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#### Value...Dream...Achieve...

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#### 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. Mrs Seeley will be running a 'creche' for anyone who would like to attend but has 'child care issues'.

#### Our House Captains and Sports Councillors for 2023-2024

Year 6 have been making posters and delivering speeches to children in their houses to try and gain enough votes to become their respective House Captains. During last week's Celebration Worship, I was pleased to announce our New House Captains for the academic year. They are:

Asland	Summer and Joseph	
Douglas	Imogen and Luke	
Ribble	Abigail and Jack	
Yarrow	Ophelia and John	

Year 5 have also been busy, writing letters to our PE lead, Mr Skinner, saying why they should be chosen to represent the school as our Sports Councillors for 2023 / 24. There again, during Celebration Worship I was pleased to announce the winners who are:

#### Harvest

Bethany and Max B

Please read the information below carefully and ignore what I put last week - wrong messages (Sorry).

A reminder that our Harvest Festival Celebrations for the children will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The service will be held in church at 2.45pm 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...we hope to see you there!!

Usually we ask parents/carers to donate food items to support one of the local Foodbanks, but this year we have decided to do something slightly different.

At the moment Bishop Philip and the Diocese are promoting the Harvest Appeal for Cress, and rather than a food donation, this year, we are asking for a monetary donation (suggested £1) to go to the appeal. Click below for more information on the Harvest Appeal for Cress.

https://cressuk.org/blackburn-diocese-harvest-appeal-for-cress/

#### **Our New School Council**

Every year we ask the children in classes 1 to 6 whether they would like to be our new School Councillors for the year - and if they do, to write a speech on what they would do if voted to be a School Council Member. The speeches have been delivered, the votes have been counted and I announced the new School Council last Friday. They are:











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Year 1	Nancy and Jaxon	
Year 2	Pippa and Riley	
Year 3	Isla and Frank	
Year 4	Sophie and Arthur	
Year 5	Amelia and Max	
Year 6	Ronan and Charlie	

#### **Celebration Worship**

Last Friday, as you can tell, was a very busy Celebration Worship!! Well done to the children who made it to the Bench, they were...

Reception	All of the Reception Class
Year 1	Nancy
Year 2	Anastasia
Year 3	Isla
Year 4	Arthur
Year 5	Sophia
Year 6	Jessica S
Headteacher Award	AJ in Year 1

#### 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.

#### Breakfast and After School Club Playworkers

We are still 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: <u>bursar@holytrinity-tareton.lancs.sch.uk</u> or <u>office@holytrinity-</u> <u>tarleton.lancs.sch.uk</u>

#### Mrs Flowers' Conker Competition

A reminder that Mrs Flowers is running her 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!!

#### <u>Lunches</u>

#### Week 1 of the Summer menu - Week beginning 9th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Crispy Salmon Fish	Booths Meatball	Roast Beef, Yorkshire	Cheese Whirl with	Golden Crumb Fish
Fingers with Herby	Marinara Sub Roll with	Pudding, Gravy, Roast	Mash and Beans	Fingers with Chips and
Potatoes and	Paprika Potatoes and	Potatoes and		Peas
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Vegetables		
or	or	or	or	or
Tomato and	Baked Jacket Potatoes	French Bread Pizza	A Pulled BBQ Chicken	Homemade Pizza
Mascarpone Pasta with	with a Choice of Filling	with Potato Wedges	Melt Tortilla with	Margherita with Chips
Crusty Bread and Salad	and Salad	and Salad	Paprika Potatoes and	and Sweetcorn
			Mixed Vegetables	

#### Ninja Warrior Day

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Jonny Urszuly (who was the last man standing in Ninja Warrior UK 2018) will once again be visiting THT to put the children through their Ninja Warrior paces. All children will get to work with Jonny, who will not only talk about strength and fitness - but also about positivity and becoming more resilient. Please can all children come to school in their PE kits for the day.

#### Bog Eyed Jog

With the re-launching of 'Friends' (our PTFA) we are also renaming the Bog Eyed Jog and the 'Pyjamarama'.

It will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - and is the day when your child comes into school a little bit earlier, and comes in their Pyjamas (or Onesies) rather than their School Uniform. They take part in a sponsored run and then come into school to have breakfast (cereal and juice). More detail will be coming to you soon - but please put the date in your diary as we invite parents and carers to come and watch the run.

#### Last Week's Attendance

Last week - 182 pupils (90% of the school) attended school for 100% of the time - they didn't miss one session of school.

9 children (from 6 different families) were late for school at least once (after 9.00am). 6 of the children were also late during the previous week...

The best attending class for the week was Miss Iddon's Class - where all the children were at school for the whole week - 100% attendance for Year 4!!

#### We need a new 'Lollipop Person!!

We still need a new Crossing Patrol Officer - Ian, who is 'looking after' the crossing at the moment is a supply Lollipop person - and won't be with us permanently.

If you are interested please get in touch with school and we will pass your details on to Geoff Purcell (School Crossing Patrol Manager for LCC) as I think the advert is no longer there.

#### This Week's Worship - Harvest

#### Choir Church

There will be a Eucharist Service in School on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October led by Fr Mark, that the Choir Church After School Club will be singing at. The service starts at 3.45pm and last for about 45 minutes. All Choir Church ASC Family members are invited to attend if they can.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

#### Did you know...

#### 10 facts about Harvest:

- In the UK, Harvest Festival was traditionally held on the Sunday nearest the harvest moon, the full moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> September). At Holy Trinity Church, we now celebrate Harvest on the second in October.
- 2. The word harvest comes from the Old English haerfest, meaning Autumn.
- 3. Depending on conditions, a farmer's harvest time can take place as early as July, all the way through to September (and occasionally October).
- 4. The combine harvester was invented in the US by Hiram Moore in 1834. Earlier versions were pulled by teams of horses, donkeys or mules. Moore invented a full-scale version by 1839.
- 5. The name of the combine harvester was derived from it combining three separate operations involved in harvesting reaping, threshing and winnowing, into a single process.
- 6. Corn dollies are one of the customs of early harvest time. In pagan times, people believed that the spirit of the corn lived in the crop so when the crop was harvested, the spirit was left homeless. So, the last sheaf of the harvest was made into a "corn dolly", which spent the winter in the farmer's home and was believed to bring luck for the next harvest.
- 7. Demeter is the Greek goddess of harvest and agriculture. Her Roman equivalent is Ceres (perhaps where the word "cereal" comes from).

- 8. In 2015, 16.4 million tonnes of wheat was produced in the UK and 6.7 million tonnes of barley.
- 9. We may think of harvest time as being all about bringing in the grain crop but there are many different harvest celebrations around the world, giving thanks for foods ranging from rice, fish, fruit and olives.
- 10. 'Lowance time' (probably derived from the word "allowance") occurred mid-morning and midafternoon when the foreman's wife would bring refreshments for the farm workers during harvest time. It's not sure whether this is just a Yorkshire term or not...

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> October

## **Prizes for Infant and Junior winners REMEMBER** – it's the **HEAVIEST** conker *not* the biggest that wins!