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*“Learning together, growing together, achieving together, caring together
within our Christian family”*

Dear parents and friends to Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School,

Our priority for this year was to ensure each and every child has the opportunity to gain academic and personal success. At Bretherton, we believe that children deserve a well rounded and depth of curriculum that allows them to find their niche. Our outstanding school is much more than great SAT's results. We value developing life skills such as money matters, cycling, enterprise and an extended curriculum. We are so proud of our school, we have, more than ever before, tried to include you in your children's learning through our website blogs, gallery and more recently Twitter posts so that you can share in school life with us.

This year has been a busy one, one full of experiences and enrichment. We saw our children thoroughly enjoy three fantastically organised theme weeks: Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Week in October which resulted in the launch of our 'Bretherton Blast' and Peer Massage; World Faith Week in February which saw many, many visitors in school celebrating the similarities and diversity of our world and Arts Week in May which celebrated the creativity and uniqueness of our children and staff.

Through our whole school development plan, we have worked hard to develop our maths teaching to focus on reasoning, problem solving and ensure your children are solid in their understanding of number and are fluent in number use. This change in teaching, lead from research both national and internationally, was never something that would be completed overnight, however through great support from a Maths consultant and hard work by the teaching staff, their learning journey has started to have impact and this has begun to benefit our children. This will continue this year, with Mrs Smith and Mrs Clarke undertaking a year long study of effective maths teaching with a national Maths Hub. This can only strengthen our expertise and help us stand out from other schools.

Wellbeing has been another key focus area, for both staff and children and ultimately including parents aswell. We developed the 'Bretherton Blast - Daily Mile' and Active Maths initiatives in school and through children's fitness helped raise children's wellness and self esteem. Through increased and well planned PHSE sessions, routine Relax Kids sessions, 'Coaching in Schools' opportunities and peer massage, our children and community are more in tune with the ways to stay healthy both in body and in mind. With the Government expected to publish a green paper of mental health in children, we are fortunate, through high quality professional training and individual staff development, to be able to offer a suite of resources to support and benefit our children. Happy children = happy learners and this enables children and families to flourish.

Each and every subject in the National Curriculum is important as they work together to create our broad and balanced curriculum at Bretherton. I am delighted that more children than ever before are accessing PE and sport and are accessing music lessons and private instrument tuition. Teachers

have developed a 2 year rolling Bretherton curriculum which meets the skills and expectations of our children as well as offering challenge, variety and excitement. Subject leaders are confident and skilled in their areas and monitor the progress of children throughout school. This influences the setting of challenging targets for the future. Teachers work hard to make purposeful links in learning and through cross curricular topics, can make learning 'real'!

We have accomplished a great deal on the sports arena in Swimming, Football, Rugby, Athletics, Tennis, Golf, Cricket – with our teams bringing home trophies for many of these events. As always, not only are the teams successful in the placings they achieve, they have been regularly commended for their excellent team spirit and sportmanlike attributes – definitely the Bretherton way!

Our school building has been enhanced by redesigned Key Stage 2 toilets and our new forest area has been a welcome shaded area for learning for class 1. In our desire to continually improve the facilities for our children, a move of classroom has been completed and we look forward to welcoming you to have a look around school in the new school year.

Our school's staff skills and expertise are second to none and the purposeful and inspiring way that everyone has impacted on standards and enjoyment has been brilliant this year. Our staff have continued learning, and we have undergone a record year of continuous professional development to ensure we are leading others in our teaching approaches. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Glew and Mrs Clarke, both of whom have had a positive impact on our children and have fitted right in to the day to day running of our school. We now have our full complement of staff and are all excited to continue into a successful 2018 2019 school year.

Our great Governors, staff and children were recognised by external organisations in a number of ways this year. From being awarded an Outstanding grade in our Church school inspection, being nominated in two awards for our impact of sport and fitness and Tommy's 'Community Champion' and 'Unsung hero' Awards, we were delighted to be able to share these with you.

You too have been amazing, from your feedback to questionnaires, suggestions in the parent forums or supporting our effective and hard working PTFA- your support has been unbelievable. Our PTFA events including 'The Event' have been well organised and well supported and all the money raised has gone to providing over 30 new laptops, two outside Table Tennis tables, sport equipment for lunchtime, hoodies for our Year 6 children and subsidised coaches for many school trips. We work hard to get it right every day, however, if we ever fall short in your expectations, I can assure you of our attention at all times. Your advice and honest feedback has allowed us to make purposeful changes and we really do, both welcome and value your input.

All our love and thanks go to your children too, who have listened, learned and grown in so many ways this year. They have embraced challenge, developed resilience and become more independent and responsible for their learning. Their creativity and performance skills have been celebrated with all classes 'Shining' in their productions, none more so than Class 3 and 4 in our 'Dick Whittington' production last week. Such energy, passion, characterisation and fun is rarely seen in one place, but they managed them all and more. Our children have once again excelled in both academic and personal achievements. Our reception children in meeting a good level of development, Year 1 in their phonics assessment and Year 2 and Year 6 in their Statutory assessments have worked hard and should be delighted with their positive approach and achievements. Your children have embraced each and every opportunity, showing a hunger for more. Their ambition is high, our belief in them higher.

As we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, they are ready to move on, topped up full of knowledge and Bretherton's Christian values. We wish them every success and happiness for the next stage in their education knowing that they will continue to shine bright. We will hold on tight to our fond memories, hoping that they will call in from time to time to share their news with us.

Along with our Year 6, we also say goodbye to some families who have been good friends to us over many years. With love and best wishes to the Crook, Cairns, Cross, Cooper, Robinson, Robertson, Pilkington families – Thank you for being a big part of our life in school. For children moving onto new pastures, we wish you all the best for the future.

And so to next year.....

We are welcoming our new Reception children into school and are excited to show them our new Class 1 inside and outside provision. This, as part of our whole school focus, will excite and energise our EYFS provision even more. Through our excellent pre-school provision, they already feel at home in school and we look forward to getting to know them and their families in the following weeks.

Our school development plan has an English feel as we focus on fluency, pace and accuracy in reading by offering enhanced resources and greater in class opportunities to read and develop a love of reading that will span school and home. We will offer reading workshops to parents to support children and using technology create audio books and podcasts and book reviews. Basic skills of grammar, spellings, handwriting will support our enhancement to creative and cross curricular writing offer and through planned 'Wow!' experiences, will seek to develop a sustained and high standard of writing which will engage and excite the reader.

Our subject focus will be on science and design and technology, exciting our curriculum through topics, opportunities and developing different types of questions to enhance investigation skills.

Through our Ethos and Vision Committee, we will complete the review of our mission statement and values with all our stakeholders to ensure it continues to mirror our joint vision for the future at Bretherton Endowed. Through a timetable of activities, we will determine the words that denote the unique and special children, values, experiences and opportunities that make us who we are.

Finally, we are embarking on the new journey of out of school provision, which will enhance further our excellent standards of care. We look forward welcoming you to 'The Hub' and to meeting our new manager.

So all that is left to say, is on behalf of all the staff at Bretherton Endowed, we would like to wish you a happy and relaxing family summer holiday, spending time together, enjoying new and much loved experiences and creating long lasting memories that can be shared when we come back together on **Monday 3rd September 2018.**

Best wishes, and sincere thanks for all your support

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