

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

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## Sport Relief - Charity Fund Raising Day

This Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, we are going to hold a 'Dress as a Sportsperson' day...where we are asking the children to come in any sports clothing and to pay a suggested £1.00 contribution towards the Sports Relief Charity.

The children could wear any sports clothes (i.e. jogging bottoms and a top) but it would be good if they could wear the sports clothing of the club or interest that they have...i.e. horse riding clothes, Karate Suit or Rugby Kit. Swimmers could wear a dressing gown, goggles and a hat, but for obvious reasons...no studded boots please (...or ice skates...or running spikes...or cycle cleats...or horses...). Thanks!!

#### 'Friends' Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets are NOW ON SALE for our Friends 'Easter Egg Hamper Raffle'.

The class teachers are selling the tickets in class everyday up until (and including) the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, priced at 50p a ticket. The draw itself will take place during a special morning Assembly for the children on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. There is one hamper of Easter Eggs for each class to win, and one 'overall' hamper (on display outside the school office).

#### Celebration Worship

We had a 'busier than usual celebration worship last week. Well done to the children who made it to my bench, they were:

Reception	James S
Year 1	Stephanie
Year 2	Reggie
Year 3	Gracie
Year 4	Ella S
Year 5	Evan
Year 6	Ella and Georgia

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...
Helping Others

<u>Team Point Winners</u> Last Time's Winners - Ribble

#### We Are The Champions... Again!!!

Congratulations to our Tag Rugby A team who won the final of the Ormskirk District Tag Rugby Tournament, meaning that we are the Ormskirk and District Champions for the third year running!! They played brilliantly!! A massive WELL DONE also goes to our B team who played well in their own competition but were 'pipped to the post.'

Please can I say a huge THANK YOU to Mr Marshall and Mrs Fairclough who organised and encouraged the teams...and also a big THANK YOU to all the parents / carers / family friends who came and cheered on the children!!

## Up and Coming Church Services during Lent

...a penultimate reminder 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 9.10am and will last for no longer than 30 minutes. We hope to see you there and for the final one next week. On Maundy Thursday (24<sup>th</sup> March) we will be holding our Easter service in church, which all parents, carers and family friends are invited to. The service starts at 2.15 and will finish just before the end of school at 3.25pm!!















#### Medicines in School

A reminder to parents and carers that we can only administer prescribed medicines in school (not Calpol etc) and that a 'medicine form' must completed before we can administer the medicine in school. These are available from the school office.

## 2015 Parent Questionnaire Findings...

The next response to the questionnaire... Question 8 asked parents and carers to respond to the statement: 'The school meets my child's individual needs'.

94% of parents/carers agreed with this statement, with 6% of parents/carers stating that they didn't know. Last year only 85% of you agreed with this statement so quite an improvement!!

All children at THT have their own individual needs, and our Staff and Governors offer 100% of their effort to meet those needs. Some of the children have more specific needs, and these are set out in an IEP (Individual Education Plan). During every parent's evening and often at other times during each term, the targets on the IEP are discussed with both children and parents and are updated if necessary. We have allocated a lot of the school's budget to ensure that there is at least one teaching assistant or Nursery Nurse in every class, and through them and other staff, we run catch up programmes and intervention programmes to help children to 'plug' the gaps and misconceptions in their learning. I am proud to say that all the teachers (and some of the teaching assistants) run a variety of clubs for the children to enjoy, which includes rugby, Bell ringing, netball, choir, library, ICT, Lego, craft and reading club. So I hope that you'll agree that Tarleton Holy Trinity does a lot to meet the needs of its 161 very unique and individual children.

### Attendance Figures

Last week 131 of our children (out of 161) managed to achieve 100% attendance. During the same week five children were late for school for at least one session. Well done to Mr Marshall and Mrs Warburton's classes who tied as the best attending classes for the week!!

#### School Dinners

The week beginning the 21st March is 'Week 2' of the Lancashire Lunch menu.

Slight changes to week 1's menu: Janet is moving Tuesday's Pizza Margherita to Wednesday and instead, on the Tuesday, will be having tomato pasta. The Parents / Carers Easter Lunch is on Wednesday and is a choice of Pizza and Chips or Fish and Chips. <u>Please be advised there are no more adult places available</u> for the Easter Lunch.

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. Please can we request that these are ordered in the morning during registration time.

### A big THANK YOU!!

Mr Hodges (one of our Dads) has kindly donated and fitted some mirrors in our Boys Cloakroom. The boys have been asking for mirrors in there for quite some time and Mr Hodges volunteered to buy them and put them in. If you need any building work doing at home, Neil Hodges has his own business (Hodges Building Services) and can be contacted by email on <a href="hodges75@tiscali.co.uk">hodges75@tiscali.co.uk</a> or by calling 01772 813662 or 07866 462179

#### A Message from Mrs Seeley

The Year 4 current topic is 'Passport to Europe' and the children voted to study Germany as their specific focus country. If anyone has any "child friendly" books and resources about Germany and in particular, the Bavarian region, please could Mrs Seeley borrow them? Please note that Year 4 is NOT studying World War II - as Philip will be covering this in Year 6. However, things relating to the Berlin Wall would be good. Thanks!!

### An Advert for Tarleton Corinthians Football Club

The club is looking for some Reception Class aged children to join its 'Ant' sessions. If you would like to register for this course, and for more information, please telephone 01772 813964

#### An Advert for Do-Re-Mi Singing Tarleton

If your child is from 6 up and loves to sing this is the answer for you.

Jessica Helen Vocals is opening Do-Re-Mi Singers in the Tarleton area.

This is a singing lesson for 45 minutes which helps children to develop technique, stage presence and vocal skills. Groups will consist of 10 students allowing Jessica to help students as a group and 1:1 to develop within singing. \*If your child is under 6 please contact Jessica to discuss\*

Groups run as follows:

Hesketh Bank Community Centre

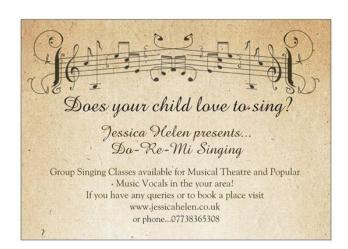
5:30-6:15 Group 1

6:30-7:15 Group 2

## Open Evening

29th March 2016 19:00-20:00 at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

Get to know Jessica and learn what the school has to offer over refreshments and cake. This gives the opportunity for parents to speak to Jessica 1:1 and ask her any questions they have.



#### Mr Marshall's Fair Trade Colouring / Poster competition

During last week's celebration worship Mr Marshall announced the winners of his Fair Trade colouring / poster competition. Well done to the winners who were:

Reception	Niall and Lucy I
Year 1	Canden and Amelia
Year 2	Daniel and Sophie
Infant Winner	Niall
Year 3	Sophie, Adam and Grace
Year 4	Ella S, Jamie and Jemima
Lower Junior Winner	Sophie
Year 5	Jessica, Niamh and Louis
Year 6	Jodi, Jamie and Georgia
Upper Junior Winner	Jodi
Special Prize	Alfie in Year 4 as his dog
	really did eat his homework!!

#### A Message from Mrs Dimmock

There will be no Lego Club for Year 1 for the next couple of weeks due to other events happening during Wednesday lunchtimes.

#### The Easter Weekend

Don't forget that we have a long weekend as we close school for the Easter Weekend next week. We close at 3.25 / 3.30pm on Thursday  $24^{th}$  March and return to school on the Easter Tuesday ( $29^{th}$  March) with the doors opening at the usual time of 8.45am for school to start at 8.55am.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

#### Did you know...?

Castlederg High School in County Tyrone in Ireland sent this police message out to its students...It's a sobering thought...

#### POLICE MESSAGE:

We know that many children are using social media when 'officially' they are too young to sign up to the sites – we know because they tell us!

Lots of them say that Mums and Dads have signed them up – sometimes years ago.

There's nothing illegal in that, but please keep in mind that if you signed your 8 year old up to Facebook five years ago, saying they were 13 years old – they now appear as an 18 year old on the site.

If an adult tries to groom your now 13 year old via social media, they will be able to argue that they thought they were talking to another adult. Remember to update their details, check their privacy settings, and talk to them about which pictures they use for their profile, so they're safe online. Thank you.