



Tarleton Mere Brow CE Primary school
 Newsletter
 Friday 18th October
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Well done to the PTA FOMBs last night for a great Pumpkin Party evening , they made £512.71 towards our next big idea! Our relay team also made us proud this week at the TASA races on Tuesday after school. Thanks also to those who are coming to sing tonight. We hope you all have a lovely half term. We return on Monday 28th October, hopefully we will have our new play area and a special opening ceremony to thank all those who contributed and enabled us to achieve this. Our Fox class are on a trip that first week (see previous letter) and Miss Smith will be taking our head pupils to collect our Platinum PE award.



We will be taking our Remembrance wreath to Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 10th November 10.45 a.m. The service starts outside around the memorial and continues inside. Poppy items will be on sale when we return. We would like to invite parents and governors in to a reading and writing activity afternoon at 2p.m. on 12th November, that week is Kindness and Anti-bullying week and the stories will be linked to the ' No Outsiders' work we do throughout each year.

Friday 15th November is Children in Need . The School Council Charity team have asked that we have a Non uniform and Toy/ Book sale that afternoon if you could be gathering items over half term. We will split our earnings with Shalom Academy Irovo , Kenya and Children in Need.



Don't forget
 parents
 evening!

We have planned Wednesday 20th November as parents evening. If you have anything you need to discuss before then please don't wait ,ask to see teaching staff and we can make an appointment. The Google form for time choices will be sent out when we return from the half term. The Governors have asked me to remind parents about attendance with the following visual information:

If the current attendance figures continue for the whole academic year, the days of absence and learning hours lost can be seen below.

| | Excellent Attendance | | | | Good Attendance | | Attendance needs to improve | | | | Cause for concern | Serious cause for concern |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Attendance % | 100% | 99% | 98% | 97% | 96% | 95% | 94% | 93% | 92% | 91% | 90-80% | 80% and below |
| Days of absence | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 11-36 | 38+ |
| Learning hours lost | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 37.5 | 47.5 | 55 | 65 | 75 | 85 | 95-180 | 190+ |

| Attendance Matters! | Your attendance |
|---------------------|--|
| 97% and over | Your attendance is excellent – if you work hard, you should cover all that you need to meet your target grade or predictions. |
| 90-97% | Your attendance is good but needs to improve so that there are fewer gaps in your knowledge from work you have missed. |
| Less than 90% | You are making your life in school difficult because of the amount of work you are missing. You will need to work very hard to catch up or you will struggle to maintain your grades at the level they are at now. You are now classed as persistently absent. |

Have a great half term break everyone!

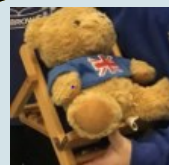
Dates for your Diary

- 18th October Rose Queen coffee evening Choir details pg. 2
- Half term 21st– 27th October
- School resumes 28th October
- 31st October Fox class trip
- 12th November Read & write with us 2p.m.
- 15th November Children in Need sale
- 20th November Parent's eve
- 21st November Flu spray Day
- Sat. 30th November Breakfast with Santa—village hall see pg 3
- 6p.m. 10th Dec. Nativity (Hedgehogs)
- 9.15a.m. 11th Dec. Nativity (Hedgehogs)
- 12th December FOMBS Christmas party
- 17th December own clothes a visit from the man in red is scheduled!
- School closes on 20th December at 2p.m. with Carols at 1.15p.m.

LYLS Awards

Maggie
Molly
Phillip
Alexis

& Jessie for BV Bear Well done all !





Rose Queen
Coffee Evening
18th October 6pm
Tarleton Bowling Club

Adults £1
Children FREE

The Rose Queen Committee hope you will join both retinues at their annual Coffee Evening, when cheques will be presented to our two primary schools

Delicious Home Made Cake Sale
Fresh Local Salad and Vegetables
Fabulous Tombola
Exciting Raffle

Entertainment by pupils of
Tarleton Holy Trinity & Mere Brow Primary



Friends of Mere Brow Presents

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

10:30am - 1pm

£15 per child

Inc 1 Adult

Saturday 30th November 2024

Gift for every paying child • Choice of breakfasts

Craft making • Write & post a letter to Santa

Games • Prizes to be won

Photo opportunity with Father Christmas

Come join the festive fun!

Adult Breakfast Barmes & Coffee Available

Mere Brow Village Hall, The Gravel, Mere Brow, PR4 6JX



Ticket Only Event

Tickets and more info

call Jo

07772 968019

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period¹. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning

This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

¹ A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.



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BIKEABILITY



COMING

We're buzzing for Bikeability at
Mere Brow C.E. Primary School

Bring your bike and helmet on
Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and
Thursday 7th November 2024!



WEST LANCASHIRE
SPORT PARTNERSHIP




Department
for Transport

Year 5 and any Year 6 who could not take part last year, bikes can be left in School, please see above...

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YOUTH GROUPS SET TO RESTART

As the Summer holidays come to an end our Youth Groups are set to restart

- Diamond Disciples (Years 4-6) Thursday evenings at Holy Trinity from September 12th
- Impact412 (Years 7+) Sundays at 4pm in Rufford Church Hall from September 15th



The One Stop Shop is a monthly drop in where families can access support from different services under one roof. We offer a warm welcome, refreshments and an opportunity to get help with:

- Housing
- Finance
- Employment advice
- Relationship advice
- Home safety
- Mental health support
- Accessing food banks
- Household living support
- Access to learning
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Childrens Health advice
- Early years support
- Local services



Drop in on the first Thursday of the month, between 9am 'til 12 noon at:

The Skelmersdale Family Hub and Zone
 Yeaddon
 Skelmersdale
 WN8 6NL

Between the Concourse and the Library
 Tel: 01695 651350




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 AND THE ZONE
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Lancashire County Council

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|  Job Centre Plus |  Lancashire Talking Therapies |  Compass Bloom |  West Lancashire Borough |  hcr3 Care Group |  Wigan Athletic |  NEST |
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|  Barnardo's |  South West Lancs ICAN |  Citizens Advice |  Further Education |  Police & Fire Service |  Healthwatch |  ADHD Northwest |
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|  Liberty Centre |  Lancashire Key Working Service |  Twinkle House |  Representatives from... |  Elm Tree Community Primary School |  West Lancashire Community High School |  Kingsbury Primary School |  Hope High School |
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