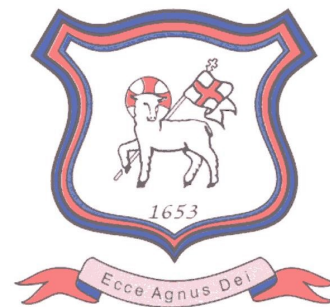


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

25th September 2018



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Holiday Date Cards

Last week, your child will have brought home a card listing our school dates for your use. We hope that you find them useful and we have some extra ones in school should you require any additional copies.

Reception Parents Reading /Phonics Meeting

We would like to invite our reception parents (and any parents from Year 1 who may like a refresher) to a meeting where we will talk you through how we teach phonics and reading at Bretherton. It is full of great hints and tips about how you can help your child and gives a great insight into our reading strategy. Straight after, we would like to invite our parents to stay for a welcome meeting by the PTFA. Offering Cheese and Wine, we would like to welcome you to our PTFA so that you can get a flavour of some of the events that they organise and the school resources that they have funded over the years. Please support us.

Welcome

We would like to welcome our three new children, Joseph, Matilda and Archie into our Bretherton family. We hope that they will enjoy their time at Bretherton.

Our School Development Plan 2018 2019

Attached to this fortnightly newsletter is our school development plan summary for parents. We are continuing to embed a mastery approach to teaching maths from last year's plan and will now turn our focus to English to further develop our opportunities to teach writing through the curriculum and reading comprehension through whole class texts. Questioning to develop children's ability to deepen their knowledge will underpin all areas , including learning in early years both in our inside and outside provision. If you have any questions about our development plan, please don't hesitate to come into school.

Clubs

Thank you for supporting our after school clubs. Nippon UK and Art Club have availability if anyone would like to attend. Contact information for the providers of all privately-run clubs is available on the school calendar on our website. Staff are looking forward to the Pom Pom and Netball clubs this half term—remember to send in your permission slips along with the necessary payment as soon as you know you would like to participate.

Data Collection Sheets

We will be sending home Data Collection Sheets for your child/ren today, please look out for them in a named brown envelope. For siblings all sheets have been sent to the eldest child. In order that our records are kept up to date please ensure that they are checked, amended, signed and return to the School Office by **Friday 12th October 2018**. All sheets need to be returned even if there are no changes. Thank you for your help in this matter.

PTFA Update

Our next PTFA meeting is on 27th September, a cheese and wine welcome, where we can meet our new reception parents and welcome them into the PTFA. During the informal meeting, we 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. This year we would like to ask the PTFA to purchase fitness trackers, headphone for ICT equipment, additional ipads but we would also love to hear your ideas for purchases.

At our AGM in November, we will be looking to recruit a new Chair or Chairs and a Secretary—can you help?

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

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.”

A Note from St Michael’s Church, Croston.

Launch of Arts Society Children’s Trail -Saturday 13th October 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

The Arts Society have developed a Children’s Trail in St Michael & All Angels Church In Croston which will be launched on 13th October. We are inviting local school children to attend with their parents to try out the new trail to help them learn about the history and heritage of our church

The Trail will be formally launched by Rev Michael Woods and the representatives of the Arts Society will be on hand to explain how the trail was put together. For further information please contact Andrew Marston, Church Warden, on 01772 600962.

Get well soon Tommy

We would like to send our best wishes to our Chair of Governor, Tommy Wilson who has had a recent visit to hospital. We all hope that he is feeling better soon and we can’t wait to see him back helping in school.

Robinwood—Year 5 and 6

We would like to say a HUGE thankyou to our staff, parents and children who went to Robinwood this month. They shared their fantastic experience with us at an assembly last Thursday and their certificates will be coming home this week. Have a look at our website gallery for more information.

Parents of Year 5 and 6 will receive an email with a dropbox account listed so you can view many more photographs.



Governor Training

Last week our Governors attended a training session called ‘Smarter Governance’. We would like to thank them for their time and input and we are delighted that our Governing Board are fulfilling all their statutory responsibilities extremely well and are in a strong and well informed position to drive the strategic developments in school. They offer challenge and decisive decision making in order to ensure school offers the very best education.

Choir/Young Voices

Our choir sessions have started on Thursday mornings starting at 8.10am. We are passionate about singing in school and a choir is a great way to get together. All are welcome and we would like to remind children that anyone who comes to the choir could also prepare for the Young Voices choir at the Manchester Arena later this year. Any child in year 3 to 6 is welcome to come to choir.

Harvest

We would like to invite all our families to attend the Congregational Church for our Harvest service on 30th September at 10.30am. Representing school, we will be singing and presenting our food donations for the food bank. We look forward to seeing you there.

Values and Vision meeting

Please can we encourage any parents who would like to take an important role in developing our mission statement and values for the future to attend our Values and Vision meeting on Thursday 27th September at 2.00pm. We really appreciate your time and contribution. Attached is a letter explaining more about this meeting.



DATES AND REMINDERS

Parking

We have had a number of concerns raised about parking before and after school.

We want to ensure that you and your children are safe, especially while we do not have a School Crossing Patrol Officer so would like to remind you to use the Church car park, waste ground near the Congregational Church and to avoid parking opposite or on the yellow zig zag lines. Thank you for adhering to this.

Road Safety

This year we are teaching our children to 'Make A Difference' so we have embarked on a project to look at road safety in front of school. Our Ethos and School Council groups are collecting data regarding traffic volumes and will be presenting their findings and suggestions to the Parish Council next month. This coupled with a report to Chorley County Council Transport Department, we are hoping will reduce speed and make it safer for our children and yourselves when walking to school.

Attendance

Thank you for helping us achieve an attendance rate of 3.21% last year for the whole school. This is above Lancashire and we would like to thank you for your effort in ensuring your children are in school.

Safeguarding

'Keeping Children Safe in Education' is at the heart of what we do at Bretherton. Each year, I like to reassure parents of our commitment and direct them to the safeguarding area of our website so that you can be fully up to date with the current legislation. If you have any questions regarding safeguarding in school, please review the parent brochure or call the school office for further information. Mrs Moxham is the Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Williams are Deputy Safeguarding Leads and Mr Wilson is our Governor responsible for safeguarding and wellbeing.



Prevent

Part of safeguarding is the Prevent Strategy. Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. It covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including right wing, religious extremism and other causes.

At Bretherton, we have a duty to safeguard children in this area which means we can provide a safe place for learners to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves. Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy.
- We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

We have additional details on our website, should you wish to have more information.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Forms

If you haven't done so already please return the completed Nasal Flu Vaccination Form to school by **Wednesday 26th September 2018**.

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

We have received a voucher for one term's free tuition at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. If your child is interested in this please email name of child to bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk by Friday 5th October whereby the winning name will be drawn from a hat.

Reminders!

27th September	School Photographs—Individual Value & Visions Meeting—2.00pm Reception— Reading & Phonics Meeting 6pm PTFA Meeting 7.00pm—all welcome
30th September	Harvest Service—Congregational Church 10.30am
22nd-26th October	Science Week

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