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

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Good Luck to Mr Baxter - Yesterday, Mr Baxter our Site Supervisor and 'Lollipop Man' underwent an operation for bowel cancer. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers over the next few days and weeks...

Ash Wednesday and Lent - Tomorrow, the period of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. During this time the children attend church every Wednesday morning. This is instead of our usual Wednesday morning worship in school.

Father Nicholas leads the service, and both he and I would like to invite all our parents, carers and family members to join us for the services if you can make it. The service starts at about 9.10 and will last for no longer than 30 minutes. Tomorrow's Ash Wednesday will be a slightly longer Eucharist Service, we hope to see you there!!

Celebration Worship

Last Friday we held our last Celebration Worship of the half term. Well done to the children who made it to my bench, they were:

Reception	Max and Daisy
Year 1	Oscar
Year 2	Olivia H-F and Alexa
Year 3	Anastasia
Year 4	Dru
Year 5	George
Year 6	Brad and Rosie

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Lent - Saying Sorry!

Team Point Winners

Last Time's Winners - Yarrow

Year 6 Class Worship - This Friday, 12th February, there will not be a Celebration Worship as it is the turn of Year 6 to 'perform' a Class Worship for you. As usual all parents, carers and family members are invited to watch all our Friday Worships, however, if you are a parent/carer/family member of a Year 6 pupil, we would like to especially invite you into school to watch the Year 6 Class Worship. It will take place in the school hall, starting at 2.55pm lasting until the end of school. Please take a seat at the back of the hall if you can join us!!

Stepping Stones - There will be no Stepping Stones this week as Mr Marshall would like to make final preparations for his Class Worship and Mrs Warburton is having a 'stay and play' session in the Reception class.

Attendance Figures - There are some viruses flying around school at the moment and last week, a much reduced 129 of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance. During the same week three children were late for school for at least one session. Well done to Mrs Birkby's Year 1 Class who were the best attending class for the week.

School Dinners - The week beginning the 22nd 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...

This is the next '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 3 asked you to respond to the statement, 'The School informs me on a regular basis about my child's progress.'

This will be the second Academic year that we have held three termly 'events' where you will get information on the progress and attainment of your child / children. We now hold an Autumn Term Parents' Evening in addition to the traditional Spring Parent's Evening...and of course your child / children always receives an 'End of Year Report' in July. I think that this give parents and carers the information that they request in addition any informal meetings that are organised with staff through our 'open door' policy. The reassuring thing is that over the last 3 years the number of you that agree with this statement has risen from 74%, to 81%, and now it is 95%, with 2% of you stating that you 'don't know'.

Latest Additions to the Website:

I have added three recent stories (and photos) onto the website.

To see the Global Renewables Worship click on:

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

To see Year 4 completing some work on Recycling after the worship click on:

http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=35

...and to see Mrs Birkby's Class tasting fruit and making smoothies, click on:

http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=32

Is Tarleton Library Closing??

We heard a rumour that Tarleton Library is closing...and when we logged onto the Lancashire website...sure enough, there is a petition to try and stop it closing. As it says on the link...the library is the hub of our village used by young people to study and further their education. It is also a meeting place for young mothers and toddlers and is used by the wider community for numerous other activities. The closure of our library would be a devastating blow for our village. Please click on this link to add your name to the petition so that, hopefully, we can keep our local library open. All members of the family can sign the petition including children.

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=112&RPID=8122719&HPID=8122719>

Will our Choir be 'The Last Choir Singing'

At the end of 2015 we won the Rock FM School Choir of the year and now we are entering our second competition. Mrs Simpson and her choir will be performing at the area finals on Saturday 19th March 2016 - and will hopefully perform in the overall final on 17th June 2016. Mrs Simpson will write a letter to all choir members with more details later in the week, but please put the 19th March in your diaries...thanks!!

Thank You Again to the Murphy family

Steve and Alice Murphy have once again kindly donated some 'Christmas Costumes' to our Infant Production 'Wardrobe'. Thank you so much!!

Some messages from the Teachers

a. Mr Phillips' Football Club

Practices for Mr Phillips' Year 4, 5 and 6 Football club start after half term on a Friday from 3.30 until 4.30pm - so keep a close eye out for a letter in your child's / children's bags for more details.

b. Mrs Birkby is still searching for 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.

Half Term Holiday

...and a final reminder that this Friday (12th February) at 3.25/3.30pm we close for our half term break. School will then re-open at 8.55am on Monday 22nd February...with the doors opening at the usual time of 8.45am. Have a lovely, restful break!!

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. B. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

Today is Shrove Tuesday (known in many countries as Pancake Tuesday). It is a day in February or March which precedes Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes.

In other places, especially those (including Louisiana) where it is called *Mardi Gras*, this is a carnival day, and also thought of as the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent.

Work of the week:

The piece of work that caught our eye this week is a piece of discussion writing by Sophie in Year 3. Have a look at her brilliant work below and her wonderful handwriting!!

Thursday the 4th of February

Lo To write up the discussion.

✓ Should the boys wear Skirts?

✓ ★ Boys don't wear skirts but maybe it's time we made them pluck up their courage and try it!

✓ Perhaps it's the right time to make them hang up their trousers and shorts and try skirts. However ★ the girls wear trousers so, why don't the boys see if they like their new skirts? Anyway there's no law to say that they can't wear one.

✓ Or maybe not! What if they get bullied by other schools for looking silly. Kids might not want to come to the school so there wouldn't be any pupils, and the teachers wouldn't have anybody to teach!

✓ Should the boys wear skirts? While we think it would be great to give them an opportunity to try new things, being laughed at doesn't feel amazing.