

# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

25th January 2019



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Welcome to new members of the Bretherton family

We are pleased to announce the arrival of two new babies to our Bretherton family. Mrs Rowley has welcomed a baby brother for Elisabeth on Monday evening. Welcome also to Cruz Alexander who is a new baby brother of Jackson in Class 1. Congratulations to both families and friends.

### Free Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult – build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.



We held a meeting 2 years ago and parents who attended agreed it was really beneficial to helping them understand how to keep their child safe online. We will be holding another workshop on **Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 9:00am** for approximately an hour. Please, please don't miss out on this great opportunity! It is vital that we work in partnership on this. **We are offering a crèche for your younger children so you can really take it all in.**

### Dressing up costumes

We really enjoyed the Infant Production and they all looked great in their costumes. It got me thinking that each year you may buy or make an outfit for the Christmas production and then may not need it again. If you would like to donate the costumes to school, we will keep a box of seasonal fancy dress so that we can recycle and reuse them. If you feel you can, hand it into the School Office in the next 2 weeks and we will store safely until next year.

Likewise if you have any other dressing up outfits that no longer fit and you no longer need, feel free to hand them in and we will utilise them in school and the Hub.

### World Book Day

On **Friday 8th March**, we will be holding our very own '**Book Celebration Day**'. We would like to invite children to come in to school as one of their favourite book characters. In addition we would like them to bring a book review of their favourite book and/or a unique story that they have written so they can share these with their friends. We will be having a fun day immersing ourselves in all things literary—if you have any ideas of how you could enhance our day—feel free to come and let us know.



### Keep the date free— Parent Reading Workshop Wednesday 13th March

As part of our whole school focus on English, we would love to invite you to attend a Reading Workshop for parents on Wednesday 13th March 2019 where we will show you our new home and reading book schemes, provide you with lots of resources to help you support your child in reading and comprehension at home and then visit your child's classroom for the last 15/20 minutes to share a story or guided reading session with them.

## PTFA Update

Please note that our next meeting is **on Tuesday 12th February at 7pm**. Please come along as it is a great meeting to look at future events and spending options in school. If you would like to be involved in our spending plans, it's a great time to share your ideas.

## 20 is plenty!

Your child will be bringing home a reflective 20MPH sticker that they can add to their school backpack or coat to keep them safe in the dark mornings and evenings and also remind passing motorists that they need to watch their speed.



## 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 our Twitter feed @BrethertonEP Take a look via our website home page on <http://brethertonschool.org.uk>



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

## FURTHER INFORMATION

**THEME OF WORSHIP — Thankfulness**  
*“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!  
Give thanks to Him; bless His name” Psalm 100:4*

### Medicine– important information

At this time of year, there is often coughs and colds and using our medicine policy, we will be able to administer medicine after you have completed the necessary form. It is important that the **medicine is handed into an adult in school and not in your child’s bag**. It is important that sachets and bottles are not available to other children by accident. If we find or know of any in bags, we will return them to you on collection. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.

### Smart Technology Watches and other internet enabled devices.

There was a time when a watch only told the time, but with the advancement of technology, watches today can count your steps, set alarms, access the internet and some make phone calls and answer messages. Unfortunately, for obvious reasons, we cannot allow such devices to be brought into school – for similar reasons that we do not allow mobile phones. Therefore please can we request that ‘SMART Watches’ are left at home (such as Apple Watches, Google watches, Samsung Galaxy etc.).

‘Normal’ watches and the more simple ‘Fitbit’ devices are acceptable. Many of our children are sporting ‘fitbit’ style watches which they received for Christmas. Wearing one myself, I know how good they can be in promoting physical activity and fitness and are a great way for children to ensure they maximise physical activity at break and lunchtimes. I can see in the future a day when we use such devices as a school to complement our PE curriculum. However, it is important that they are not a distraction or stop children from concentrating or learning within class. If this happens, they may be asked to stop wearing it. If they are used for their intended purpose and don’t interfere with learning, I believe they will be a great asset to your child’s maths, statistics and wellbeing education. Thank you for your support with this—it will be much appreciated.

### Reduce, Recycle and Reuse our books

In the spirit of our wish to 'Make a Difference' we would like to invite you to **reduce** the number of used reading books in your house, you know the ones that you've read many, many times and that you keep just in case. We would like to encourage you to **recycle them** by bringing them into school on or in the week of 'World Book Day' so that we can host a recycled library book stall and then each child could take one to read on the day. This is a great way of **reusing** the books for a new audience and if you are happy to have a general clear-out please feel free to donate a bag full as any that we cannot use in school, we will donate to International Aid charity shop so they can find families all over the world who may benefit from them



### School Snacks

Thank you to our families who have embraced our healthy food choices for snack in school. We firmly believe children need to be educated about sugar content, healthy food choices and wellbeing and this initiative is part of it. We believe teaching children to be able to make good choices about their food and fitness enables them to have the tools for a healthy life. This is what we are trying to foster in our children. I am certain that we all want this for our children. I appreciate that there may be times when your child may bring a snack in that doesn't wholly fit into our wholemeal toast and fruit initiative. This may give us the opportunity to discuss their choice with them as part of their learning, supporting the hard work you are doing at home.

### Amazing Tea Towels

Our fantastic tea towels are still available at the very reasonable price of £5.00 if you would like to stock up for early Mother's day presents! They are available to purchase from the School Office.

### New PE Shirts

A reminder that the new PE shirts will be available from Favourite's of Croston from next week. They have been chosen as they offer a more comfortable and flexible fabric which will have a longer life and store well within PE bags. Please remember that you don't need to go out and buy these straight away, only when your child has outgrown theirs, thinking by September this year, we will all be sporting our great new look.

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### **Message from School Money**

Thank you for your continued use of 'School Money'. As with all online payment systems, it is vital that you are vigilant when making payments. Recently, there had been a small number of reports of attempts to defraud parents whilst using SchoolMoney. They have thoroughly investigated all reports of attempts to defraud parents using our system (including separate, independent checks) and can confirm that they found that no fraud, data breach or malicious attack has occurred. It's a good time therefore to remind you to be extra vigilant when making payments online. NEVER give out your ATM pin to anyone – no system or person should ever require this to complete an online transaction. If something looks suspicious, do not complete the payment, close down your browser and start again making sure you are using a genuine website. Eduspot remains committed to protecting your online security and providing you with an easy to use solution to securely make payments to schools. If you spot something that doesn't look right relating to SchoolMoney, please contact us at [support@schoolmoney.co.uk](mailto:support@schoolmoney.co.uk).

### **Preloved Uniform**

Our preloved register has been updated already. Please feel free to donate any uniform that no longer fits, and we will make it available. Please check using this link <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/pre-loved-uniform/50196> . Please email [uniform@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk) if you would like to have one of the available items. **PLEASE PLEASE** use this as it is a great initiative to make a difference.

### **Poppy Appeal**

We have been informed by the Royal British Legion that we raised £201.41 from the Poppy Appeal. How fantastic and for a very worthy cause!

## **DATES FOR DIARY/CLUBS INFORMATION**

### **February 2019**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Tuesday 5th    | 9-10.00am Safer Internet Day & E-Safety Briefing for Parents                |
| Monday 11th    | Young Voices—Manchester Arena   |
| Wednesday 13th | Year 4 Visit to GA Pet Foods<br>1.30pm Reading Workshop for Parents in Hall |
| Friday 15th    | School Closes 3.15pm  |
| Tuesday 18th   | The HUB Holiday Club 8.00am-4.30pm  |
| Wednesday 19th | The HUB Holiday Club 8.00am-4.30pm  |
| Monday 25th    | School Re-opens   |

## **CLUBS – 1<sup>st</sup> HALF SPRING TERM 2019**

| NAME OF CLUB     | YEAR GROUP   | DAY        | TIME        | DATES                |
|------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| S7 Olympic Club  | Whole School | Wednesdays | 3.15-4.15pm | 16/1-13/2/19 (5 wks) |
| STEM Science     | 1/2/3        | Thursdays  | 3.15-4.15pm | 24 & 31/1/19 (2 wks) |
| Film Club        | Whole School | Thursdays  | 3.15-5.15pm | 24/1-14/2/19 (4 wks) |
| Sewing (Ongoing) | Year 6       | Mondays    | 3.15-4.15pm | Ongoing              |
| Choir            | 3/4/5/6      | Thursdays  | 8.10-8.50am | Ongoing              |

## **REGULAR PRIVATE PROVIDER CLUB INFORMATION**

Contact details if you would like for your child to participate :

| CLUB    | DAY     | TIME        | CONTACT DETAILS              |
|---------|---------|-------------|------------------------------|
| TENNIS  | Tuesday | 3.15-4.15pm | Stuart Grice—07709 816951    |
| ART     | Tuesday | 3.15-4.15pm | Rosie Stanfield—01772 601410 |
| SPANISH | Tuesday | 3.15-4.15pm | Alison Powell—01772 616188   |
| JUJITSU | Tuesday | 3.15-4.15pm | Shaun McCabe—07808 536688    |

***Up and coming Clubs for next half term :***

***Fencing Club—Thursdays 28/2-28/3/19***

***Kids Photography Club—Wednesdays 27/2-3/4/19***