

# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

DATE : 12th September 2018



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Welcome to our new starters

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception school children and their families into school for their first week. They have started full time this week and have already made themselves at home in our new Reception classroom. Also we would like to wish our Year 6 leavers all the best at High School in their first couple of exciting and nerve wracking weeks. We will remember them fondly and look forward to finding out how they are getting on.

### Thank you from all Bretherton Staff

All staff at Bretherton would like to express their thanks for your kind words and generous gifts at the end of the Summer term. Although not expected, we do appreciate your thoughtful gestures. It is a great pleasure to know and teach your children.

### Parent Calendar

Our family lives are busy and so we have tried to make life somewhat easier by creating a Parent Calendar detailing all the events for School, Church and PTFA for the whole year. Any additions will be advised through the Newsletters and reminded on texts, however the majority of main events in School have been scheduled on this document. A copy of this was sent home to all families last week but if you require a further copy they are available from the School Office priced at £1 each.

### Meet the Teacher

Our Meet The Teacher session will run after school on Wednesday 19th September with the following times:

Class 1 3.20pm Class 2 4.05pm Class 3 3.50pm Class 4 3.35pm

Teachers will provide a quick overview of their topics, homework, timetable and they are available to discuss anything you feel you need or answer any questions you may have. You are all most welcome.

### Celebration Worship– new on Fridays

We would like to introduce that our Birthday and Celebration Worship has moved from Monday to Friday at 2.45. This will be led by staff and children, celebrating their learning in the week, special achievement certificates, sports awards, outside achievements, special birthday celebration and team points as a thoughtful reflection of the week just passed. We hope that parents can come and celebrate with us each week or as and when possible.

### PTFA Update

Thanks to your generous support, we have got 32 new tablet laptops in Class 3 to offer versatile ICT opportunities. This has meant we can increase the laptops in Class 1 and 2. Please support our PTFA by coming to our next meeting on Thursday 27th September at 7pm where you can share ideas and discuss future spending. We really couldn't offer our children such great experiences without the PTFA's financial support. Last year they provided the ICT equipment, outside table tennis tables, cost of coaches for trips and much more.

### Looking Good!

Everyone has come back to school looking super smart. The children look like they've all grown taller and they all look great in their uniform. Remember to keep your trainers in your PE kit (they are actually more important than the black pumps!)

### 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. We now have a twitter feed.  Find us at @BrethertonEP and follow our posts.

Remember our door is always open— contact us on [bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk)

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

## EXTRA INFORMATION

### *THEME OF WORSHIP — Responsibility*

Colossians 3:23-24 “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

#### **After School Clubs**

As the out of school provision ‘The HUB’ is now placed in its own room, the Hall is more readily available for clubs. School staff enjoy leading clubs both at lunch time and after school as it allows them to share their expertise and interests with children in a less formal situation. We hope to be able to offer a wide variety of clubs run by school, the ones for this half term are on the back page of this newsletter. We are fortunate to also offer a wide variety of clubs provided by outside providers and their prices are set by them and payable to them direct. These clubs are already shown on the calendar on our website.

#### **Instrument Loan Service– Wider Opportunity**

As part of Lancashire Music Service, our children have loaned access to a brass instrument. We have now commenced tuition through RED ADMIRAL, and we are excited about their great reputation and fun lessons so all Lancashire Music Service Instruments need to be returned. We would like to ask everyone to check if they have any brass instrument from last year at home and if they do, to return to school as soon as possible.

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mrs Rowley who is expecting her second child in 2019. She is well and looking forward to being in Year 6 until she commences her maternity leave.

#### **Volunteers**

We have sent a letter out with this newsletter asking for volunteers to come into school to support our teaching and learning. We benefit from the wealth of skills and experiences offered by our helpers and each one has had an undeniable impact on the children they have worked with. If you feel that you, or someone you may know, can spare anything from 1 hour to a morning or afternoon, please contact the School Office.



#### **Swimming**

This year swimming lessons will continue to be Monday 1.30-3.00pm at Tarleton pool. **Year 3 and Year 4** will continue to swim and will be assessed in December to determine the classes for Spring 2019. We are delighted to be able to offer such high quality swimming opportunities for our children.

#### **School Website**

Our school staff work very hard to ensure that the website is a ‘one stop’ place for anything you may like to know about school. In particular, they post blogs to involve you in the great work of your children and it keeps you up to date with what they are learning. Please feel free to take a look regularly as we aim to blog at least a couple of times a week. Later this term, we will send out a parent log in for you to use with benefits that it can offer.

#### **Outstanding Dinner Term**

In order that we may close down the Academic Year 2017/18, if you haven’t done so already please could we ask that any outstanding dinner money is paid as a matter of some importance? Many thanks for your co-operation in this.



# DATES AND REMINDERS

## Toddler group

Toddler group will commence this Friday. Please pass the information on to anyone who would like to come. It's a great morning for parents and toddlers – thank you to everyone who supports it.

## Pre-School

Our Pre-School will commence this Thursday. We welcome children who will start school in September 2019 to register for a place at the School Office. Our Pre-School is well planned and is a great opportunity for children to share experiences and find out more about school. It is lovely to watch them share our fantastic grounds with our children.

## School Rucksacks

Thank you to everyone using our school bag or rucksacks. Not only do they look brilliant and smart, they are really helping school stay safe and less cluttered. We requested another order before the holidays so if you've not got yours yet, they are available from the School Office priced at £8.50 for the rucksack and £5 for the school bag.



## GOLD SPORTS AWARD

Congratulations to our pupils and staff who have been awarded the Gold Sports Award for the second year running. We are thrilled that our hard work in sport and dedication to health and fitness has been acknowledged and look forward to another year filled with great sports opportunities for all.

## Reminders!

12th-14th September	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip to Dobroyd Castle
19th September	Roald Dahl Day Themed Lunch—can be ordered on the day Meet the Teacher commencing 3.20pm
20th September	Dobroyd Castle Assembly 9.00am—Parents welcome
24th September	Harvest Themed Lunch—can be ordered on the day
27th September	School Photographs—Individual
22nd-26th October	Science Week

## SCHOOL RUN CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

NAME OF CLUB	DAY OF WEEK & TIME	RUN BY	DATES
Choir (Year 3-6)	Thursdays 8.00am	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Williams	20/9/18-25/10/18 (6 weeks)
Netball (Year 5/6)	Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm	Mrs Smith	20/9/18-25/10/18 (6 weeks)
Pom Pom Cheerleadin (Year 1-4)	Thursdays 3.5-4.15pm	Mrs Moxham	27/9-18/10/18 (4 weeks)

**All other Clubs run by private providers with contact details are listed on the Calendar on our Website. These are :  
Mondays 3.15-4.15pm—JU JITSU, Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm—ART, TENNIS & SPANISH**

**Remember to check the Calendar on our website any other events and invitations to join us in school as well as the Parent Calendar that was sent home at the beginning of this term.**

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