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Value...Dream...Achieve...

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Christian Values Week

In order to prepare the children of Tarleton Holy Trinity for the future, we have established certain key Christian values throughout the school. These values were chosen by the children after some work with Mr Marshall. This week we are holding an 'Enrichment Week' where each class will link much of their work with their own chosen Value. Our Christian Values are:

Awe and Wonder - Reception Class

Friendship - Year 1

Peace - Year 2

Trust - Year 3

Respect and Tolerance - Year 4

Fairness and Justice - Year 5

Forgiveness - Year 6

The Value of 'Love' is embedded in all the above.

Many of the classes will then be producing some work to decorate our main corridor and will be on the walls after the half term break!!

Celebration Worship

Last Friday we held another one of our Celebration Worships. Well done to the children who made it to my bench, they were:

Reception	Maisie
Year 1	Oliver
Year 2	Elizabeth
Year 3	Gracie
Year 4	Alfie and Rubi-Ann
Year 5	Ella and Sadie
Year 6	Ben (for the second week running), Amara and Mason

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Christian Values Week - Building a better world!

Team Point Winners

Last Time's Winners - Douglas

Bug Busting Week

Thank you to all those who took part in our Bug Busting week. We had a record number of children taking part who all enjoyed their Jelly babies last Thursday. It's always a good idea to keep checking your child's/children's hair, (about once a week) to make sure that there are not any unwanted visitors there.

Attendance Figures

Last week, 135 (out of 160) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! During the same week a disappointing nine children were late for school for at least one session. Well done to Mrs Birkby's Class who were the joint best attending class for the week - well done Year 1!!

School Dinners

The week beginning the 1st February is 'Week 1' of the Lancashire Lunch menu.

Slight changes to week 1's menu: Janet is altering Tuesday's Red Pesto Pasta to Tomato Pasta and with Friday's Tropical Pizza to Pizza Margherita. 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.



2015 Parent Questionnaire Findings...

During the Autumn Parent's evening in November I asked as many of you as I could to complete a Questionnaire voicing your views on the school. In total we had 107 replies.

This is the first 'instalment' of what the results told us, and what we need to work on to make THT an even better school than it already is ...

Question 1 asked you to respond to the statement, 'My child enjoys school'. 100% of you (a 2% increase on the results last year) agreed with this...and you can't get any better than that!!

Pancake Day Lunch

Just a reminder that on Shrove Tuesday (9th February) we are holding another one of our Lunches where we invite parents, carers and family members to join us at Lunch time. The closing date to book yourself a place is this Friday (29th January) so that Janet can make her orders in time. As our parent lunches have become so popular we are initially limiting tickets to 2 adults per family due to fire regulations. Any spare tickets will be allocated nearer the time. The Pancake Day Lunch which consists of a Roast Turkey Dinner or Pasta, followed by Pancakes with a selection of toppings!!

43 tickets have sold already and we can sell a maximum of 60 before our hall exceeds fire regulations...

Thank You to the Murphy family

Steve and Alice Murphy have kindly donated some 'Christmas Costumes' to our Infant Production 'Wardrobe'. It is a very generous gift and on behalf of everyone at THT...**THANK YOU!!**

Some messages from the Teachers

a. Mrs Seeley Needs a Parent Helper...

Can you spare one afternoon a week hearing some of Year 4 read and discussing their books with them? If you can please see Mrs Seeley. Thanks!

b. Mr Marshall's Tag Rugby

Practices for Mr Marshall's Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby club start this week - so keep a close eye out for a letter in your child's / children's bags for more details.

c. Mrs Birkby is in search of some bean bags

If you have a good quality bean bag at home which is no longer needed, please would you donate it to our library? Mrs Birkby is in the middle of developing the 'next phase' of our library and would like some comfy seating for the children to read on.

Easy Drop Off

Just a reminder that we run an 'Easy Drop Off' service in school where you can 'drop' your child / children off at school at 8.30am - and it only costs £1.00 per child. Simply take them to the hall using the door at the back of school and the Breakfast Club staff will ask you to sign them in. Please note that we do not allow children to arrive earlier than this as this gives the Breakfast Club children time to finish their breakfast.

Do you know what your child is doing on their computer?

I was alarmed at a recent Head's meeting as to how many of our Primary aged children use social media sights such as Instagram and Facebook. Most of these sights require the children to be aged 13 or over to join and yet we are finding out the children as young as Year 3 have their own accounts!!

I have also found out that there is a 'trend' at the moment for children to access other children's games on-line such as 'Minecraft' and destroy buildings etc. This is then having a knock on effect in school as the children are blaming each other for spoiling their game.

If they are going on Facebook or are contacting others through Xbox live etc. please keep 'an eye' on what they are doing and to ensure that the people they are contacting are people that they know...just in case!!

A new feature...work of the week:

Each week we are going to try and publish a piece/some pieces of work which have caught our eye as the children have been working in class. We are going to choose from each class in turn starting with Year 1. This week's work is Weather Poems:

Here is the weather.....

Cold, cloudy, crispy Winter morning.
Sleety, slushy, soft morning.
Frozen, frosty, freezing fingers.
A blizzard blew the rooftops.
Stormy, steamy morning, it makes me
nervous of snowballs.
by Harry

Freezing, fluffy frosty morning.
Crack! Icy puddles.
White snowflakes.
Windy tornado sucking everything up.
by Oscar

The rain makes pitter patter on my roof.
The rain makes banging noises on my chimney.
The rain makes banging sounds on my house.
I love the rain!
by Owen

Let the rain make a big flood.
Let the rain drip on me.
Let the rain make a lullaby.
The rain makes a booming noise on the
pipes.
The rain makes a quiet sound.
I love the rain!
by Jessica

Let the rain pitter patter on the balcony.
Let the rain bang on my bedroom window.
Let the rain boom in the gutter.
The rain makes slushy noises.
The rain makes drizzly noises.
The rain makes me excited.
I love the rain!
by Amelia

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

This weekend it is the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch 2016. More than half a million people from across the UK are set to take part by counting the birds in their gardens over the weekend of 30-31 January 2016. All you are asked to do is sit for an hour and record the different types of birds that visit your garden. If more than one of each species comes, record the most that arrive at any one time. It's free to take part!! For more details click on:

<https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/birdwatch/>