

# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter



9th October 2018

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Changes to calendar dates

I would like to give advance notice of change of dates of KS1 production. The revised dates are:

**Monday 10th December—Dress rehearsal 2.00pm**

**Tuesday 11th December—Afternoon production 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 12th December—Evening production 6.00pm**

Also, The Remembrance Assembly will be led by the Ethos group and not Class 4 as stated on the calendar. Class 4 will be sharing their learning in an assembly for parents at **9.05am on Thursday 21st March 2019**. All welcome so please add this date to your diary.

### Parent log in for our Website

We hope that you enjoy looking at our Class Blogs on our Website and find the information within useful. One of the easiest ways of keeping up to date with our Blogs is through the School Spider App and utilising the parent sign in function. If you download the free app, it notifies you when a Blog has been posted and if you sign in, it will give you information that applies to your child/ren's class. Included is also the facility to book parents evening, surveys and forums on the go. We understand how busy your lives are and so if we can make things simpler for booking events such as parents evening, we are happy to help. We would like to organise our parent evening in November this way, so will be sending out your log in's in sealed envelopes over the next two weeks and would like to encourage you to download the app or go online and see for yourself how simple this can be and hopefully how much more convenient and time saving things like that become.

### Writing Workshop—Wednesday 17th October 2.00pm

We would like to invite you to come in to find out about how we teach writing at Bretherton and after a short presentation, get the opportunity to work with your child/ren using some of the games and techniques we use. All welcome. Invite letter to is attached.

### Poppy Appeal

The School Council will be selling poppies as well as other items for this year's Poppy Appeal. This will take place at lunchtimes from Monday 15th October 2018. Items available are :

Eraser 50p, Reflector 50p, Pencil Sharpener 50p  
Pencil 50p, Ruler £1, Poppy 20p

### Attendance

Thank you for helping us achieve an attendance rate of 2.83% last year for the whole school. This is below Lancashire and we would like to thank you for your effort in ensuring your children are in school.

### *PTFA Update*

Thank you to our existing members and new parents who came to our cheese and wine introduction event last month. It was lovely to see you all there and there were some great ideas for the future.

Our next PTFA meeting is Tuesday 6th November 2018 which is also our **AGM where we will be looking to recruit a new Chair or Chairs and a Secretary—We hope that you can you help?**

A popular suggestion was that the PTFA would issue a newsletter detailing some of the items that it has purchased for school along with the plans for the next couple of events so that everyone could be kept in the loop. The first one will be out shortly.

If you have any great ideas—remember to share them with any PTFA members.

### **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 account. Our twitter feed is @BrethertonEP We'd love you to 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.”

#### Get well soon Tommy

We would like to send our best wishes to our Chair of Governor, Tommy Wilson who is due to have a new pace maker fitted this week and will have a short stay in hospital. We hope that he is feeling better soon and we can't wait to see him back helping in school.



#### Traffic and Parking

Our Year 6 School Council and Ethos Group presented their traffic survey findings to the Parish Council last week. The council were very impressed by the detail and time the children had given to the project and how confident they discussed their ideas. They were extremely persuasive and the Parish Council agreed to support our *20 is Plenty* request to change the speed limit on South Road. They have written a letter to accompany the Parish Council newsletter this month so watch out for it if you live in our area.

Just a reminder please to all families dropping off and picking up children, to park safely as we have had a couple of occasions when cars have parked opposite the yellow zig zag lines and this double parking has caused tricky delays and traffic jams. It can cause some drivers to behave recklessly. Thank you for helping keep our children safe.

#### Can you help- Empty 1l /1.5l plastic bottles of Lemonade or Coke

This year is the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1 and at Bretherton we have a suite of activities that our children will be involved in to commemorate ready for our Remembrance Assembly on the 8th November and Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 11th November. In planning our Remembrance display this year we are asking **for donations of empty 1 or 1.5 litre bottles** so that we can use the bases, painted red by the children to represent poppies. It's also a great way to recycle unused plastic. If you can collect them and send them in before 19th October, this would be gratefully appreciated as we are having a morning of craft on Friday 19th October helped by parent volunteers. On this day, all children will be painting a stone in commemoration of WW1 and if we get enough bottles donated, each child will create a painted red poppy that can be used outside on our proposed Remembrance raised bed. I would like to thank Glenroyde Garden Centre for their offer of red, white and silver plants to plant up our display and would just like to **ask any keen gardeners** out there who would be willing to help me create a raised bed with log roll and help plant with the children to contact me this week.

#### NSPCC

'Buddy' came into school to work with all children in workshops highlighting how to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe'. It aims to equip children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. Following on from their visit we held a Danceathon in school on Thursday and we would really appreciate your help in raising money for this worthwhile charity. The closing date for sponsorship forms is **Friday 12th October 2018**.

#### Reception places for 2019

Anyone looking for Reception school places for September 2019 is welcome to come and visit school where they will have a guided tour around school to see us in action. I really enjoy showing prospective parents around as I am always delighted to be able to show our visitors our experienced and passionate staff and well behaved, focused children learning. If you know anyone looking for future places, ask them to call school on 01772 600431 for a mutually convenient time.



# DATES AND REMINDERS

## Science Week

Week commencing 22nd October is our Investigation Week, which will be promoting our children's curiosity and developing their investigation skills linked to science, geography and technology. During the week, children will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the skills of investigations and we have a number of visitors coming into school to help us. On **Wednesday 24th October** we have booked for a company called PrimeVR to come and deliver a virtual reality experience at our school. Each class will have a different experience linked to their learning and we are looking forward to being able to 'virtually' transport our pupils into science. We think this is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and will help to bring their learning to life. We would like to thank the PTFA for their contribution to providing this amazing experience. (Please note: it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy do not take part in the virtual reality experience. If your son/daughter has epilepsy or any other medical concerns that may be affected, please inform their class teacher).

On **Thursday 25th October**, we will welcome Allday's Mobile Farm into school to enhance our Science Week. Each class will spend time with the farm and the animals and we are hoping to be able to open up the session to pre-school children and younger siblings at the end of the school day. Further details to follow.

If you feel you could support our Investigation Week in any way—please email me at [head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk)

## Individual photographs

Proofs were sent out last week giving details of deadlines to order online. If you have misplaced your proof or it didn't arrive home please contact the School Office and we will be able to give you your login details.

## Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be delivering their books ready for the shop on 15th and 16th October after school 3.15-4.30pm in the Hall. This is a great way to promote reading, purchase great quality books and raise much needed funds for school. Last year as a result of your generous support of the book fair, we have over £500 to spend on books for our Library. Added to potential benefits this year, we are hoping to add new books to all classes for home reading. Thank you for supporting this—it really does help.



## Harvest

Thank you to Mrs Clarke for organising great songs and readers for Harvest last weekend. Thank you if you were able to join us and for those who generously donated food for the food kitchen in our areas.

## Violin Lessons

We have had the offer from Lancashire Music service for a music teacher to hold violin lessons for children in school. These could be as individual lessons at a cost of around £35 per session or as a group of 4-6 children at an approximate cost of between £6.00-£8.00 dependent on numbers. If you would like your child to learn the violin, please contact the School Office to register your interest and if we get sufficient numbers, we will arrange for it to start after half term.

## Data Collection Sheets

Deadline to return signed Data Collection Sheets if Friday 12th October 2018. Please remember that these are to be signed and returned even if there are no amendments. Thank you for your assistance.

## Reminders!

15th & 16th October	Travelling Book Fair in Hall 3.15-4.30pm
17th October	Writing Workshop for Parents—2.00pm
22nd-26th October	Science Week
25th October	PTFA Disco - Infants 6-6.45pm, Juniors 7.00-8.00pm
26th October	School Closes 3.15pm and reopens Monday 5th November
31st October	Secondary School Admissions deadline

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