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Junior Entrance

Last week we had a fault on the water fountain which caused a small flood in the Junior Entrance. Because of this the Junior Entrance is 'now out of order' until the area is dried out and a new flooring is put down. Therefore please can all Junior Children (Years 3 to 6) use the hall door at the back of the school to enter and exit the building...thank you!!

Armistice Day

Tomorrow (11th November) we will, as usual, be gathering around the war Memorial in the Church Yard. The whole school will circle around the memorial just before 11am to pay our respects to all those who have died in conflicts since World War I. If you would like to join us you are more than welcome.

Children in Need - 13th November 2015

This Friday (13th November) it is the BBC Children in Need (CIN) Day. Our school council, who organize the events for the day, would like to follow the CIN theme for this year which is 'Dress as your Childhood Hero' and pay 50p as a contribution to the BBC appeal. This could be Superman, or Batgirl...but also could be Lewis Hamilton or Jessica Ennis Hill. I'm struggling to find a James Hunt outfit...so I might have to re-think!!

There will lots of other activities for the children to get involved in:

1. A colouring competition (where the children are asked to draw or colour a Pudsey Bear) with a prize for the best infant and the best junior entry - a donation of 50p to enter please. Sheets to put the designs on will be coming out to you shortly and need to be in by Thursday 12th November.
2. A 'Guess the name of the Teddy' competition with a 50p entry fee - running on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.
3. A CIN 'Bake Off' competition. All entries for this need to be bun, fairy cake or cupcake sized and decorated any way you like. You can enter one cake or a box full, just bring them along on the Friday morning (please make sure that there is a label with your name and class on each plate / box)!! Again, there will be prizes for the winning design and then during the day on the Friday we will be selling the cakes off at 20p each - with all the proceeds going to Children in Need. All remaining cakes will then be sold off at the end of the school day.



...and to raise even more money for Children in Need, Mrs Simpson, Miss Jagger and our Year 5 children will be selling CIN products after school by the Junior entrance until 3.45pm. On sale will be 'Pudsey Keyrings' (£2.50 each) and CIN wristbands (£1 each).

Year 5 Class Worship - Year 5 will be performing their Class Worship to everyone on Children in Need Day (13th November) it is the turn of our Year 5 class to 'take Worship'. Mrs Simpson's and Miss Jagger's Class will be putting a presentation together all about 'Children in Need'.

As usual all parents, carers and family members are invited to watch all our Friday Worship, however, if you are a parent/carer/family member of a Year 5 pupil, we would like to especially invite you into school to watch the Year 5 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!!



School Information Updates

If you have changed address, e-mail address, landline number or mobile number - please can you email Mrs Feeney in our school office so that the school records can be kept up to date. Thank you!!

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Scholastic Book Fair

This year's Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 11th November until Tuesday 17th November (not the Wednesday as first advertised) from 3.30-4.00pm in the School Hall. Please support this event and come along to choose books with your child. If any parent is willing to help run the book fair, this would be very much appreciated - please advise Mrs Birkby if you are able to help.

Celebration Worship

It was (as usual) a very busy Celebration Worship on the Friday before half term. Well done to the children who made it to my bench who were:

Reception	Jack
Year 1	Jessica
Year 2	Sam S
Year 3	Caitlin
Year 4	Vinny
Year 5	Thomas and Tana (and Jack who missed last week)
Year 6	Brandon

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Peace, Poppies and Sacrifice - Week 2

Team Point Winners

Last Time's Winners - Yarrow

Poppy Appeal 2015

Thank you for your support for the British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal this year!! The lady who provides that wrist bands / poppies etc. had to make three trips to school to 're-stock' our box and actually took the first collection pot away as it was full. We should get a notification as to how much we raised for this year's appeal in the near future.

Parents' Evening

This is only the second time that THT has held them in the Autumn Term and we hope that the evening will prove to be useful and informative for you. The Evenings are being held in school this week, tomorrow 11th November, (5.30 - 8.00pm) and on Thursday 12th November, (3.30 - 6.00pm). The children's work will be in the Classrooms for you to have a look at, and the teachers will meet you to discuss their progress etc. in the school hall.

It would be helpful if parents could try, as much as possible, to keep to their allotted time(s) so that we do not have a 'back log' of parents and carers waiting for teachers. If you feel you need a longer meeting with a member of staff you can always make an appointment for another day.

During Parents' Evening I will be inviting you to take part in our annual 'Parent Questionnaire', where there will be a series of Questions for you to answer concerning your views on the school. Please take a few moments during the evening to complete the Questionnaire - or take it home and complete it at your leisure. There will be a box in the hall during Parents' Evening - and outside the school office during the day for you to return your sheets. Please complete one Questionnaire for each of the children you have at THT this year!!

A Visit from Favourites

During tomorrow's Parents' Evening I have organised Fiona Evans from Favourites, our Uniform Provider, to be in school to sell / take orders for any items of uniform that you need!! She will be in the Library, just outside of the school hall from 5.30 until just before 8pm.

As an 'extra no extra cost' service, Favourites our Uniform Supplier, will deliver uniforms straight to the school if you order on line or over the phone.

If you prefer to visit the shop they are situated at 66 Town Road, Croston (PR26 9RB)...and for more information telephone: 01772 600142 or visit the website address: <http://favouritesofcroston.co.uk/>

Assessing Without Levels

Previously, a child's attainment in the national curriculum was assessed against "levels", with information about levels being reported to parents during parents' evening and at the end of the key stages. Many parents will have heard of pupils being assessed, at the end of the year or key stage, with teachers using phrases such as "working at a level 2", or "achieving a level 4".

This new curriculum is organised largely in **year group expectations**, and the phrase "level" is no longer being used to assess children's attainment. Instead, teachers will be assessing whether a child achieves the **standard expected for their year group**. Teachers already assess children throughout the year to help them in their planning for teaching activities and identify the "next steps" in learning.

Assessment is often informal and may involve the teacher or perhaps a support assistant observing the child in a variety of situations, talking to them and questioning them to check out their understanding, and of course marking their work. This is sometimes called "assessment for learning".

When you get your child's report, or talk to your child's teacher at a parents' meeting, the teacher may start to use phrases such as "**working in line with the year group expectations**", or "**working at age related expectations**". Or they may tell you that your child is **working below the typical expectation for their age**; in this case they will probably give you some information about how they are helping your child catch up.

At Tarleton Holy Trinity we are developing a system used by Lancashire where the end of year expectations for each year group are split this into 3 categories as follows:

<p>Entering - starting to demonstrate some of the features of this year group's expectations. Typically what you would expect if a child was on track at the end of the autumn term, in a particular year group (e.g. a child typically working at what you would expect, at end of autumn term Y3, would be "entering, Y3").</p>
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<p>Developing - demonstrating more of the features of this year group's expectations. Some learning in some aspects might not be fully embedded, across all situations. Typically what you would expect if a child was on track at the end of the spring term, in a particular year group (e.g. a child typically working at what you would expect, at end of spring term Y3, would be "developing, Y3").</p>
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<p>Secure - demonstrating most (or indeed all) of the features of this year group's expectations. Their typical knowledge/understanding/skill demonstrated is behaviour which is embedded. Typically what you would expect if a child was on track at the end of the summer term, in a particular year group (e.g. a child typically working at what you would expect for a typical child at the end of Y3, would be "secure, Y3").</p>
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During the year, when we have conversations with you about your child's progress you won't be given an actual definitive position of where they are on this scale.

School Dinners

The week beginning the 16th November is 'Week 2' of the new Autumn/Winter Lancashire Lunch menu. Changes to week 2's menu: Janet is swapping Tuesday's Pizza Margherita with Friday's Tomato Pasta so that we can continue our tradition of Pizza and Chips or Fish and Chip Fridays!!

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.

Attendance

During the week before last, 153 (out of 163) of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance - they didn't miss one day of school!! The 'best attending classes of the week' was Mrs Birkby's Class - who all attended school for the full week...well done Year 1!! During the same week six children were late for at least one session of school.

Tubs 4 Tablets at Tesco

Don't forget that we are still collecting Tub 4 Tablet tokens from the Flora Tubs bought at Tesco!!...the promotion finishes in 2 weeks on 24th November 2015. So far we have 138 tokens which will get us 2 Samsung tablets!! Please can we have a 'last push' and see if we can collect a total of 200 which would get us 4 tablets.

Shoe Boxes

Don't forget...if you are donating a Shoe Box to this year's appeal. We have extended the 'handing in' date to 9am on Monday 16th November and it is then that Mrs Marshall will collect them and take them to the distribution centre. For more information about this please see Newsletter 7b. Please note that the charity has already sold out of the shoe boxes that you can buy. Thanks!!

Friends' Christmas Market

There will be a lot more information about our Christmas Market coming out to you soon. But please put 29th November in your diaries as this is when the market takes place (from 12.30pm onwards).

Another mention in the Newspapers

Last Thursday (5th November), our Reception children appeared in the LEP newspaper. However, by the time we managed to get to the shops all the papers had sold out and so we have not got a copy of the article in school. If you have a copy, please could you bring it into school and then we can make a copy??!!

Congratulations to Mrs Birkby

Over the last 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ years Mrs Birkby has been working at THT on a temporary contract. It gives me great satisfaction (and relief) that the School Governors have now made her contract permanent so we can use and value her expertise in Literacy, handwriting and Phonics for years to come!!

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

The first official Legion Poppy Day was held in Britain on 11 November 1921, inspired by the poem, 'In Flanders Fields' written by John McCrae. Since then the Poppy Appeal has been a key annual event in the nation's calendar.