



# Tarleton Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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## Tarleton Holy Trinity's Christmas Market

A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who organized, helped, came or contributed in any way to the success of the Market. We had about 350 people attending the market (it's a shame the weather wasn't on our side), which resulted in a grand total of £2,070 made on the day!!...and another £35 raised through the 'sale' today. Of course, all the money raised is spent on the children of Tarleton Holy Trinity Primary School!! Thank you to you all!!

## Mr Baxter is Convalescing

You may have noticed that Mr Baxter, our Site Supervisor and 'Lollipop Man' is absent from school at the moment. David underwent a routine operation last Friday and is now resting at home and getting himself 'fighting fit'. We probably won't see him until after the Christmas break...but in the meantime we wish him well and send him our prayers!!

The gates probably won't be unlocked until just before the school doors open...but please be patient as you'll see me or Mrs Feeney racing round with a big bunch of keys to 'open up' as soon as we can!!

## Tubs 4 Tablets at Tesco

Please can we have a 'last push' to collect Tub 4 Tablet tokens from the Flora Tubs bought at Tesco!!...as we need to get our 'order' in before we break up for Christmas. We only need another 30 to get to two hundred - 4 tablets!!

## Celebration Worship

It was another lovely Celebration Worship last Friday...although my sore throat didn't help!! Well done to the children who made it to my bench, they were:

Reception	Lucy H (who was poorly)
Year 1	Peter
Year 2	Esme
Year 3	Rachel and Edward
Year 4	Josh
Year 5	Aimee
Year 6	Sam

## Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Advent - what are we waiting for?

## Team Point Winners

Last Time's Winners - Yarrow (again!!)

## Friends Movie Night

We would like to invite you to Friends' next Movie Night, where we will be showing the film 'Inside Out'. The movie Night will take place in the school hall this Friday (4<sup>th</sup> December) with the doors opening at 6.15pm for a 6.30 start. Tickets can be purchased on the door priced at £3.00 each and 'pick up' time is about 8.00pm. See you there!!

## School Dinners

The week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> December is 'Week 2' of the new Autumn/Winter Lancashire Lunch menu. Changes to week 2's menu: Janet is swapping Tuesday's Pizza Margherita with Friday's Tomato Pasta so that we can continue our tradition of Pizza and Chips or Fish and Chip Fridays!!

Don't forget, 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.



### Attendance

During the week before last, 145 (out of 161) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! The 'best attending classes of the week' was Mrs Simpson's and Miss Jagger's Class - who all attended school for the full week...well done Year 5!! During the same week two children were late for at least one session of school.

### Infant Christmas Production of 'The Landlord's Cat'

Next week is our 'Infant Production Week'. Although the admission is free, it is a **ticket only event** due to there being a limited number of people in the school hall at any one time, due to fire regulations. So please make sure that you bring your ticket(s) with you!! We allow parents and carers to come in jeans and trainers...but 'if your name is not down...!!' The Productions are at 6.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and 2.00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

For Tuesday's evening performance, please have your child/children back at school by 6.00pm so that they can get ready.

Each production will last for approximately 45 minutes.

### A Reminder: Are You Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2016??

Do you have a child who has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016?? - 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 Primary school/academy.


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

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) (then click on "Apply for a school place")

This went live in September...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 date for Primary school applications for September 2016 are at 11:59 pm on 15th January 2016.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

### Did you know...

According to many websites, the first printed Advent Calendar, although without windows to open, was published in 1908. This Calendar was named "Christmas-Calendar" and was produced by Gerhard Lang. He then produced the first Advent Calendars with little doors to open.

Other early Advent Calendar ideas were the Advent clock or the Advent candle and in some families 24 little pictures were hung up on the wall - one for each day in December. Another tradition was to paint chalk strokes on the door, one per day until Christmas Eve.

I don't know when the chocolate ones started though...