



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

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### **The Sun has arrived!!**

When the weather is as sunny and as hot as it has been over the last few days, 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 a water fountain 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.

...and don't forget that in the summer the boys can wear shorts and the girls can wear summer dresses if they prefer to keep a little cooler!!

### **Celebration Worship**

Last Friday we had another busy celebration worship of the term. We gave the children their 100% certificates for full attendance last term (Well done to the children who made it to my bench, they were:

Reception	Theo
Year 1	Amelia
Year 2	Milly
Year 3	Callum B
Year 4	Matthew
Year 5	Liliya
Year 6	Sam

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

Pentecost - Burn Bright for God!

### **A Reminder about Haircuts**

With the summer quickly approaching and many children, especially boys, often wanting a short haircut, please can I remind parents and carers about our policy on haircuts? The policy states:

It is requested that long hair (shoulder length or longer) should always be tied up, not only for Health and Safety reasons but also to discourage head lice. We request that parents do not allow children to have their hair coloured, shaved too short, cut in lines or patterns, or gelled into extreme styles in school term time. The school reserves the right to decide on the appropriateness of a hairstyle or haircut.

These can be seen on page 16 of our School Prospectus alongside our policy on jewellery in school.

To view the School Prospectus visit our website and look on the 'Policy Page' or click on

[http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category\\_id=72](http://www.holytrinity-tarleton.lancs.sch.uk/index.php?category_id=72)

### **Class Photographs**

Last week you should have received a 'proof' of this Year's Class Photos. Please can all orders be sent to Mrs Feeney in the school office, no later than the start of school tomorrow, to ensure that you receive your copies before the end of term.

### **Can you help??**

We desperately need four parents / carers to assist our Year 6 children whilst they carry out their Right Start Cycle Training. If you can help, please contact Mrs Warburton (or Mr Marshall) at school. The training takes place during the mornings of 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June.



### 2016 Parent Questionnaire Findings...

The next response to the questionnaire... Question 14 asked parents and carers to respond to the statement: 'There is a good range of after school activities'. 87% of you agreed with this, 2% disagreed and 11% responded as 'Didn't know'. Last year only 79% agreed so this is a good improvement. All of the teachers at THT (and other staff / governors) run a Club of some sort during the Year...this is what we have done so far this academic year:

Mrs Warburton	Netball for Years 4 to 6 and Cross country Club for Years 3 and 4
Mrs Birkby	Library for the whole school and reading club
Mrs Dimmock	Lego Club for Years 1 and 2
Mr Phillips	Football Club and Cricket Club for Years 4 to 6
Mr Tilley	Gardening Club for Year 3
Mrs Seeley	Code Club (ICT) for Years 3 and 4
Mrs Simpson	Choir - for Years 3 to 6
Miss Jagger	Homework Club for all KS2
Mr Marshall	Rugby for Years 5 and 6
Mr Smith and Fr Nicholas	Bell Ringing for Years 5 and 6
Mrs Simpson and Mrs Birkby	Book Club for Year 5
Mrs Goddard	Reading club for all ages
Sports Partnership Cricket	Year 2
Sports Partnership Dance	Years 4 and 5
Sports Partnership Tennis	Years 3 and 5
Sports Partnership Gym	Reception Class and Year 1
Sports Partnership Athletics	Years 3, 4 and 5
Sports Partnership Rugby	Year 1

In the past we have tried not to run Clubs for the very youngest children in the school as After School Activities for Reception and Year 1 children as it can make it a very long day for 4, 5 and 6 Year olds...however, as you can see, due to popular demand, we have started some clubs this year. Now that's a lot of extra activities that we do at school...all free of charge!!



### A Message from Sunday club

On Saturday the 7th of May the Sunday club had a fun day in church. Full packed with lots of crafts on Pentecost including fiery biscuits & sticks, crowns, doves, hand print painting also balloon modelling!!! It was a great event which all the children and adults really enjoyed! Father Nicholas and Bishop John even showed their crafty side making some very clever flamed biscuits!!



### Mr Baxter Update

No extra news really...Mr Baxter is still in hospital recovering from his stroke, and the specialists are still trying to increase the response in his left hand side.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Stephen B. Smith'.

Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

## Dates for the Summer Term 2016

In the table below you can see the provisional dates for things that are happening between now and the summer holidays. You will receive more details about many of these events nearer the time...just keep looking at the Newsletters!! (w/b - week beginning)

KS2 SATs Week for Year 6	9th-12th May
Friends Scarecrow Festival	21st May
New Reception parents meeting - 6.30pm	16th May
Optional SATs Week / Assessments	by 27th May
Half Term	30 May - 3 Jun
INSET day(s)	6th - 10th Jun
Church Walking Day	11th June
Stottesdon residential for Year 6	13th-17th June
Year 1 Phonics Screening	13/14th June
Year 2 Catch Up Phonics Screening	15/16th June
School Closed for EU Referendum	23rd June
Termly Full Governor meeting 6.30pm	30th June
Cycle training for Y6 (safer cycle)	20,21&24 Jun
T Academy induction day	22nd June
Science Day	22nd June
Teddy Bear's Picnic YR, 1 and 2	TBC
Rose Queen Day	25th June
Cycle training for Y6 Bikeability	27 - 30 June
Friends Summer Ball	2nd July
Tag Rugby County Finals	5th July
Sports Day KS1 am and KS2 pm	12th July
Reports to Parents	15th July
Year 6 Talent Show 2pm	11th July
Move Up Morning for all Children	15th July
Year 6 Sleep Over	15th July
Parent's Evening Week	w/b18th July
Leaver's lunch for Year 6	20th July
KS2 Leaver's disco	21st July
Year 6 Presentation Worship - 9.30am	26th July
Leaver's Service - 2pm	26th July
School Closes for Summer	26th July
School Opens for Autumn 2016	1st September

## Did you know...?

This week it is SATs week for Year 6...here's the history:

Standard assessment tests (SATs) were introduced in phases, starting in 1991. By 1998, there were tests for seven, 11 and 14-year-olds. Some schools actually 'boycotted' the SATs in 1993 and this was spearheaded by the two main classroom teacher unions, the NUT and NASUWT.

SATs were phased out in Wales between 2002 and 2005.

The first signs of change in England came in 2004, when Staffordshire schools took part in a pilot for a new way of assessing seven-year-olds. Instead of everything resting on how an infant performed on a test day, SATs were just used to inform their teacher's overall judgements of their abilities. Parents were given a "teacher assessment" level rather than the test result.

In late 2008, the Government scrapped SATs for 14-year-olds. This left SATs for 11-year-olds in England as the only remaining statutory tests, although they no longer include science.