

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

5th December 2017

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Our Christmas Production

Well the rehearsals are going great for Class 1 and 2's production of 'Born in a Barn'. Please have a look at the website for the dates of the Dress Rehearsal as well as Matinee & Evening productions. We have arranged Alex Davis Photography to professionally film the production as we know how precious those memories are to keep. It is scheduled for the Matinee production on Wednesday 13th December. A letter will be sent out to order a copy.

We will be selling raffle tickets at the Christmas Productions this year for super Christmas hampers. Thank you to staff for your donations, they look amazing and I am sure they will be welcome prizes for the winners.

Sports

Eight of our KS2 children will be participating in a Creative Festival on Friday this week. We are sure that they will have a great time. Thank you to parents for your continued support in transporting and cheering them on.

Welcome

Welcome to Miss Jackson and Mr Jenkins who are first year teaching students from Edge Hill University. Mr Jenkins is supporting teaching in Year 6 and Miss Jackson in Year 1. We welcome them into our school and already they have been leading a Golden Time activity and assessing children's reading. I am confident that our experienced teachers and fantastic children will set them on the right path in their teaching careers. We hope that they enjoy their time with us.

Safety

Whilst we are having the toilets refurbished there are many added vans and vehicles on our car park. We would like to remind you to keep safe and take care when crossing the car park for 'The Ark' in the morning and afternoon. Again, I would like to ask parents and relatives not to park in the car park after 8.45am and before 3.30 pm to keep our children safe. We have had a couple of incidents of cars trying to reverse out of the car park onto South Road and as it is such a busy road, this really could be putting children and adults at risk of accident. Thank you for supporting this, we appreciate your efforts.

Attendance and Late

Thank you to everyone who works hard to bring their child to school every day and on time. Our school attendance is 97.53% which is great, especially as we approach winter and 'cough and cold' season. I hope everyone keeps well.

Visit

Mrs Jayne Clarke, our new Deputy Head, will be in school for a few days over the next couple of weeks to work with Class 2 and Miss Hymers to ensure we have a smooth transition for the class. She is excited to start and we are looking forward to welcoming her into our school.

PTFA Update

Congratulations to the PTFA for another great Christmas Fair. It is always a festive occasion but takes an enormous amount of work so thank you for your help, donations, involvement and participation. Soon a letter will come out to you about 'The Event' which is a fantastic night and always popular.



**Next meeting is on 16th
January 2018 at 7.00pm.**

Update on our building works

Thank you for your patience during our toilet refurbishments. It's been a busy week with the corridor being plastered and it is beginning to come together. The builders will be working within the rooms next week, fitting them out. Thank you to the children who have been involved in choosing the colour scheme—it will look super.



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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat



Thank you for your spending your time with us at our **Christmas Fair last week**. It was a lovely festive start to the season and even the false fire alarm couldn't dampen the children's carol singing! Thank you to Tommy Wilson for the donation of our special tree and Mr Robertson (Lola's Dad) for his expertise in tree felling. If anyone can think of who we could donate the tree to on 22/12 please let us know as it will be such a shame not to share it. Our children created some festive decorations to hang on the tree. With a white theme, children will be able to bring theirs home at the end of term. Great creativity. The winner of the dolls house was Harriet Wood- well Done Harriet, we hope that you enjoy playing with it and thanks to everyone for taking part. Our two winners of the Lego sets were Willow Duckworth and one of the stallholders.

On another note, thank you to Mrs Hudson for her Conker Challenge earlier this term. She announced last week the overall winner with the heaviest conker was Charlie Hunter (with the heaviest over the last few years!) and Zarina Thobani came in second. We tried to find out where they found the winning conkers for next year but they both kept it a secret!

Our Ethos group took the **Rotary Shoe Boxes to International Aid** and had a tour around their warehouse. They found out about how they transport the donations to those children who need it. They were great ambassadors for school.

Brilliant Year 6 behaviour and respect when we visited the Preston Fishergate Mosque on Monday morning. This visit is one in a package of additional sessions planned for the whole school this year to offer our children learning about the different World Faiths and to be able to reflect on the big questions within Christianity. It is a privilege for our school to work closely with Mr Pratt, an Interfaith Advisor with the Diocese of Blackburn; his expertise has been greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to one of our parents, Mrs Quinn, in achieving a 'Good' Ofsted rating this month in her Childminding role.

Brass—Wider Opportunities

From January, 'Wider Opportunities' brass lessons will be held on Thursday afternoons for both year 4 and 5 so it is easier to keep track of the schedule. Please could we ensure that all instruments are brought in for lessons and taken home afterwards for practice. I'm sure you'll already be noticing the improvements in their skills.

Clog Iron

For a couple of years Class 3 has produced the 'Clog Iron' each term but increasingly it has become difficult to maintain the time that it takes to create this within our every busy curriculum. Having spoke to staff and children, everyone I spoke to felt that it was time to update it so we will not be writing a termly newspaper but will look to develop our future newspaper editors and journalists through an after school club in the Summer term. Watch this space.....designed, written and produced by our children. The children have already thought about an E-book, themes and possible content. Their imagination is infectious.

Could every child bring a coat with a hood please as we try and go outside in all weathers

DATES AND REMINDERS

THEME OF WORSHIP — ADVENT

'He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.' Luke 1:32-33

REMINDERS

What a busy time of year!

Remember you can find these dates on the website calendar and events page.

On 6th December 9.30am-11.30am, Year 2 will attend the Hope Journey for Christmas at Croston Methodist Church. This is always a lovely occasion and the children come back to school with a greater understanding of the nativity.

Our Year 6 pupils will be visiting Tarleton Academy on **6th December at 12noon** to have lunch followed by watching Whistle Down the Wind. Please remember that all pupils need to bring a packed lunch this day.

On 11th December, this is the last date for returning the Secrets Room paperwork so that all the gifts can be sourced and bought. Huge thanks to Mrs Swarbrick for her support and parents for your involvement. Your children absolutely love choosing their items and wrapping them.

On 12th December 2.00pm is the Dress Rehearsal for Class 1 and 2 production. Seats are still available at no charge.

On 13th December 2.00pm and 6.00pm are the Matinee and Evening Production times for Class 1 and 2 'Born in the Barn'. There will be laughter, singing, dancing and much cheering to be had all mixed into a great nativity story and Christmas songs. There are still seats available for both performances at £1 each.

On Sunday 17th December at 11.00am please join us at St John's Church for their Carol Service and later the same day at **6.30pm, there will be a Carol Service at the Congregational Church** if you can come and share the Christmas festivities.

On Monday 18th December we will be having our school Christmas Lunch. If you have signed up your child, they will not need a packed lunch that day.

On 19th December is our Christmas Party day for all classes. Party food lists will be placed on classroom doors the week before for you to sign up for. For our new parents, this is a great day of fun and games. **Please note therefore there will be no toast or school lunch served on this day.**

On 20th December we will be leaving for the Pantomime at 8.45am if your children could arrive at school so we can have a prompt departure for the journey to Blackpool.

On 22nd December please join us for our **school Carol Service in St John's Church at 2.00pm**. Class 3 will be playing some Christmas songs in Church, so we would like to ask that they bring their instruments in every Friday up to and including that date. We hope that you can join us. School will finish at 3.15pm.

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