

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

15th November 2019



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Parents Evening next week

Just a reminder that Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th November** and the booking form closes tonight Friday 15th November at **5.00pm**. If you have not managed to book a slot, please apply via the website or contact the school office to have your login reissued. Thank you for using the new system, many have commented on how quick and easy it is to secure a time suitable for you. This 5 minute update and opportunity to look at your children's work is so important to bridge the link between home and school as we work as a partnership to educate your children. If you feel that you need more time, please contact school for an alternative date. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating your children's learning.

My FOTO Family Photoshoot

We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for Mr Crowther, MY FOTO, to host a photoshoot in school for our families and friends. He will be available for family photographs and his prices are reasonable compared to the High Street and any commission from the photographs will go to school. Times available will be from 11.00am to 3.00pm so book your 15 minute slot by ringing the school office on 01772 600431. The flyer is attached. Such a great opportunity for Christmas presents or just making memories.

Attendance

Autumn term is always a tricky time for coughs, colds and illnesses and I would like to thank you for helping prevent the spread of illnesses through good hygiene. However, our whole school attendance has fallen below 97% this term so far and so would like to ask that wherever possible any absences in school time are avoided.

This also relates to medical appointments, dentists and opticians. If you can try and book these in holiday time or in the afternoons as often children can miss crucial maths and English if they come in late in the morning sessions. Thank you for your support.

Supporting Learning

We **NEED** your support for volunteer helpers in school to read with our children. Early reading is so important for children's success in education and to be able to read with children on a daily basis is so important but we are not always able to achieve this without the help of volunteers. If you feel you can commit regular support, even if an hour a week, we would really appreciate your help.

Parent Supporting Learning

Part of our homework in Class 2,3 and 4 is for children to spend time on computer packages 'Spelling Shed' and 'Times Table Rock Stars'. As little as 10 minutes a day on these packages can make a huge difference to your child's ability to recall this knowledge and become more accurate in its application. We appreciate the need to restrict 'screen' time for children but this fun and interactive way of learning and consolidating can really help their progress in school.

Also your child's teacher will be discussing reading at home at Parent's Evening and we appreciate you spending time reading with and to your child each day. Reading really does open up opportunities within all aspects of the curriculum.

'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.'

If you need any support in helping your child at home, please let us know.

PTFA Update

Thank you for those attending the PTFA meeting this week to plan the Christmas Fair and light switch on. Lots still to do and we need your help to make it a Fair to remember. Attached is a poster and newsletter from the PTFA to keep you up to date. Keep the date free! Exciting news to find we're on the CO-OP funding page. We'll send the link as soon as it's set up.

Exciting news!

We are very fortunate to have received a donation from the Feoffees for a canopy for Class 1 and landscaping underneath to make it a purposeful and fun learning environment. We are extremely grateful for this as school funding wouldn't enable this to be done. Thanks to Ashcroft and Sons who are completing the groundwork—their equipment and work is causing great excitement in school with many eyes at the window to watch them working.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

THEME OF WORSHIP — *Compassion*

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Matthew 14:14 14

Remembrance Day

Thank you to all who attended our School Remembrance Assembly and in particular well done to the Ethos group for preparing and delivering it so well. Each class performed well and there are posts on the website if you were not able to join us. Well done to our musicians Joseph, Alex and Oscar who played their brass instruments so well. Thank you also to Mr Turner from the Royal British Legion who also came to share it with us. He was touched by the children's thoughts and compassion. Thank you for supporting the 'Poppy Appeal' and if you were able to come to Bretherton Chapel on Sunday, you would have been able to see the wonderful knitted poppies created by the local WI. Well done Harriet and Sam who placed the poppy wreath on the memorial on behalf of school (prepared by Mrs Williams). What a spectacle!

Donations of books

Thank you to the many parents who have had a great clear out of books and have donated them to school. We are really stocking up our class and Wilson Suite library areas and children will enjoy the variety now on offer.

Tarleton Library Events

Christmas Decorations Workshop

Saturday 23 December 10-12

Come along for a special Friends of Tarleton Library craft session where you can make your own Christmas Decorations from recycled materials.

Adults and accompanied children aged 4 and over welcome, no booking required

Coding Fun

Monday 25 November 16:00-17:00

Learn to code in a fun session with Barclays Digital Eagles

Suitable for ages 7-11

Please bring your own laptop for this session

Places need to be booked in advance with library staff or on the Tarleton Library Eventbrite page

Story Shed Christmas Stories

Monday 23rd December 10:30-11:30

The fantastic story-teller from Cedar Farm's Story Shed Tracey Collins is returning to enthral us with more of her wondrous tales. Perfect to help keep your children entertained in the run up to Christmas

Friday 22nd November Non Uniform Day for PTFA

Your child is welcome to come into school on Friday 22nd November in their own clothes (sensible shoes and warm coat please) in return for donations of bottles and/or chocolate. These donations really help stock some of the stalls and games for the Christmas Fair. So you can bring your donations of any bottles...wine, champagne, bubble bath etc and any chocolate to the entrance next Friday.

Anti-bullying week

This week, Mrs Allchurch launched Anti-bullying week with the whole school. We are so fortunate that incidents of bullying is rare but it is important that children understand what constitutes bullying and what they can do if they feel it is happening. All staff listen to children's concerns and support them with any concerns. Our Peer Mediators are working hard on the playground promoting friendships and getting on. Their conflict strategy wheel is really helping children resolve any concerns themselves— a great skill for life. If you have any questions or concerns, always know my door is open.

Conker Competition

Congratulations to the following winners of the famous 'Mrs Hudson Conker Competition'. 1st place : Zarina Thobani; 2nd place : Joseph McGrath; 3rd place : Olivia McGrath ; 4th Place: Emmie Hibbert. We will present their prizes in Worship this week. Well done everyone in your conker hunt and Mrs Hudson for your great ideas.

The HUB News

Thank you to parents who are using and supporting The Hub. Kelly has arranged some great events over the next couple of months with many Christmas activities planned. Their very popular Movie Night is planned to be held on Thursday 5th December 3.15pm – 4.45pm (£5.00); HUB times 3.15- 6pm (£7.50); 3.15pm – 7.00pm (£8.50). Please see attached flyers detailing the events coming up.

REMINDER DATES / CLUBS INFORMATION

2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM

NOVEMBER

Monday 18th	Parents Evening 5.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 20th	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 22nd	PTFA Non Uniform
Wednesday 27th	Lancashire Day Lunch—can be ordered on the day
Thursday 28th	PTFA Christmas Fair & Christmas Lights Switch On 3.15-6.00pm

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

JANUARY 2020

Monday 6th	School reopens
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CLUBS – 2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM 2019

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Brass Band Club (Ongoing)	Class 3 + Private Tuition Pupils	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	29/10-17/12/19 (8 weeks)
S7 Xmas Fun & Games Club*	Whole School	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15pm	6/13/27/11 & 4/12/19 (4 weeks)
Christmas Card	Class 1/2	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	5, 12 & 19/12/19 (3 weeks)

*** Please note there will be no S7 Xmas Fun & Games Club on 20/11/19 due to Parents Evening ***

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