

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

19th December 2017



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Merry Christmas

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your loved ones, near and far, a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018.

*Christmas blessings from above
Fills our hearts this day,
As we focus on the Christmas message
And the wonder it conveys
It gives us reason to praise God
For all that He has done
And for all that He is yet to do
In those who trust His Son
So this Christmas time, thank the Lord
For the precious gift He gave
And for loved ones who help create
The memories that are made.*



School Performance Comparison Tables

Last week the Department for Education published the comparison tables for Primary Schools in England. The results we shared with you in July are available to compare with other schools on their website. www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables. You can compare statistically similar schools and schools in our area.

Thank you for your messages of congratulations. We are incredibly proud of our hard working staff and pupils and we continually strive to be the best we can be and to offer an all round education for your children. Our school will always have at its heart, excellent teaching and learning and our staff have been recognised for their skills and expertise. We will not rest on our laurels and will continue to ensure that all children are making a good level of progress in every year so that they can achieve a high level of success in year 6 as well as being fulfilled, happy and fully prepared for High School. Further details of our statutory test results last year are on our website. If you have any questions on our data, please feel free to come in.

Whole School Panto trip

On Wednesday, we are all off to the Winter Gardens for our whole school pantomime trip. Peter Pan is a classic story based on dreams of a faraway land and magic. Thank you to the PTFA for subsidising the transport. We ask that children arrive at school for **8.45am** on Wednesday for a 9.00am departure. We have a great team of volunteers, as always we appreciate your support.

PTFA Update

The PTFA would like to thank you for coming to our Christmas Fair and they raised **over £1100** which was great.



The parents and staff who form part of the PTFA are dedicated and give their time for the extras for our school. I would like to thank them for all they do on behalf of the children. If you have any ideas....come along to our next meeting which is on **Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.00pm**. **Everyone welcome!**

Update on our building works

We are so nearly there! The final decorations are taking place and the toilets are set to be completed by the end of the week. I would like to thank the children for their patience and the staff for their co-operation in the last half term. Not sure that we have a 'grand' opening but I'm sure the children will update you on how they look.

We've been fortunate to have great contractors on site.



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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

DATES AND REMINDERS

THEME OF WORSHIP — Christmas

'For unto us a child is born.....and his name shall be called the wonderful counsellor. The mighty God, the everlasting Father. The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Our Christmas Production

Thank you to everyone who came and shared the Christmas production of Class 1 and 2 'Born in a Barn'. It was a celebration of singing and acting and a lovely way to tell the Christmas story. Thank you to the staff team for their hard work, parents for the costumes and to the children for their talent and enthusiasm. What stars!! If you haven't done so already there is still time to order your Born In A Barn DVD priced at £8. Please send in form & payment by **Wednesday 20th December 2017**. Delivery of DVDs should be made after Christmas.

Thank you Miss Motherwell

Our best wishes and thank you to Miss Motherwell for her time at Bretherton while Mrs Rowley was on maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the best and hope that she can come back to school on supply at some time in the future.



Reminders for this week

On 22nd December please join us for our school Carol Service in St John's Church at 2.00pm. Year 6 will lead the festivities with readings, Class 3 will perform with their brass instruments and Class 1 and 2 will perform a couple of their favourite songs entwined with our favourite Christmas songs. It will be lovely if you could join us. Children will walk back to school after the service and school will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm.

Christingle Service will take place in St. John's Church on Christmas Eve commencing 4.00pm.

Deadline for Class 1 toast is **Friday 22nd December**. Please pay online using SchoolMoney. Any problems please contact the Office.

Deadline for Guitar Lessons payment is **Thursday 21st December**. If you haven't done so already please pay online with SchoolMoney.

We still have a few places left on the Olympics (whole school) and Fencing (Years 3-6) Clubs due to start in January. If your child would like to participate please send in form/payment before Friday.

Looking forward to the Spring Term 2018

Remember to check the calendar and events page on the website for Clubs and invitations to join us in school

School will re open on **Thursday 4th January 2018** and we look forward to hearing all about your festive celebrations. We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Clarke and Mrs Rowley to complement our great team.

On **Monday 8th January** Year 6 will be visiting the Stockport Air Raid shelter as part of their topic work on the World Wars.

Class 2 will have music sessions with Lancashire Music Service this term using the recorder and glockenspiel. I can't wait to hear their great compositions. Class 3's brass lessons will resume on a **Thursday afternoon** for both Year 4 and 5 so that it doesn't interfere with Toddler session and their Core curriculum time. Mr Crane is unable to continue due to increased workload so another teacher will continue to offer great musical tuition and he is planned to resume in school from September 2018.

Pre-school sessions commence **Thursday 11th January**. This is a lovely session led by Mrs Vincent and the children who attend are a real credit to their families. We love having them in school. **Toddlers** commences on **Friday 12th January**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 15th January is the last day for Primary school admissions for September 2018 intake. If you know any children who may wish to come, they are most welcome, their parents will need to apply by that date. We have had the pleasure of showing many children and families around our school and all have commented on the warm and welcoming feel, hard working children and fantastic facilities.

PTFA Topsy Turvy Christmas Bingo will be held on **Thursday 18th January** food will be served **5.45pm** with eyes down at **6.30pm**. Any donations of chocolate for prizes would be appreciated.

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