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A Message from the Headteacher

A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all!! Everyone at Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary School wishes that you all have a healthy, safe, successful and prosperous 2016!!

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.

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

A Fresh Start and Epiphany

Food Bank Collection just before Christmas

Thank you for all your Foodbank Gifts that we took into church on Wednesday 16th December. These were sent to the Parishes North West Foodbanks and were very gratefully received!!

PE Kits

Just a reminder...Please ensure that your child/children has/have their correct PE in school at all times. This is:

- White T-shirt or polo shirt
- White or navy shorts
- Black pumps
- Trainers can be worn for outdoor games (Juniors)

Please name all clothing so that clothes found can be returned to the owners.

PE kit should be kept in a named bag.

For further details and information on where PE kit and uniform can be purchased, please see p17 of the School's Prospectus (in the Policy section of the School Website).

New Mobile Phones...

Did Father Christmas bring you a new mobile phone for Christmas?? If so - don't forget to let us have your new number. You'll be surprised at how many phone calls that we make out only to find out that the number is no longer in use. Thank you!!

Christmas Cards and Gifts

The staff of THT and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to those who sent in cards and gifts that were sent to us as Christmas Presents. The gifts were very thoughtful, often very personal and the 'homemade gifts' were exceptionally lovely. Thank you!!



Attendance Figures

During the week before the last of term, 133 (out of 161) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! The best attending class for the week was Mrs Simpson's and Miss Jagger's Year 5 class.

During the same week five children were late for school for at least one session.

In this week's Celebration worship we will be giving last term's 100% 'attenders' their special certificates and their names will be announced on next week's Newsletter.

The best attending class of the Autumn 2015 term was Mrs Birkby's Year 1 class!! Well done to them...they shall be receiving their certificate this Friday and their reward is that on the same Friday (8th January) they can come to school in whatever clothes they would like...a non-uniform day for Year 1!!

Latest Website Updates:

I have been busy putting photos taken at various events towards the end of the Autumn 2015 term onto the school's website...have a look!!

The Additions to the trim Trail, the Christmas Parties and the Christmas Lunch - click on the 'Head's Blog':

http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=93

Year 5 make bread:

http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=36

Year 6 lead worship in school:

http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=37

Parent Questionnaire 2015

During last term's Parents' Evening many of you very kindly took the time to complete this year's questionnaire. The results that you posted have been analysed and were very pleasing and, starting in a couple of weeks, I will be responding to each question in turn.

Dates for the Term

Next week I will provide you with a full list of what is happening this term. However, please be aware that we do not finish for the two week Spring Break until Friday 8th April 2016. We do get the Good Friday and Easter Monday as a long weekend on the 25th and 28th March and the Half Term Break is from Monday 15th until Friday 19th February (inclusive). Watch out for more details next week!!

Attendance Letters

Yesterday we sent out your termly green, yellow or red attendance letter. This year we are doing it through parentmail in order to try and cut down on paper usage in school...and we know that many of you prefer it when it 'pops up' on your tablet / phone. Have you checked your parentmail yet??

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

According to last night's BBC news...the most popular New Year's Resolutions for 2015 in the USA were:

... Enjoying life to its fullest and

... Losing weight and living a 'healthier lifestyle'

The most popular Resolution in the UK was apparently NOT to make a New Year's Resolution!!

So to kick against the 'trend'...my resolution for 2016 is to run at least 600km during the year (as long as my knees will let me)...I'll let you know how it goes!!