



## ***Tarleton Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School***

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***Welcome Back!! Did you have a good break??***

### **Church Services during Lent**

Don't forget that during Lent 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. We hope to see you there!!

### **Year 6 Class Worship**

Did you come to our first Class Worship of 2016?? Wasn't it good!! The Year 6 children performed brilliantly. Well done to all of Year 6 and to Mr Marshall for putting on such a wonderful worship all about the class' Christian Value of Forgiveness. Don't forget to have a look at the website for photos...just click on the Year 6 Class link!!

### **Our Worship Theme for this Week is...**

Lenten Reflection - Crazy Climate Change

### **Team Point Winners**

Last Time's Winners - Ribble

**Attendance Figures** - 143 of our children (that's 89%) managed to achieve 100% attendance. During the same week just two children were late for school for at least one session. Well done to Mrs Dimmock's Year 2 Class who were the best attending class for the week - they all achieved 100% attendance for the week!!

**School Dinners** - The week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> February is 'Week 2' of the Lancashire Lunch menu.

Changes to week 2's menu: Janet is moving Tuesday's Pizza Margherita to Friday and instead, on the Tuesday, will be having tomato pasta.

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 of our Parent Questionnaire told us:

Question 4 asked you to respond to the statement, 'The School helps me to support my child's learning'. 96% of you agreed with this (a 2% increase on last year), 3% responded as 'Didn't know' and 1 parent stated that they disagreed.

In addition to the Parents' Evenings that we put on every term (see last week's newsletter), at the beginning of each school year, the teachers invite all parents and carers to attend a 'Meet the Teacher' evening. This is an informal meeting where parents and carers are invited into school to discuss the routines etc. in your child's new class. Each term our class teachers will also complete a topic letter so you know are aware of what your child /children will be focussing on each term.

This year we have also invited parents and carers to a Phonics evening and a Maths Calculations evening to assist parents and carers in helping their children at home...that's quite a lot that we do to help you to support your child's learning!!

**EU Referendum - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016** - This is an early warning that THT will have to close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June as it is being used as a Polling Station for the EU Referendum. As the EU vote has been announced during this year and the term dates are set, we will not have to open for an extra day elsewhere. So the holiday pattern stays as it is and just an extra one day closure on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.



### Latest Additions to the Website:

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

To see Year 5 during a Gymnastics lesson click on:

[http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category\\_id=36](http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=36)

To see photos of the Pancake Lunch click on:

[http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category\\_id=93](http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=93)

To see Year 6 'perform' their Class Worship:

[http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category\\_id=37](http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=37)

### They are trying to close Tarleton Library!!

I don't know about you but I think this is shocking!! Tarleton 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. However, it is scheduled to be closed. 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...so if four of you live in your house and you are against the closure - please add four names to the petition.

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

### School Holiday List for 2016 - 2017

Below is the Tarleton Holy Trinity's Holiday Pattern for 2016 - 2017. I apologise that this is being published later than usual, but the dates had to be agreed by the School Governors before publication.

As you are well aware, unless there are exceptional circumstances, Head teachers are no longer able to authorise Holidays taken during a term time. As usual, the School Governors and I have therefore arranged the Holiday patterns so that staff INSET days are blocked together so that there is a two week period at the end of May/beginning of June 2016 when the school is closed. This will hopefully provide parents and carers with the chance to book a week's holiday outside the usual school pattern which will hopefully bring costs down.

### Some Thank You's

A big **THANK YOU** to:

1. Mrs Carter (Matthew and Jessica's Grandma) and Mrs Williamson for fixing and creating the cloths for our Worship Table in the hall.
2. The Sephtons for donating the Bean Bags for our library.

### A bit of a Sale...

Next Monday and Tuesday (29<sup>th</sup> Feb and 1<sup>st</sup> March) we are holding an ex-library stock book sale on the infant yard (or in the hall if wet). Books are priced at 20p or fill a bag for £1. All proceeds towards the refurbishment of our school library. We will also be holding a Lost Property Give Away on the Monday.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

### Did you know...

Next Monday is the 29<sup>th</sup> February...and Leap Day, has been a day of traditions, folklore and superstitions ever since Leap Years were first introduced by Julius Caesar over 2000 years ago.

Leap day is also St Oswald's Day, named after the archbishop of York who died on February 29, 992. His memorial is celebrated on February 29 during leap years and on February 28 during 'common years'.

Famous people born on the 29<sup>th</sup> February include Joss Ackland the actor and Ja Rule the Rapper.

# **School Holiday List 2016 – 2017**

## **Autumn Term 2016**

1st Half Term – Thursday, 1st September to Friday, 28th October

**Half-Term Holiday (School Closed) – Monday, 31st October to Friday, 4th November**

2nd Half Term – Monday, 7th November to Wednesday, 21st December

75 days

## **Spring Term 2017**

1st Half Term – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Half-Term Holiday (School Closed) – Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term – Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April

62 days

## **Summer Term 2017**

1st Half Term - Monday, 24th April to Friday, 26th May

**Bank Holiday (School Closed): Monday, 1st May**

**Polling Day (School Closed): Thursday, 4th May**

**Half-Term Holiday (School Closed) – Monday, 29th May to Friday, 2nd June**

**INSET Days (School Closed): Monday 5th June to Friday, 9th June**

2nd Half Term - Monday, 12th June to Friday, 21st July

53 days

Total = 190 days  
Total + 5 INSET Days = 195 days