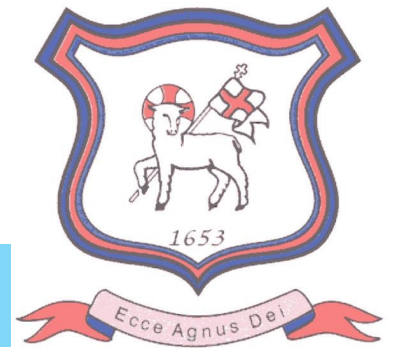


Bretherton Endowed Primary School

*Learning together, growing together, achieving together,
caring together, within our Christian family.*

Our Newsletter

DATE : 12th September 2017
No: 16



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Welcome Back!

We hope that you have had a fun filled and relaxing family summer and are all ready for a busy Autumn term.

The summer term was incredibly busy with Craft Days, Year 6 'Take Over the School' Day, our fantastic production of 'Cinders' and our Fantastic Year 6 (as well as Isabella Cowburn and Mrs Pope) leaving for their new adventures.

We are all extremely grateful for your kind words, gestures and gifts at the end of term. We are privileged to be a part of yours and your children's lives and look forward to the start of a new and exciting year.



PTFA Update

Our school is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard working PTFA. With many new and existing fun events in mind, we would warmly welcome everyone to our next meeting on which we will notify you of as soon as it has been arranged.

We would really benefit from your ideas, support in events and spending priorities so please join us. It's great to be part of.

Well Done and Thank You Everyone for last year!

Report Comments:

Each day you send your children into school and trust us to guide and support and educate them. All our staff work hard to ensure that each child achieves their best and received the best opportunities to develop their talents or foster their interests. We have been incredibly humbled by the positive and heart warming comments that we have received on your child's report comments slips. All staff would like to thank you for your support and comments and we will work hard to ensure that this school year, your children's successes continue and that they are happy and fulfilled in our school.

Open communication between home and school is vital to provide the best education; our door is always open. Please come in or ring to arrange a chat with your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss any aspects of the education or wellbeing.

Calendar Events and Meet the Teacher

The Google calendar which is available on the website has been updated with as many of the yearly events as we can pre-plan. Our Parent Forum asked for key performances for classes to be publicised as early as possible to support working parents and hopefully this will help. We will continue to add after school activities and key dates on the back page of the newsletter as reminders too along with summary of key dates for the term on a printed sheet.

Our open classroom/meet the teacher sessions are on Monday 18th September.

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

CELEBRATING SCHOOL LIFE

Storage and School Bags

Thank you for your support in sending your children back to school with our blue school bags. We provide all the resources within the classroom for children, so in their schoolbags they only really need their reading books and records, homework books and if they would like a small pencil case with colours for topic work. We will be losing all KS2 cloakroom facilities with the improvements to the toilets and so their coats and bags will be in the classroom. I appreciate that there is a cost implication to changing existing bags to our school bags, so would be grateful if we could move towards this as you replace your bags. On another note, as we are developing fitness through this year's school action plan, your child will be active in all weathers, so we would like to ask you to keep a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers in their PE bag also. By having these in their PE drawstring bags, this will again minimise additional bags into school for clubs and after school sporting events. Additional school bags are on order so you will receive a text as and when they arrive. Thank you for your co-operation.

Music—additional lessons

Last week we sent out two letters about additional music tuition home to gauge interest.

Firstly we would like to offer additional brass sessions to year 5 and 6, should they want to develop or continue further their wider opportunity music experiences and are looking at offering guitar and /or flute lessons in small groups for all junior children in school who may like to learn an instrument. If you would like your child to participate please send in slips by **15th September**.

Website

We are in the process of updating our website which is very exciting as it will allow our staff and children to update the 'class' pages more often giving you a better insight into the class activities, timetables and focus for learning. We will complete the finishing touches and let you know as soon as it is available.... We are confident you will find it easy to use, contain more relevant information and it will also help in supporting teaching and learning of computing and online safety in school.

Cashless

With changes, you can get hiccups in the road but we would like to thank you all for supporting the move to a Cashless payment system and in particular Mrs Carlyon and Mrs Mitchell for their time and effort in making it happen. They are there to help if you get into difficulty.

Thanks again!

Painting

Class 3 has had a fresh lick of paint and a move around. It looks clean and airy and has a lovely new whiteboard which will significantly improve children's interaction with their learning. The school kitchen has also been painted (a lovely pale blue at the request of Jill) so it looks warm and inviting. We hope that you like it. The front of the Fletcher building will be repainted before winter to smarten it up.

Welcome to Bretherton

We would like to welcome Charlie and Molly Duffy back to the Bretherton Family. They will be starting with us in Year 2 and Year 6 and I know will re-join us with ease.

Also we would like to welcome Mrs Glew as our new Teaching Assistant in KS2 as well as lunchtime Sports and Wellbeing Co-ordinator. We have some exciting initiatives that Mrs Glew and Mrs Brindle have planned which will hugely impact on fitness and skills.

Our new Reception Children

I would like to give a warm Bretherton Welcome to our new Reception children and their parents who started school last week. I am sure that we will tire them out but rest assured they will be having fun learning and making new friends each day and before you have time to blink it'll be Christmas and they will have completed a full term. Thank you for trusting your most precious gift with us—we will continue to work hard to provide them with a happy, fulfilled and enriched education rooted in Christian values working closely with you to enable them to be the best they can be.

Teaching

I will be teaching in class Thursday afternoons and all day Fridays for this term until our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Clarke, joins us in January.

DATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Building Update

Refurbishment of the KS2 toilet areas is being planned now for the October half term. They are more than ready for a make over and our children will play a part in helping us design them.

Attendance– Whole school 97.2%

Thank you to everyone for supporting our attendance policy. We appreciate your help in maintaining our high attendance rate of over 97% year to date. We will continue to work with you on sustaining it. In particular, as persistent absence is categorised at 92%, we will contact you directly this term if your child is on or near this % rate to support you in your child's learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bible Quotes

Thank you so much for those children and families who responded to the Ethos group's request for their favourite bible quotes. These will now be made into posters and be present alongside our displays in the hall.

They will act as a huge inspiration to us all.

THEME OF WORSHIP — Friendship

*Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:
If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help*

Admissions for 2018/2019

If you know anyone who would like to look around school in preparation for reception class admissions next year, please ask them to call the school office for our available dates.

REMINDERS

New Reception Parents—'Tears & Tissues' in Wilson Suite Wednesday 12/9 9.00am
Year 5 and 6 are attending Dobroyd Castle 11th—13th September.
Meet the teacher open classrooms 18th September 3.15-4.30pm.
Please ensure that your child/ren bring a coat with a hood as we try and go outside wherever possible for playtime and lunch time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to keep all our children safe it is imperative that you **DO NOT** use the staff car park unless it is :

Before 8.30am to drop off at The Ark
OR

After 3.30pm.

Please also remember not to park on the double yellow lines/zig-zags on South Road or block the driveways of our neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support.

CLUBS

1st HALF AUTUMN TERM 2017

DAY OF THE WEEK	TIME	CLUB	START AND END DATE	YEAR GROUPS
Monday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Sewing	11/9/17 - ongoing	Year 6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Netball	18/9/17 – 24/10/17	Years 3,4,5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 – 4.20pm	Spanish	12/9/17 - ongoing *	All Years
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Art	5/9/17 - ongoing *	All Years
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Tennis	12/9/17 – 17/10/17 *	Years 1 - 3
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Football	19/9/17 – 24/10/17	Years 4,5 & 6
Thursday	LUNCHTIME	Rounders	14/9/17 – 26/10/17	Years 3 - 6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Rugby League	21/9/17 – 26/10/17	Years 3,4,5 & 6

*** Contact details if you would like your child to participate in these Clubs :**

Spanish : Mrs Alison Powell - 01772 816951

Art : Mrs Rosie Stanfield - 01772 601410

Tennis : Stuart Grice - 07709 816951

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