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We've Won the Lottery!!

...well some Lottery Funding!! A while ago I sent off an application for £10,000 worth of Lottery Funding towards 'Outdoor provision'...and the money arrived last week. We are investing the money in adding to our existing Adventure Trim Trail and then having rubber matting put under all the outdoor equipment. Work has already started and the project will be finished by Christmas (weather permitting).

We have also invested some of our DFC (Devolved Formula capital) money on buying 8 interactive TVs and these are already up and running in each of our classrooms. DFC money can only be used on ICT or Buildings projects. The DFC money has paid for 6 of the TVs with the other 2 being bought out of Friends' donations to the School Governors.

We are now in the process of trying to sell our second-hand Interactive Whiteboards – do you know anyone who wants one?? ...an ultimate Christmas present for all those children who like playing schools!!

Tubs 4 Tablets at Tesco

Please can we have all 'Tub 4 Tablet' tokens in by Friday of this week (from the Flora Tubs bought at Tesco), as we need to get our 'order' in before we break up for Christmas. Thank you to all those who have been sending them in!!

Infant Christmas Production of 'The Landlord's Cat'

This evening is the first public performance of our Infant Production. 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 today and 2.00pm on Wednesday 9th December.

For tonight'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.

THT Christmas Lunch

If you (parents/carers) have not booked your Christmas Lunch I am afraid that it is now too late as all 'adult' tickets have been sold. You just have time to order a Christmas Lunch for your child though, as long as you let us know by 9.00am tomorrow morning.

For those parents / carers who have ordered a Lunch, **please come to school at about 11.45am next Tuesday** (15th December). All the staff will be on hand to help serve meals, pour drinks and to 'wait' on tables. This might mean that there may be a little waiting time for some of our diners, but personally, I think it's worth the wait as it's lovely to all eat together!!

School's Christmas Post Box

Our own School Post Box is outside the Year 3 Classroom and is ready for the children's Christmas Cards to each other (and the staff). Just make sure that the card has the name it is going to, and their class, clearly on the front...and our Year 6 postal workers will do the rest!!



Celebration Worship

It was another busy Celebration Worship last Friday!! Well done to the children who made it to my bench, they were:

Reception	Cayla
Year 1	Samarra and Olivia
Year 2	Alfie and Daniel
Year 3	Callum G
Year 4	Ewan
Year 5	Ted
Year 6	Jamie and Ben P

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Advent - waiting for Jesus?

Friends Christmas Disco

This takes place in the School Hall on Friday 11th from 6.30 until 8.00pm. Prices are £3 per child and you simply pay on the door. The admission price includes a free drink although other refreshments will be available to buy on the night. This year, as a special treat for the children, Danny B from Rock FM will be the DJ!!

School Dinners

The week beginning the 14th December is 'Week 3' of the Lancashire Lunch menu.

Slight alterations to week 3's menu: Janet is swapping Wednesday's Chicken Tikka Masala to a Chicken Korma and replacing Friday's Calzone Pizza with a Pizza Margherita...and of course it is our Christmas lunch on Tuesday. 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.

Village Carol Service in Church - Sunday 13th December

It is a tradition that the school sings a carol as part of the Annual Tarleton Holy Trinity Church Village Carol service.

If you would like your child to take part, **please return the slip on the letter that you received today in paper form by Friday 11th December**. On the Sunday night, the children will sit in the pews with some of the staff from school. Parents and Carers are of course welcome to join us in this very special village event.

Alternatively, children can be dropped off at church between 6:00 and 6:15pm and collected about 7:45pm. The service commences at 6:30 pm. **Children should wear their school uniform.**

Some children will be attending as part of the uniformed organisations and are of course, welcome to also represent the school in singing our carol.

Please clarify on the reply slip if your child will be sitting with the school, as we need to reserve pews. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

Our children's Christmas parties are next week. On the day of the party we allow the children to come in their own party clothes for the whole day. Please ensure, however, that the children are dressed warmly and that the girls (and boys) wear sensible shoes or trainers as they will still have break times in the morning and at lunchtime. Please also remember that the children will require their usual lunch as their party food is served well into the afternoon. Separate letters will be coming out to you soon from Mrs Dimmock and Mr Marshall, regarding how the parties are organised.

End of Term Carol Service in Church - Friday 18th December

It is an end of term tradition that Tarleton Holy Trinity finishes the Autumn Term by enjoying a Carol Service in church, and we would like to invite you to join us in Church. The service begins at 2.00pm and will last for about an hour...and for the first time our Year 6 Bell Ringing Club will be ringing the church bells to welcome people into church. Once the service has finished, the children will then come back to school. If any parents and carers who have attended the service, would like to pick their children up from school, please come to the school hall after the service and we will collect them from their classrooms for

you. For those parents who can't make it...we will see you as soon as possible after 3.00pm - or at the usual pick up time of 3.25 / 3.30pm.

THT Glee Club are the Winners!!

On Friday, we received an email saying that our School Choir (known as THT Glee Club) have won the Rock FM Choir Competition!!...and they have been invited to sing at the Fishergate Shopping Centre on Saturday (at 12.45pm). Don't worry if you can't make it as they will also be performing in our Christmas service in church on the 18th December.

Attendance

The winter 'Bugs' are beginning to hit THT and during the week before last, 128 (out of 161) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - a little down on usual figures...The 'best attending classes of the week' was Mrs Birkby's Class - who all attended school for the full week...well done Year 1!! During the same week only one child was late for one session of school.

This Friday's Celebration Worship

This Friday's Celebration Worship (11th December) will be the last one in 2015. During the worship, Year 4 After School Dance club will be 'showing off' the dance they have been learning with Terri-Lee. If any parents/carers of children in the Dance Club would like to come and watch, just pop along as usual at about 2.55pm.

Because of the dance, we will not be showing any certificates or trophies from home on this day...save them up for the next celebration Worship which will take place on 8th January!!

Sunday Club's Raffle

After Friday's Celebration Worship, Margaret Samuels, one of the Sunday Club Leaders was selling raffle tickets for a hamper with all proceeds going towards Sunday Club's chosen charity for Advent. The tickets will be on sale again after this Friday's Celebration Worship (£1 per strip) with the draw taking place on Sunday 13th December. Thanks!!

Food Bank Collection

As next week is our last before Christmas, we thought that it would be extra special to have another worship in church prior to the End of Term Christmas Service. Therefore, next Wednesday, the children are having their Wednesday morning worship in church instead of in school. We thought it would also be a wonderful opportunity to have one of our Foodbank Collections on this day, to help us think about those who are as not as fortunate as we are at this time of year. If you would like to make a contribution to the Foodbank collection, please simply send in one of the following things with your child / children next Wednesday. Thank you!!

Suggested items: Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar, Fruit juice (carton), Soup, Pasta sauces, Sponge pudding (tinned), Tomatoes (tinned), Tea Bags/instant coffee, Tinned meat/fish, Tinned fruit, Jam or Biscuits.

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

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2015 and 31st 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 (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.

Welfare Person Required

Yesterday I had an email from Mrs Livesey, the Headteacher at one of our neighbouring Primary Schools. Mere Brow CE Primary needs a Welfare Person, to help out at lunchtimes from 12 noon until 1.00pm daily, starting straight after Christmas (4th January). If you are interested, please contact the school on 01772 812689.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.B. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know... Henry Cole was the director of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. It is reported that in 1843 he forgot to send out his usual Christmas letters, so he designed a card with a Christmas wish and sent it to all his friends...and this started the Christmas Card trend!!