

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

7th November 2018

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



*Welcome back to our fantastically busy and fun Christmas half term.
I hope that you enjoyed the half term break.*

Traffic on South Road

Thank you to residents of Bretherton who have responded to the School Council letter regarding traffic on South Road. We have had a great response and we are in the process of arranging to take the children to Chorley Council to discuss the matter further. I would like to thank everyone who travels to school by car, for their sensible and considerate parking. By avoiding double parking or parking on or opposite the yellow hazard lines, we can keep our children safe.

Remembrance Assembly and Service

I would love to invite you to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday 8th November at 9.05 where the Ethos group will present our Remembrance Day commemorations along with children from each of the classes, depicting work in class connected to the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1.

I would like to remind you that on Sunday at 10.00, a service of remembrance will be held at St John's Church where we will be singing our Remembrance songs, reading prayers and walking along with our community to Bretherton's war memorial for 11 o'clock. I hope that you can join us.

I would like to thank Mr Glew for his creative design for our planter, Glenroyd Nursery for donating the wonderful plants and Wignall's for donating the soil. Also Miss Hymers for her creativity in our WW1 display.

If you can join our community in our torchlight procession early evening on the 11th November, it would be lovely to see you there.

After school activity clubs

We are continually thinking of activities or clubs that we can lead for our children. Whether they be run by external providers or staff in school, they hopefully appeal to many children. If you have any ideas regarding clubs or any feedback on the provision of our clubs, please let me or the school office know. This half term we have a Newspaper Club, Christmas Card Art Club, Sewing Club and Gymnastics Club run by teachers and there will be a S7 Christmas Fun Games Game run by external providers. We are also organising a fun Mad Science Club run by external providers to commence in January 2019. See flyer attached to this newsletter.

Parents Evening 19th and 21st November

Letters will be coming out today for booking Parents Evening times for 19th or 21st November. Unfortunately technical delays have prevented the online booking process this time. Please have your requests into school **by Tuesday 13th November** and we'll confirm the date and time by return on Thursday 15th November.

PTFA Update

Have you taken a look at our PTFA newsletter— a copy is on the website for your perusal.

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTFA AGM and Christmas Fair planning meeting last night. It's a great time of year to get involved and the opportunity share the planning. They provide some amazing additional resource to school and it really is true that many hands make light work.

TWITTER for school.

For those of you on Twitter, to keep you right up to date with the great learning and sporting opportunities we have at school account. Our twitter feed is @BrethertonEP We'd love you to follow our posts.



Remember our door is always open— contact us on bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

EXTRA INFORMATION

THEME OF WORSHIP — *Responsibility*

'For each will have to bear his own load.' Galatians 6:5 ESV / 368

Charging for school trips and enrichment school events

Our children always tell us that they enjoy our school trips and experiences in school and so I would like to thank you for supporting us in providing these for them.

You will notice that in the future, all our invitations for trips or enrichment events that request a voluntary contribution, will have a statement that says " This trip has a voluntary financial contribution of £x which includes entrance fee and transport. However, if we get insufficient contributions, it may be that we have to cancel the trip and all monies will be returned."

We really feel that providing excursions and experiences are important to enrich and enliven the curriculum and as much as possible, school will pay or contribute in order to ensure the experiences go ahead. However, due to constraints on school budgets, this may not always be possible. Our PTFA is also incredibly generous when it comes to subsidising coach travel as this is an increasingly expensive part of the costs. We hope that we will never need to cancel, but we are obliged to inform you of this eventuality within the invitation letter.

Science Week—Thank You

I would like to thank our children for being so curious in their investigations throughout science week. It was a great week of investigations in class coupled with great opportunities. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/blog/class-one-bubble-blowing/31873>

Thank you to Mr Bee who visited class 2,3,4 a session jam packed full of interesting facts about engineering and a great plane flying competition was enjoyed by all. Well done to the winners. Visit www.brethertonschool.org.uk/blog/investigating-flight./32008

It was great to see the variety of animals visiting us with Alldays' farm. Such a fun session of facts and petting the animals and I hope that our pre school children and younger siblings enjoyed the opportunity too despite the rain. Share the experience with us on our website blogs: <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/blog/alldays-mobile-animal-farm---class-2-/31903>



Thank you to PrimeVR who came to visit us in Science Week. The KS2 children had a great adventure using virtual reality headsets—some travelling the world, some travelling into space. Oliver emailed school straight after his visit with this lovely comment on our children. Some of the photographs of the session are available on our blogs available on this link: <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/blog/awe-and-wonder-in-our-virtual-reality-headset-workshop-session-on-the-americas./31862>

"Bretherton Endowed was a fantastic primary school to visit. The staff and children were all extremely welcoming, kind and friendly. I was particularly impressed with how well-mannered the children were, thanking me for the VR experience and wishing my a good day. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the virtual reality experience I provided and it was a pleasure to spend the day here."

Congratulations to **Red Admiral Youth Band** who came second overall in a Band championship. A great achievement and we are so fortunate to have them teaching our Wider Opportunities brass lessons to Class 3 and individual lessons. They have plans to start our school band after school club soon. Watch this space.

Great to see you

It was great to see some of our past Year 6 children in school on the last day, requesting to spend some time helping younger children in school. They are a real credit to themselves and their families and were great role models. They were all thriving at High School and we are so pleased they have settled so well.

Exciting times ahead at The HUB

The HUB is already counting down to Christmas with a super list of amazing activities planned. Whether you regularly use The HUB or not, why not take advantage of one or many of these great festive events for your children to participate in and use the time for a quick dash to the shops for Christmas shopping or maybe just a quiet cup of tea with your feet up. If you would like to book into The HUB on any of the dates listed on the attached flyer (or any others before Christmas), please call or text Kelly on 07957302125 or email thehub@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk

DATES AND REMINDERS

Recommended Book Lists for each year

We are often asked about recommended book lists for children of different ages and so I thought we would share with you the Book Trust top 100 recommended books for different age groups. I have added them onto our website under English <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/english/34929>

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you are a family in receipt of qualifying benefits, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals and an additional pupil premium grant of £1300 which is paid directly to school. If you receive any of the following benefits, you may qualify:

Income Support; Income Support Jobseekers Allowance; Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
Support under part VI of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999; The guaranteed element of state pension credit
Child tax credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have a gross income of less than £16190)
Working Tax Credit run on—paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
Universal Credit; Children who get the above credits in their own right

There are also additional categories of pupil premium funding for children who are looked after by the local authority or who have been adopted, and children of service families. If you think you may be eligible, please go to

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

ECO Charter

This year, at Bretherton, we are looking at making a difference to the World and one way is to reduce our waste.

- 1) Our Eco group will be looking at ways that we can reduce paper (thank you for receiving emails regarding clubs) and how we can recycle more.
- 2) They would also like to get involved in providing shelter for hedgehogs and will be contacting Woodlands Animal Sanctuary (Thank you Mrs Boucher for the idea!) to arrange for them to come into school to work with us on how to keep hedgehogs safe this winter. Maybe you can help in your garden too.
- 3) Another way we can help is through school uniform. On many occasions, children have grown out of uniform before they have used them and it seems a shame if we don't re-use. Mrs Glew has kindly agreed to co ordinate a 'pre loved' uniform initiative where uniform can be donated (washed and ironed) and then offered to families. Further details to follow but what a great idea!

Message from C & W Berry

Dear Bretherton Primary

I am writing to pass on the good news that your pupil Finn Clemance entered our children's art competition to mark the occasion of Bobby the Iron Horse statue in Leyland reaching 1 year of age. Finn's work was awarded one of 5 special runners up prizes and he attended the presentation ceremony yesterday to receive his prize - which was a large range of art materials.

Well Done Finn!!

Reminders!

Thursday 8th November	Remembrance Day Worship in School 9.05am—all welcome. Classes will share their Learning and it will be hosted by our Ethos Groups.
Friday 9th November	Deadline for Conker Competition—all conkers to Mrs Hudson
Sunday 11th November	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church 10.00am
Friday 16th November	Children In Need Deadline for Dobroyd Castle 2019 Deposit
Friday 23rd November	Non Uniform—donations of chocolates/bottles for Christmas Fair
Thursday 30th November	PTFA Christmas Fair—2.30-5.00pm
Friday 7th December	Deadline for Dobroyd Castle 2019 Interim Payment
Monday 10th December	Infant Christmas Production—Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
Tuesday 11th December	Infant Christmas Production—Matinee 1.45pm
Wednesday 12th December	Infant Christmas Production—Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 13th December	Last Pre-School for this term
Friday 14th December	Last Toddler for this term
Friday 21st December	Christmas Carol Service in Church 2.00pm School Closes 3.15pm
Monday 7th January	Back to School

