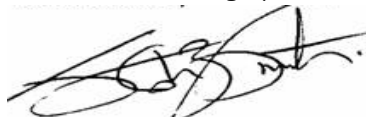
Mrs Hannah Blower was the only applicant and is therefore appointed as our second Parent Governor. Mrs Blower has two children in the school, one in Year 2 and the other in Year 5.

To view our full list of School Governors please click [here](#).

We need a new Teaching Assistant!!

Keep your eye on the LCC Vacancies website as we will be advertising for a New TA2 in the very near future!!

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".

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 13th October

Prizes for Infant and Junior winners

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