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A Message from the Headteacher...

If I haven't already seen you...Welcome back to everyone!! This is the first 'official' Newsletter of the Year...although I did send one out last week with some information on.

The School's Newsletter comes out weekly...every Tuesday, and is usually received through 'Parentmail'. You can, if you prefer, receive a paper copy of the letter (please contact school), and you can always view the latest newsletters in the school entrance or by logging onto the School's Website:

http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=23

The Queen's Longest Reigning Monarch Celebrations

This coming Wednesday (9th September) Queen Elizabeth II become Britain's longest reigning monarch. To join in with the Nation's celebrations we are going to hold a non-uniform day - and ask the children to dress in anything red, white and blue for the day...no charge!!

Harvest Festival

Next Friday (18th September) we will be attending church to join in with this year's Harvest Festival Celebrations. This year we are asking for donations of foods which we will donate to one of our local Food Banks. Father Tom will be running the service, where all of our children will be involved in singing hymns, or reciting readings, poems and prayers. If you would like to join us in church for this special Celebration, the service will start at 9.15 and will last for about 45 minutes. All parents, carers, grandparents, family members, friends and Governors are invited to join us...See you there!!

The Food Bank website requests donations of the following foods (if you can manage it):

Tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tea, instant coffee, jam, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, biscuits or bags of sugar.

Meet the teacher meetings

At the beginning of each new school year, we hold a meeting where parents and carers are invited into school to discuss the routines etc. in your child's new class. The meetings are very informal and take place in your child's classroom on Wednesday 23rd September. The times of the meetings are as follows:

Reception Class - 5.45pm

Year 1 - 6.00pm

Year 2 - 6.15pm

Year 3 - 6.30pm

Year 4 - 6.45pm

Year 5 - 7.00pm

Year 6 - 7.15pm

...each session will last for about 15 minutes. We do hope that you can attend!!

Each term our class teachers will also complete a topic letter so you know are aware of what your child / children will be focussing on each term. These will come out to you soon and will be available to view on our website.

School Dinners

The week beginning 14th September is 'Week 1' of the Lancashire Lunch cycle.

Changes to week 1's menu: Janet is swapping Monday's Spaghetti Marinara to Spaghetti in tomato sauce, and swapping Tuesday's French Bread Pizza with Friday's Vegetable and Bean Burrito. As usual, in addition to the advertised meals - the children can choose from 3 sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) or can request a jacket potato.

As always, Janet (our school cook) will be carrying on with her 'Friday Favourites' which is Fish and Chips - or pizza on the last day of each week!!

For those people who pay for School Dinners - the price remains at £2.20 per day.



What do I do if my child is poorly??

Just a reminder, that if your child is poorly, or needs to attend a medical appointment, you need to contact school on each day of their absence...before 9.15am if possible. The latest 'news' from the Government is that medical appointments should be made outside of school hours if they are not an emergency (whenever possible).

Simply dial the school phone number (as above) and press 'option 1' to leave a message. We can then update the attendance registers quickly and accurately and this will save our office staff making the necessary phone calls to find out why a child is not attending school.

You can, if you prefer, e-mail a message to us using the usual address as above (please 'copy' me using head@...) Just in case Mrs Feeny or Mrs Sudworth are not in the office.

...and you can also contact us using the parentmail App!!

Don't forget that statistics have proven that a good attendance at school (preferably above 95%) has a positive impact on progress and achievement. Can we beat our 100% attenders for the whole year which in 2014-2015 was 14.5% of the school - 23 children.

Friday's Celebration Worship

Starting this Friday, in the school hall, we will be holding our usual 'Celebration Worship'. If your child / children is/are chosen for doing something special, you will receive a personal invitation on the day before. However, as usual, all parents, carers and family members are invited to join us during our Celebration Worship...just help yourself to a chair at the back. It will begin at 2.55pm and finishes just before 3.25pm - our usual picking up time for our younger children.

This Friday, our Year 6 Prefects will be receiving their Prefect Badge for the Year...so there are some very excited children!!

Please note:

- there will not be a Celebration Worship next week (18th September) as we will have our Harvest Celebrations in the morning.
- There will not be any children from Mrs Warburton's Reception Class on 'the bench' until Friday 25th September when they will join us in Celebration Worship for the first time.

Are You Applying for School Places for September 2016??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2015?? - 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 (then click on "Apply for a school place")

This already went live on 1st September 2015. 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 2016 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2015

Primary school applications - 15th January 2016

Water Bottles in School

According to many websites the 'average' child should be drinking about eight 200ml glasses of fluid each day - which means that they need to drink plenty at school. Unfortunately we are finding that some of the disposable bottles sent in from home leak when knocked over. We do, however, sell non leaking bottles which are available from the school office priced at £1.50 each.

The Student Support Centre

A letter regarding came out to you yesterday regarding subscribing to the Student Support Centre. Tarleton Holy Trinity does not in any way recommend that you subscribe to the service, but has agreed to distribute their letters. Please return all replies to school by the Thursday of this week...even if it is a 'No'...the more replies we receive (whether yes or no), the bigger the 'reward' we receive.

A message from Mrs Warburton...

On behalf of myself and Richard, I would like to say a huge thank you for everyone's kind words, cards and gifts for our wedding. We had a truly amazing day and I was so overwhelmed by everyone's kindness before the Summer. I am very lucky to be a part of this School and truly appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness. Thank you so much for everything. I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer!

A polite reminder about Haircuts and Hairstyles

We request that parents do not allow children to have their hair coloured, shaved too short, cut in lines or patterns, or gelled into extreme styles in school term time. The school reserves the right to decide on the appropriateness of a hairstyle or haircut (School Prospectus p17).

...and Finally

A huge THANK YOU to the 'Friends' of the school, the committee, the helpers and everyone who came to support the events last academic year. All-in-all Friends raised a massive £12,346.06 for school. Many, many thanks!!

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Headteacher

Did you know...

Today, Britain's longest reigning monarch is Queen Victoria. Tomorrow, Queen Elizabeth II will break the record as Britain's longest reigning monarch being on the throne a total of 63 years, seven months and two days.