

# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

21st November 2018



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Parent Evening and Parental Questionnaire

This week you will be attending our Autumn term Parent's Evening and we hope that you enjoy looking at your child's work. At this meeting, we will be asking you to complete our annual Parental Questionnaire. We feel that it is important to get your views on our school each year and will use the information collected to help plan for the future. The results and any actions taken will be published in the newsletter. If not completed on the night, we would be grateful if you could return the forms to the school office by 30th November 2018. Thank you in advance for your time.

### Christmas Fair

We are so excited for our PTFA Christmas Fair after school on Thursday 29th November. Anyone able to help on a stall, help in setting up or free for any shopping tasks, please contact any PTFA member, the Facebook page or Mrs Glew/Mrs Hudson. You are all welcome to have a pre-look at the stalls from **2.15pm** and **at 2.45pm the children will come into the hall to open our Fair with Christmas Carols and a Prayer.** They will then go back to class, collect their bags and coats and be released out onto the playground as usual at 3.15pm. You are all welcome to come back in and enjoy the festive event with your family and friends. We hope to see you there. If you have any soft toys you could donate to the Christmas Fair they would be much appreciated.



### Blackpool Tower Circus—Pantomime

We are looking forward to the Blackpool Tower Circus Pantomime of 'Aladdin' this year on Wednesday 19th December. We will be leaving at 9.30am and taking a packed lunch with us to eat there. After watching the Pantomime we will travel back to school ready for collection at the usual time. If you feel able to help accompany us, please leave your details with the School Office and we will contact you at the start of December to advise you of the details. If your child usually has a school lunch on Wednesday's, we will send out a letter with options to order later this month.

### School Improvements

We are currently requesting quotations for a canopy for our new reception classroom and from companies who can help us refurbish our KS1 toilets. If you know of any companies who may be willing to help us, please contact Mrs Moxham for further details.

### *PTFA Update*

We would like to announce that after the PTFA AGM, our membership body consists of:

Natasha Leach: Chairperson  
Karen Hudson: Treasurer  
Vanessa Glew: Secretary

Thank you to all who attended. We would like to thank the PTFA members, including those who have joined our membership this year for their time in preparation for our Christmas Fair.

**We are calling all bakers to create some delicious cakes for selling next Thursday for our Christmas Fair. Can you help setting up the stalls? Remember one the easiest way to communicate with the PTFA is the Facebook page. Have you joined yet?**

### **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 — *Advent*

*'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.'* John 1:1

#### We are an 'Allergen Aware' School

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School are aware that we have children in school who may suffer from food, bee/ asp sting, animal or nut allergies and we believe that all allergies should be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional and appropriate way. Although we cannot guarantee a completely allergen free environment, we would like to minimise the risk of exposure, encourage self-responsibility, and plan for effective response to possible emergencies.

#### **In order to be 'Nut Aware' we would like to ask that:**

- Parents and caregivers do NOT send food to school that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts etc.
- Children don't share food.
- Children wash their hands after eating.
- Staff participate in annual training in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) and the use of an epi-pen as the need arises.
- Action is taken to ensure children with allergies are safe whenever food is to be brought into school from outside – e.g. cake stalls etc.
- Action is taken to ensure children with allergies are safe when off school site on a visit – the child's emergency epi-pen MUST be accessible to them at all times.



We will do this by :

- Advising parents in the newsletter each term
- Placing signs in the dining hall to inform children and adults within school that it is a 'nut free zone'.
- Placing signs in the staff room to inform staff and visitors that nut products should not be brought into school.
- By providing staff with training opportunities

We accept that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food but we will strive to keep all children safe by following the above.

#### External Providers of Clubs

We have recently reviewed our Lettings and felt that we could improve the system for both parents and external providers. If your child has paid for a place in an after school activity run by an external provider, for example, Guitar, Sports Heroes, Fencing they will collect the slip and payment from the school office and create a register. Alternatively if this is paid direct to the external provider, for example, JuJitsu, Tennis, Art & Spanish they will also create a register. We will use these registers for reminding children to attend. If your child is off school or is no longer attending, please contact the external provider direct as they will need to change the register. This will ensure we know who is in the building and ensure children are safe.

If you have any questions regarding individual children or clubs, we can provide the contact details for the leaders of the club for your use.

***If your child would like to participate in any of the clubs run externally please check the calendar area of our website for their contact details.***

***JuJitsu takes place on Mondays, Tennis, Art & Spanish take place on Tuesdays.***

#### Drama teacher for after school club– Spring Term

Does you know anyone who may be able to run a 'Drama' after school club at Bretherton as after speaking to children, this is an area of interest? A staff member can be made available to support them leading the club. If you have the expertise or know of someone, please feel free to contact the school office with the details.

## DATES AND REMINDERS

### Sporting events, within and outside the school day

We are fortunate to have a whole host of fantastic sporting events planned for our children, Some competitive and some team building events have been signed up to and Mrs Glew and Mrs Brindle work hard to ensure that there are opportunities for many, many children to attend. I would like to thank you for your support in transporting children. We can only compete in as many events as we do with your offer of help. We really appreciate your speedy response as to whether your child can attend sessions also. If we know early that your child cannot attend, it means that another child can get the chance and this can make the difference between being able to put forward a team or having to withdraw. We are so proud of our children's determination, teamwork and desire to try their best and I believe this is our recipe for success.

### Remembrance Day Service

Thank you for the families and children who were able to join us for the Remembrance Service in St John's Church and the War memorial. Thank you to Mia and Harry for laying our school poppy wreath. Take a look at our gallery. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/work/remembrance-day-assembly-2018/41745>

### Children in Need

Thank you for your generous donations and cakes for Children in Need. It was lovely to see so many 'spots' We have raised an amazing £225.25 which is a wonderful achievement and I would like to thank Mrs Clarke and the School Council for their organisation of the day. It was great fun!

In addition, Charlie (Year 6 pupil) decided that he was going to help raise money for Cancer Research, a very worthwhile charity, by shaving off his hair. He has been raising money himself for this and he will be completing this on 30th November. Well Done Charlie!

Class 1 and 2—Purple Mash Christmas Card Competition have been submitted. Take a look at some of the entries. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/blog/purple-mash-festive-card-competition---class-1-2/32564>

### Grant funding for Christian books

We have been fortunate to have been awarded £250 to spend on books from the Christian Book centre in Preston and so we will add our new books into each class for children to enjoy.

### *Reminders!*

Thursday 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.
Friday 9th November	Deadline for Conker Competition—all conkers to Mrs Hudson
Sunday 11th November	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church 10.00am
Friday 16th November	Children In Need Deadline for Dobroyd Castle 2019 Deposit
Thursday 22nd November	Movie Night @ The HUB
Friday 23rd November	Non Uniform—donations of chocolates/bottles for Christmas Fair
Monday 26th November	Costumes for Infant Production to be in school
Thursday 29th November	PTFA Christmas Fair—2.15-5.00pm
Friday 7th December	Deadline for Dobroyd Castle 2019 Interim Payment
Monday 10th December	Infant Christmas Production—Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
Tuesday 11th December	Infant Christmas Production—Matinee 1.45pm
Wednesday 12th December	Infant Christmas Production—Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 13th December	Last Pre-School for this term
Friday 14th December	Last Toddler for this term
Friday 21st December	Christmas Carol Service in Church 2.00pm School Closes 3.15pm
Monday 7th January	Back to School



***Remember to check out The HUB area of our website for details of events coming up!***