



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

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## Welcome Back!!

We hope you had a restful and relaxing Spring Break - and all the batteries are fully charged for another busy term at Tarleton Holy Trinity!!...and we welcome back David Baxter, our site supervisor and 'lollipop man' as he returns after his cancer operation.

Not all school members have come back to school in one piece though...as Jake in Year 2 and Mrs Flowers have both ended up with broken bones over the two week holiday.

This term's dates for End of Year Reports, Sports Day etc. will come out to you next week - these dates will also soon be available to view as usual on the school website!!

## Attendance Figures

During the week just before the Spring Break, 148 (out of 161) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance. During the same week 4 pupils were late for at least one session of school.

...and well done to Mrs Seeley's Year 4 class who were the Best Attending Class of the week!!

Another 'Well Done' to Mrs Birkby's Year 1 Class who were the best attending Class of the Spring Term 2016 - That means that on Friday (29<sup>th</sup> April), Mrs Birkby's class can have a day off wearing their school uniform and can come in their own clothes!! They will get their certificate on Friday!!

During **next** Friday's Worship we will also be applauding those children who have not missed one day of school during the Spring Term 2016...i.e. our 100% attendees!! Well done to:

Reception	Ethan, Lucy I, James S, Zach, Daisy, Max and Joshua
Year 1	Cruz, Oliver, Leah, Joshua, Jessica, Harry, Oscar and Maisy
Year 2	Daniel, Reggie and Jessica P
Year 3	Callum G, Nathan, Seraphina, Grace, Chloe P and Daniel
Year 4	Imogen, Katie Ann, Ethan, Sam, Dru, Emily, Callum, Olivia and Joshua
Year 4/5	Grace, Faye, Sadie and Niamh
Year 6	Rosie, Benji and Brad

This list is an amazing 40 children who never missed one day of school during a term - which considering all the bugs which were flying around school before the break...isn't too bad!!

## Parents' Evening

'Thank You' to all the parents and carers who managed to make it to parents' evening. I know one or two of you are still hoping to speak to members of staff over the next couple of weeks - but an impressive 95% of the children were represented during the meetings.

## 2016 Parent Questionnaire Findings...

The next response to the questionnaire... Question 12 asked parents and carers to respond to the statement: 'I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or complaint'. A pleasing 98% of you agreed with the statement with other 2% stating that 'Didn't know'. At Tarleton Holy Trinity we try and maintain an 'Open Door' policy at all times - and I stand near to the front of the school on most mornings and evenings not only to meet parents, but so that they can discuss matters as and when they arrive.



I strongly feel that my senior leadership team is also working well (and very hard) to move the school forward on its continuous search for improvement, and there again, Ofsted said that, '...senior leaders have taken decisive actions to bring about 'non-negotiable' improvements in teaching. As a result, teaching is improving and attainment rising.

**Our Worship Theme for this Week is...** Making a noise about Bullying

### **What's New on the Website**

I've been busy over the holidays updating our website with more recent stories.

Have a look at my 'Head's Blog' for photos of Mrs Roe's Birthday and the Class Photos:

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

Also look at Year 1 for the photos of their trip to Flavourfresh

[http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category\\_id=32](http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=32)

...look at Year 4 for their class worship

[http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category\\_id=35](http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=35)

...And Year 5 for their trip to Spaceport

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

### **Rugby Practice**

There will be a practice this Thursday for Mr Marshall's Rugby players as a final get together before next Tuesday's match.

### **Spare School Clothing**

We are in desperate need of some spare uniform for our younger children for when they have an 'accident' in school. If you have any old uniform - or indeed any uniform that we have sent your child home in due to an accident - please send it into school as soon as possible.

### **School Closures Next Week**

Don't forget that we get a longer weekend this weekend as it is a Bank Holiday!! Therefore school is closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. And don't forget that we will also be closed for the local Council Polling Day on the Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> May) as our school is used as the local Polling Station. So two days off next week!! See you on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday!!

### **Tarleton Academy Performance Night**

Good luck to our Year 5 dancers who are getting together with some children from Mere Brow Primary School to show off their dance at Tarleton Academy's show night on the Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

### **Some messages from Friends:**

#### **Scarecrow Festival Entry Forms**

Don't forget that you can win up to £70 by entering a scarecrow into the festival on 21<sup>st</sup> May. The entry forms need to be returned to the school office or Pretty Peas by this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April for the entry to be included into the trail. Your scarecrow should be based on a children's book or TV character.

#### **Tombola Prizes**

All Children are invited to participate in a non-school uniform day on FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY. All we ask is that in return for your child/children not wearing their uniform is to bring a Tombola prize into school. As in previous years, this will enable us to have a fantastic tombola stall at this year's Scarecrow Festival on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Any type of prize is welcome it just has to be sealed and in good condition.

#### **Can you Bake?**

We will be holding a cake sale at the forthcoming Scarecrow Festival on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We would be grateful for any donations of cakes, cookies, muffins and biscuits. These will all be sold to raise funds for the benefit of the children at Tarleton Holy Trinity. If you are able to donate something, please see Stephanie Farnworth ("Oakly's mum") on the playground outside reception or email [scarecrow.tht@gmail.com](mailto:scarecrow.tht@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your support.

### Here Comes the Sun

On the sunnier days of this term, when the weather is as sunny and as hot as we would like it to be, please can I ask parents and carers to send the children to school with a hat and already 'covered' in sun lotion. Unfortunately we are not allowed to apply sun lotion to children in school (usual...Health and Safety reasons), but there are many products out there that once applied will last for the rest of the day. It is also a good idea to send the children with an extra drink of water. We do have water fountains in school, but if the children could bring an extra bottle, preferably with a sports cap, it would save the queues!! Some children are coming to school with no bottle at all...so please make sure that they have one!! We have water bottles for sale in school at £1.50. These can be purchased from the office.

Please note that our **Celebration Worships** are back to normal and there will be one this Friday...

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

### Did you know...?

This Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> May and according to some websites, the month of May is named in honour of the goddess Maia, originally a Greek mountain nymph, later identified as the most beautiful of the Seven Sisters, the Pleiades. By Zeus, she was also the mother of Hermes, god of magic.

The tallest maypole in Britain can be found in the village of Nun Monkton in North Yorkshire standing at 88 ft tall (26.8metres).