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...only 3 school sleeps to the End of Term!!

The Landlord's Cat

Last week we had our Infant Christmas Production called 'The Landlord's Cat'. The performances were all absolutely amazing with the children from Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 putting on 3 brilliant shows!! I must say a big THANK YOU to all the children and staff for their hard work and effort in making the performances such a success! We hope that you received the photos OK...and they are also on the Website under Head's Blog!!

Thank you also to the parents/carers/family members who kindly donated money to the collection. 'All in all' you donated £190.00. This will be split between the school and a Charity which will be chosen by our School Council. Thank you all for your generosity!!

Tubs 4 Tablets at Tesco

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 'Tubs 4 Tablets' collection. In total, we managed to collect just over 170 tokens which means we have now ordered 3 Samsung Tablets. They should be with us soon!!

Celebration Worship

Last week was our final Celebration Worship of 2015!! The Year 4 Dance Club put on a wonderful dance for us and well done to the children who made it to my bench, who were:

Reception	Oakly
Year 2	Sam W
Year 2	Jessica B
Year 3	Grace
Year 4	Imogen
Year 5	Dillon
Year 6	Joseph

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Advent - waiting for Jesus?

Christmas Parties

Our children's Christmas parties are this 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 have already come out to you from Mrs Dimmock and Mr Marshall, regarding how the parties are organised.

End of Term Carols 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 their 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 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.



Attendance

During the week before last, a slightly better 133 (out of 161) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - still a little down on usual figures...The 'best attending classes of the week' was Mrs Birkby's Class - for the second week running - well done Year 1!! During the same week six children were late for at least one session of school.

Sunday Club's Raffle

Mrs Samuels and her Sunday Club helpers would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who bought raffle tickets after the last two Celebration Worship. The draw took place on Sunday 13th December.

Food Bank Collection

Tomorrow we are having an extra special worship in church prior to the End of Term Christmas Service. This is just for the children and staff. We thought that this would 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 tomorrow, 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.

House Point Winners

Every week we total up the children's House Points, not only to see who wins each week, but also to have a 'running total' for the term. The team Point Winners for this term are **Yarrow** (the Yellow Team) beating Douglas into second place by 92 points!!

As a treat - all the children in Yarrow have been able to come to school in their own clothes today, whilst hopefully wearing something related to their team's colour.

Some THANK YOUs!!

1. Firstly I would like to say a big THANK YOU to our choir who sang so brilliantly at the Fishergate Shopping Centre in Preston on Saturday. The choir sang as winners of the Rock FM School Choir competition and raised an impressive £84.32 for the 'Cash for Kids' charity. (And of course THANK YOU to Mrs Simpson, Mrs Dimmock, Mrs Seeley - and everyone else who gave up their Saturday lunchtime to support the choir.)
2. Thank you to all the children who sang at the Village Carols on Sunday evening. The event was very well attended, and I thought all of our singers and readers did a fantastic job!!

Library Books

If your child / children has still got a school library book at home - please can we have them in as soon as possible so that we can do a 'stick check' before the start of next term.

Toy Day

On the last day of term (Friday 18th December), we are allowing the children in Years 1 to 5, if they wish, to bring in some sort of game or toy to play with.

Please can we ask for toys that are not too valuable, or have lots of 'little bits' which may get lost...or too noisy... and no electronic games or 'Games Systems' please. Sorry it's a restrictive list!! Year 6 and Mrs Warburton's class have 'their own plans' for the day.

Welfare Person Required at Mere Brow

Mere Brow CE Primary still 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.

The Christmas Services at Church:

If you are wondering which service(s) to attend at Holy Trinity this Christmas time...here is a full list of the Christmas services.

24th December - Christingle Service at 4.00pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

25th December - Eucharist at 8.00am and Family Eucharist at 10.45am

26th December - Eucharist at 10.00am

27th December - Eucharist at 8.00am, Sung Eucharist at 10.45am and Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm

28th December - Eucharist at 10.00am

A Message from Sunday Club

Last Sunday the children had a great time at Sunday club celebrating Christmas and also seeing a special visitor. Don't forget that it's family service this coming Sunday and then Christingle where the children will be taking part on the 24th at 4pm. Thank you, the Sunday Club team.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)



Did you know...

"A Visit from St. Nicholas", more commonly known as "The Night Before Christmas" and "'Twas the Night Before Christmas", is a poem first published anonymously in 1823.

It wasn't until 1837 when Clement Clarke Moore who acknowledged authorship of the now very famous poem.

...and Finally

Just to remind you that school closes for Christmas this coming Friday (18th December), just after the End of Term Service in church. We start the Spring 2016 Term at 8.55am on Monday 4th January with the doors opening at the usual time of 8.45am.

Can I once again take this opportunity to thank everyone at Tarleton Holy Trinity:

The children, the staff, the parents and the Governors who have all worked so hard this term. Everyone's support and kind wishes are always very welcomed!! On behalf of us all at Tarleton Holy Trinity, have a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!!

