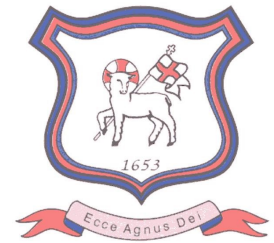


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

25th November 2019



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Christmas Fair

Thursday 28th November 3.15 - 6.00pm

Thank you for your donations of chocolate and bottles for the tombola last Friday. The children looked great in their non uniform and your generous donations will help stock a couple of our Christmas stalls. **Remember if you have any soft toys, we are still accepting these until Wednesday 27th November.**

Well the time is nearly upon us. The Christmas Fair and Light Switch On is this Thursday and has been many months in the planning. The PTFA members have worked so hard to create a wonderful Bretherton Christmas Fair which will have something for everyone.

So some of the main things that you may need to know for Thursday are:

Timetable of events

The Christmas Fair will **start at 3.00pm** in the school hall where you can come along and **sing along with the children some carols and festive songs** to get us in the Christmas spirit. The children will then go back to class and will leave school at 3.15pm as usual via the playground for Class 2,3,4 and Class 1 the **playground** along with the other children this once. If your child comes to Pre school, we will ask that they are collected at 2.50pm so you can share the Carols in the hall with us. The HUB will be in class 3.

A multitude of games and stalls will then be on offer for the event until just after 5.00pm. All children, in particular the Choir, will gather around the outside tree ready for another fabulous Christmas singalong. The choir will perform 'Away in a Manger' at 5.30pm when after our very own VIP, Tommy Wilson will do us the honours of switching on our Christmas Tree lights after a countdown and continue with a sing along.

Of course **SANTA** will be there and we will be asking you to book to see him and pay **on the day at the Fair**. We will operate a list and raffle ticket system so you can wander around the fair and visit when your ticket is called (eg. tickets 210-215 are being seen now) you know he's ready for you. We hope that this means you aren't queuing for too long.

There **will be a bar** for the adults and **many refreshment/food stalls** including Turkey Buns, Sausages on Buns, Mince Pies so there is no need to worry about making tea so you can spend the afternoon with us.

Donations of cakes can be brought into school Wednesday or Thursday. Thank you for helping. If you can **help setting up** the lights on Wednesday afternoon or the hall and stalls on Thursday, you would be most welcome—**we need you!**

Thanks to our many sponsors, in particular One Stop Hire, Glenroydes and The Village Pantry for their support and all our fabulous stall holders and games stalls for giving up their time to share this with us.

PTFA Update

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped and will help on Thursday make the Fair a huge success. We hope that you all enjoy it and remember to bring all your friends and relatives for a great event.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Our Car park will be closed to cars on Wednesday and Thursday as we prepare the gazebos and lights for the Christmas Fair. This will mean that parking around school will be particularly busy and specifically for the fair. **PLEASE park carefully** and with consideration of the road users and residents. If you can car share or use the Church carpark this should minimise any hazards on the main road.

Please be extra careful if parking on the road that the traffic can still pass (ie. No double parking or parking opposite the yellow hazards) as we regularly have wagons and coaches travelling down South Road and we don't want to have any accidents or damage to cars as a result.

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 he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

Parents Evening

Thank you for supporting Parents Evening. It was lovely to catch up with many of you and hear your comments and children's experiences in school. Many of you took the opportunity to complete the parental questionnaire on the night, but if you didn't get chance, I would like to ask you to complete them and return **before the end of November**. We do need and value your feedback as we are always looking to ensure we provide the very best educational experiences for your children and a high quality of information for you. If you were not able to attend Parents Evening or need any additional time with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually agreeable time and date.

Thanks to the Year 6 Ethos group who spoke to you regarding our proposed changes to our Mission Statement— They did a great job and were able to find out how you felt about the proposals. We will look to finalise this for the New Year.

The HUB

Once again thank you for supporting The HUB. We feel fortunate to have Kelly and her staff providing a great fun and caring environment for children before and after school. She has some amazing ideas and the activities for November and December which will not disappoint.

The Movie Night is set to be a great success and might allow you some sneaky Christmas shopping time after school. This will take place on **Thursday 5th December 2019** and will be held in the hall. Bretherton Film Society have very kindly allowed us to use their **BIG** screen giving a more '*cinema like*' feel which we are very grateful for.

Please remember though that The HUB is run separate to school so if your child is not in school or if you've told school they are going somewhere else at the end of the day, you **MUST** contact Kelly on her mobile as she is responsible for the register. It is important to advise her directly a week before any changes, otherwise you will still be charged for that session. We will always try to be as flexible as possible by accepting children into The HUB the same day to help those emergency situations, but for staffing, we do need to know any cancellations the week before. Thank you for your understanding.

Experience Compassion UK

The year 6 Ethos team attended a Compassion UK experience at St Wilfrid's Blackburn last week where they were transported to Rwanda to consider the lives of a child there. They were moved by the story, so much so, that they would like to propose we sponsor a child in Rwanda through the charity. Having the links with St Wilfrid's means that when they go and visit the village on their mission visit, they will meet with our sponsored child and provide video links so we can meet and talk with them. We'll let you know a little more in the new year. Well done year 6 for showing compassion and love for others. If you would like to know more or perhaps sponsor a child as a family, you can find out more following this link and let us know so that we can include them in our communications. <https://www.compassionuk.org/about-us/about-sponsorship/it-works/>

Reporters in school

We have a whole host of reporters now in school who will report using different mediums— written, podcasts and video throughout the school year. The first few can be found on the school pupil voice pages. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/reporters---pupil-voice-group/59531>

Secrets Room

Thank you to Christine Swarbrick for her shrewd and brilliant shopping for the PTFA Secret's Room presents. I love watching the children choose their gifts and wrapping them for their family members—so lovely! Please complete the forms and return to the school office or post in the red postbox outside the school entrance area if you would like your child to take part. **Deadline : Friday 29th November 2019.**

Swimming Year 6 on 16th December

Advance notice that Year 6 will be swimming on Monday 16th December as Class 2 will be holding the Dress Rehearsal of their production. A letter will follow.

Dinner Menus

Please note there has been a slight change to Week No. 2 of the Dinner Menus which has been posted on our school website for your reference.

REMINDER DATES /CLUBS INFORMATION

2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 27th Lancashire Day Lunch—can be ordered on the day (Menu on website under *News, School Meals*)
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

CLUBS – 2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM 2019

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Brass Band Club	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)

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