

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

23rd October 2018



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

End of Term– Enjoy

Thank you for your support this half term, the first in this school year. Year 5/6 children have enjoyed their residential to Robinwood, we've had a 'French Day' to celebrate the European Languages Day in September and we are hosting our first Creative Week this week with a focus on questioning and investigations in Science and Geographical Skills. All staff and Governors would like to wish you a relaxing school holiday and we look forward to seeing you refreshed and recharged on Monday 5th November.

PE Kit

Over the next half term, we will be looking at our PE kit and evaluating our current clothes choices. I believe it should be good value for money and be able to be used in all aspects of PE including Dance, Gymnastics and Games. If you have any feedback on our PE kit, I would be grateful to hear your views—feel free to email me at head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk. I will be working with the School Council and staff in gathering views to ensure that it works for our PE session and for representing school in local Sporting Competitions.

Website logon for parents and our Parent Evening Booking system

At the start of November you will receive an email which will prompt you to set up a password for logging into our website into the Parent Area. The Parent Area allows you to receive messages directly from your child's Class Teacher, book Parents Evening slots, answer short surveys and many more.

Our Parents Evening in November will see the start of this system for all Parents Evening bookings and so we are keen to make it easy for you. Parents Evening will be on Monday 19th November 5.00pm-7.00pm and Wednesday 21st November 3.30pm-5.30pm. Once you have changed your password, you can log in and book your time. You can do this via the website by using the parent log in at the top black bar or if you have downloaded the 'School Spider' free app (Apple or android) on your smart phone. We hope that you find it useful and it enables you to secure your preferred time.

Attendance

Thank you for helping us achieve an attendance rate of 97.19% 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.

NSPCC Danceathon

Thank you to everyone who sent in NSPCC Sponsorship forms/money. We raised a fantastic £825 for a very worthy cause.


Secondary School Admissions

Please note that the deadline for Secondary School Admissions is
Wednesday 31st October 2018.

PTFA Update

Last week we sent out the first PTFA newsletter— we hope that you found it informative. The PTFA are appealing for all parents to feel welcome and to feel that they are all part of the events and activities. The PTFA facebook page will be used to keep everyone updated with events coming up in school and let you know how you can help. Please check out the PTFA facebook page. Many hands make light work and all contributions are valuable—from ideas, shopping or helping at the events. The PTFA school disco is **on Thursday this week. 6.00-6.45pm for KS1 (Year 3 can choose whether to attend this one or the junior one) 7.00—8.00pm for juniors. £2.00 tickets are available on the door.** If you can help on the night, let Mrs Hudson, Mrs Glew or message the PTFA directly. The **AGM is on 6th November at 6.00pm in school** with the meeting straight after to organise the Christmas Fair.

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

EXTRA INFORMATION

THEME OF WORSHIP — *Responsibility*

'For each will have to bear his own load.' Galatians 6:5 ESV / 368

Bretherton Cricket Club Bonfire and Firework Display

You are all invited to the Bretherton Cricket Club Bonfire and professional Firework Display on Saturday 3rd November 2018 at 6.00pm. See the attached flyer for more information. It is always a great night.

Firework Safety

I hope that you have a great half term holiday and stay safe. Some safety information can be found at www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/ if you are hosting or visiting a Bonfire or Firework Display during the holidays.

Coding Club—The HUB Holiday Club 18th and 19th February

Attached to this Newsletter is the timetable for our great 'Coding' Holiday Club taking place in February. This is only one of our Holiday Clubs taking place over the year. Your child can attend on the 18th and 19th of February and just enjoy the usual routines and activities in The HUB. Alternatively, you can book your child into The HUB to participate in computer coding opportunities and activities. Limited places so please text Kelly to book your child in on either or both of those days. The daily cost is £20.00. You can also find all details about The HUB on our website at www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/general-information/46882 We have outlined all the Holiday Club sessions available this year and we hope that you find them useful. If we don't secure enough numbers, we may not be able to run them so please support us if you need holiday provision. As always, let me or Kelly know what you need from our Out of School provision.

Spelling Shed

We have recently purchased a new spelling activity package for children in school so that they can practise spelling patterns at home. Over the next couple of weeks, children will be issued with their own login information so they can log in at home and play the Spelling Games. Staff can monitor children's progress and support them where necessary. We are encouraging all children to have a go as it will support work they have done in school and build on the spelling of common exception words. Children can compete with each other and with other schools across the country. Please note, their full name will not be shown on the site and it falls within the Statutory Regulations of GDPR.



Parent Writing Workshop

Thank you to all parents who came to our Writing Workshop last Wednesday. We hope that you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, please see our website under Curriculum and 'English' and the documents can be viewed and downloaded. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/english-writing/36825>

Investigation Week

This week is our Investigation and Question Week linked to Science and Geography curriculum. We have a Virtual Technology company and Mobile Farm in school this week. If your child has any medical conditions that may be affected by either of our visitors, please contact the School Office with additional details.

Congratulations to Grace (Year 3) who has qualified for the National Competition for Gymnastics in her age category. **Well done Grace!**

IG6 Football Club

Letter was sent home last week regarding Football Club that commences after half term. In order for this to go ahead we need final numbers by **Friday 9th November 2018**. Please send in form/payment by then.

DATES AND REMINDERS

Maths Mastery

Mrs Smith and Mrs Clarke are participating in a year long exciting maths project with NCETM (National Centre for the Excellence in Teaching of Mathematics) looking at how to support children develop Maths Mastery. Maths Mastery means acquiring a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the subject. We look forward to sharing their journey with you.

Supporting other Schools

As a school, we are always being asked to support other schools. Whether this is linked to planning in Early Years, writing moderation or supporting the Diocese in training their school leaders of tomorrow, we are always willing to help. I would like to thank our teaching and support staff and in particular our children for providing great opportunities for other schools and their staff to develop their skills.

Remembrance Day preparations

Thank you to Mrs Duckworth and many other parents for helping in school on Friday create our stunning display of Remembrance painted pebbles. We are creating a 100 year anniversary planter at the front of school, thanks to donated plants from Glenroyd Nurseries, Bretherton and our stones will complement this. Such great creativity shown—they look amazing. They will be on show for you to see at **our assembly on Thursday 8th November 9.05am** and we hope you can join us at **St John's Church on Sunday 11th November** for the service and walk to the Cenotaph.

Conker Competition

Mrs Hudson's famous Annual Conker Competition is nearly upon us and many children have already been collecting conkers in the hope of collecting the biggest and best. Mrs Hudson has informed me that you have the half term holidays to collect your entry and the final date for judging will be **Friday 9th November 2018**

Shoe Box Appeal

I know it feels far too early to be discussing Christmas and the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal but it's approaching that time again. If you would be happy to fill a shoe box for charity, then feel free to collect one from the School Office. I will add further details about the content on a future newsletter next term once we have held an assembly on it.

Art Club

Mrs Stansfield, who runs an Art Club after school Tuesday's 3.15—4.15pm has a few places available for her club each week. It is a great class and the children enjoy her sessions and create many items to take home. We are really fortunate to have her host her art classes at our school. If anyone would like to add their child's name to her sessions, please contact her on 01772 601410.



Class 1 Toast

Please remember that if you have not paid for your child's toast for next half term by this Friday then we will assume that they do not require it. Thank you.

Reminders!

26th October	School Closes for Half Term 3.15pm
5th November	School Re-opens Bonfire Themed Lunch—can be ordered on the day
6th November	PTFA AGM in School commencing 6.00pm
8th November	Remembrance Day Worship in School 9.05am—all welcome. Classes will share their learning and it will be hosted by our Ethos Groups.
11th November	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church 10.00am
16th November	Children In Need—Dress in something 'spotty' for donation
23rd November	Non-Uniform—bottles/chocolates for Christmas Fair
29th November	PTFA Christmas Fair 2.30pm-5.00pm
10th December	Infant Christmas Production—Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
11th December	Infant Christmas Production—Matinee 1.45pm
12th December	Infant Christmas Production—Evening 6.00pm

SCHOOL RUN CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

NAME OF CLUB	DAY OF WEEK & TIME	YEAR GROUP	RUN BY	DATES
Newspaper Club	Thursday	3-6	Mrs Moxham	8 & 15/11/18
Xmas Card Club	Thursday	1-3	Mrs Moxham	6 & 13/12/18
Gymnastics Club	Thursday	2, 3 & 4	Mrs Allchurch	8-29/11/18

Letters will be coming out this week for the above Clubs. Choir & Sewing Clubs will be ongoing next half term

**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**