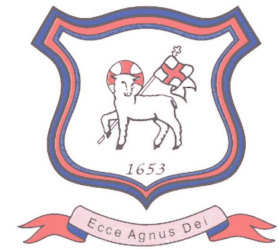


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter



18th October 2019

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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 28th October 2019.

GDPR parent reminder

In order to ensure that we comply with GDPR (Data protection) we regularly audit our systems. In completing this at the start of the year, provides me with an opportunity to remind parents of our Privacy Notice (on the website) which details when and how we use your information and which third party companies we share your information with for the purpose of providing our education. If you have any questions regarding consent or ever need to withdraw consent, please note the necessary documents are online or available from the school office.

Class 1 and 3 PE next half term

West Lancs Sports Partnership coaches will be working with class 1 and 3 next half term and they will be orienteering. They will be outside in all weathers, so we would appreciate if you could send them in an old pair of track suit bottoms and jumper and ensure that they keep their daily mile trainers in school all the time.

Dress Up Day—Summer 2020

Just thought we'd give you advance notice of a great History Day being planned for Summer Term 2020. Mrs Williams is organising a History Day where children will be encouraged to dress up as a famous person from history, find out about them and their importance in history and as a school we will create a history timeline to help children understand the chronology of key events and people. We hope that advance notice will help you plan with your child, who they may want to be. A letter will come out nearer the time.

Swiss Student Teachers

We have been asked again if we could find families willing to accommodate two student teachers from Switzerland. They will need to reside with you for 2 weeks from 21st June—4th July and will spend their days in school with our teachers. If you can help, please contact the school office.

Car Park

Could I please remind parents of children in Class 1 not to let children play on the car park or around the cars at the start or end of the school day. You are welcome to stand on the playground until the Class 1 door is opened as it is important we keep your children safe.

Mission Statement and Vision feedback

Thank you for families who have responded to our consultation on our vision. We will collate your views and display the final ideas from staff, governors and families at parent evening in November. If you would still like to respond, don't hesitate to contact me.

Well done everyone going on the Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed apps at home. Teachers have commented on how well children in classes are doing—these practice apps will really help children with the fundamental skills in maths and English.

PTFA Update

**AGM for the PTFA has been moved to
October 29th 2019, 6.00pm in school.
We need your help. See attachment.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your child's attendance is important as we aim as a school to have an attendance rate of over 97%. Currently this half term our attendance is 96.9%. We always strive for high attendance. However, could we remind parents that if your child has been sick, it is important that you keep your child off school for 48 hours in order to avoid the spread of infection. There have been many coughs, colds and snuffles this week and I am sure there may be more as winter progresses. We regularly remind children about the importance of personal hygiene and washing hands to prevent many different infections. If your child needs to take medication in school, please complete the medical form at the School Office with details and dose. We hope that everyone has an illness free next term.

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



**Remember our door is always open— contact us on bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk
or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THEME OF WORSHIP — TRUST

"But I trust in your unfailing love, my heart rejoices in your salvation". Psalm 13

Welcome to new addition to our Bretherton family

Congratulations to Austin, Georgiana and Barney on the arrival of their new brother, 'Raphael' last Wednesday. Mum and baby are doing well and we send our best wishes to all of the Porter family.

Forest area

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Hudson and Stephen Wignall for their hard work on our forest area. It is beginning to get organised and we cannot wait until all classes start to use this area in the new year.

Can you help us—report the blocked drains on the road just outside school. We have advised LCC of the inconvenience that the flooding on South Road on the corner causes for children and families who walk all or part of the way to school. If you too would like to report it so that it may finally be sorted out, the link is below and you need to choose

www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/ select the options for blocked drains and then input the school postcode of PR26 9AH and add your concerns as it is near school and a hazard. Let's hope that they can resolve the problem.

Ethos design planter competition

Thank you to the children who created designs for our flowerbed. The winner is Grace Riley-Orr and we will prepare the bed for the growing team to plant in the new half term.

KS1 and KS2 Maths Parent workshop

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the KS1 parent Maths workshop last week— we hope that you found it informative. If you were unable to attend, please have a look on the website under curriculum and maths and you will find the powerpoint and handouts that you may find useful.

The KS2 Parent workshop documents from this week is also on the website for your information. Thank you to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Smith for your organisation and planning.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair this week. We raised much needed funds for school and saw the excitement and passion for reading that our children hold. I hope they enjoy their purchases. Congratulations to Ryan in Class 3 who won the book voucher lucky dip. Let us now what you thought of the books.



PTFA Disco

At our disco this week, we asked children not to bring mobile phones. Our discos are a great opportunity to socialise and have fun and they did just that, last night.

Help in grounds

We have a couple of members of our community to help occasionally to garden within our school grounds. However, it is always good to have a list of people who may be happy to spare an hour or two every now and again to help maintain our wild flower and planting areas of our grounds. If you have a bit of time you can spare us, we would like to hear from anyone who has green fingers and can help.

Swimming Class 2

Could we remind children in class 2 to bring their swimming kit, towel and caps in every Monday. We are fortunate as a school to pay for 2 terms a year swimming and so wouldn't like children to miss the opportunities because they have forgotten their kit. If, in the unlikely event, your child is too unwell to participate in swimming, please put this in writing to the school office and they will travel with them but remain on the pool side.

Congratulations to Bretherton Village

By now you have probably heard the good news! Bretherton has come first in the small villages category of the Best Kept Village Competition. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make Bretherton special.

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 **Monday 28th October 2019**

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.

New Books

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Mangnall for their donation of a box of books to our KS1 Library. We cannot wait to use them in Class 1 and 2.

REMINDER DATES / CLUBS INFORMATION

2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM

OCTOBER

Friday 18th Sponsorship Event postponed until Spring 2020
School Closes for Half Term Holiday 3.15pm
Monday 28th School reopens
Tuesday 29th PTFA AGM 6.00pm

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 5th Bonfire Night Lunch
Thursday 7th Remembrance Day Service 9.05am
Monday 11th PTFA Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 18th Parents Evening 5.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 20th Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm
Friday 22nd PTFA Non Uniform
Wednesday 27th Lancashire Day Lunch
Thursday 28th PTFA Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

Friday 6th PTFA Xmas Shop
Last Parent & Toddler Group
Thursday 12th Last Pre-School Session
Monday 16th Infant Christmas Production—Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm
Tuesday 17th Infant Christmas Production—Matinee 2.00pm
Infant Christmas Production—Evening Performance 6.00pm
Thursday 19th Christmas Party Day—Christmas Lunch open to whole school
Friday 20th Carol Service in St. John's Church 9.30am
School closes normal time 3.15pm

CLUBS – 2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM 2019

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Brass Band Club	Class 3 + Private	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	29/10-17/12/19 (8 weeks)
Mad Science	Years 1-6	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15pm	30/10-4/12/19 (6 weeks)
Christmas Card	Class 1/2	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	5, 12 & 19/12/19 (3 weeks)

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	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	Shaun McCabe—07808 536688