



BREHERTON ENDOWED C.E. SCHOOL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Friday 6th December 2019

Sad to say 'Goodbye'

I would like to inform you that Mrs Buffey, will be leaving school at the end of this term. Mrs Buffey has been a valued member of Bretherton Endowed school team for over 34 years as a Teacher and in the latter years as a Teaching Assistant. She has seen the flourishing of many children over those years and the love, care and attention that she has given has been felt by all who worked and educated by her. She will be a most welcome visitor in school as we are hoping that she will come back and read with our children on a voluntary basis....the school won't be the same without her! We would like to wish her all the best for the next chapter of relaxing and exploring with family and friends and would like her to know that she leaves a little of herself in all our hearts.

Christmas Cards

In school we have our lovely postbox which children can use to post Christmas cards to their friends. Can we please remind you to help your child write the name of the recipient and their class on the envelope so that it reaches the right person. Year 6 will sort and distribute the cards so children can bring them home to share with you. However, if you would like to make a long lasting difference to someone this Christmas, you could opt to sponsor an animal through OXFAM. As a staff, we have chosen to donate money to this worthwhile cause to ensure that the gift of Christmas reaches those less fortunate for the years to come. The link is here if you would like to know more. <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/shop/oxfam-unwrapped/charity-gift-card/super-goat-ou9010ml> . At the moment, one goat is only £15 donation. We really can make a difference. If you would like to add to our donations and support them, please pass your donation into the School Office with your child's name and OXFAM on the front.

Welcome back

We welcome back after the Christmas holidays Mrs Rowley as a Teaching Assistant in Class 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. She has been missed and will be a welcome asset to the class in order to support Mrs Smith's teaching and learning.

Experience Advent by Year 6

On Friday 13th December, Year 6 will be providing an 'Experience Advent' event for their parents and the other classes. As always, they are working hard to plan a memorable session and are looking forward to sharing it with everyone.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parents Questionnaires. It was lovely to read your positive comments about your experiences and the opportunities that your children gain from school. We are always looking to improve and develop our school and your feedback will enable us to do this.

Ashcroft and Sons

A huge thank you for the professional service that was received in our Reception area ground works which was completed this week. They have worked above and beyond to finish this area to a high standard and were extremely generous in providing labour and time to finish it with new turf and even improved some car parking spaces.

Thank you for your professional and generous approach. We can't wait to show the final look after the Christmas holidays.

We couldn't have completed the area both canopy and groundworks without the generosity of the Feoffees. They generously wanted to ensure that Class 1 had a purposeful outside area to explore, create, invent and learn. This was something the school budget would never have been able to purchase in this climate of school funding so we are incredibly grateful and blessed to have those members so committed to our excellent education opportunities.

Applicants for Reception September 2020

We have welcomed over 25 families this term who have been looking around to decide whether Bretherton Endowed is high on their list of schools for their child. I am pleased to say that so many of them have confirmed that we are their first choice and we cannot wait to see them over the next 6 months at pre school or later once places have been allocated. If you know anyone who is looking for a place for next September, feel free to ask them to call me for a personalised tour. We can't wait to meet new families.

Guess who's been with us 20 years?

Congratulations to Mrs Vincent who has been employed at Bretherton Endowed CE Primary for 20 years this year. This is a significant achievement and we are thrilled that she continues to care, love, support and teach our children each day. We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU! For everything that she does and if you see her, a big thank you from you too would make her day I'm sure.

Fairtrade Gingerbread

Thank you to everyone who supported the Gingerbread sale and for all the children in Fairtrade who gave their time to make them. Mrs Allchurch was very pleased to be able to pass Mrs Greenlees, our Fairtrade supported over £70 for Fairtrade farmers.

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.

CompassionUK

Year 6 Ethos visited St Wilfrids in Blackburn for a CompassionUK experience where they learned about the difficult lives for children in Rwanda. They have come back determined to sponsor a child through the charity and we will look to organise this in the new year. The whole school agreed that it is easy to feel sorry for people who are less fortunate but to show real compassion is to act to help. I felt so proud of their commitment to helping others (as they have with the show box appeal) and can't wait to outline the details for you in 2020.

Swimming Year 6 on 16th December

Advance notice that Year 6 will be swimming on Monday 16th December as Class 2 will be holding their dress rehearsal. A letter was sent out yesterday. A copy is also available on the School Website.

School Office times

Further to a request on the parent questionnaire, I would like to highlight the times that the school office will be typically available for telephone calls. You are welcome to email the School Office on bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk or the Head at head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk at anytime and we will try and respond at the earliest possible time.

Monday 8.15-3.15 Tuesday 7.45—4.30 Wednesday 7.45— 4.30 Thursday 7.45-4.30 Friday 8.15—4.30

We are fortunate to be able to offer the extended times 4 days a week. Please remember that any communication about the Hub can be made to Kelly direct and in the unlikely event of being late to collect your child, please call Kelly on the HUB mobile to keep her updated.

Brass concert

Class 3, private lesson children and the after school club band will be performing their Christmas Brass concert on Tuesday 10th December starting at 2.30. All parents and friends are welcome to join us as we share their learning and skills while they fill us with festive cheer. Please can all children have their instruments in on **TUESDAY**.

Choir on tour!

On Thursday , the school choir along with Mrs Clarke will be visiting 2 local old people's residential homes to perform a medley of carols to the residents. We are fortunate to be able to borrow the minibus from Holmeswood and Mrs Moxham will be driving them. A letter has been sent home to the members of the choir to explain more.

Thank you

.....for supporting film night at The HUB. It was a great event and we would like to give huge thanks to Mr Piggott and Bretherton Film Club for taking the time to set up the 'Big Screen'.

Advent

Year 6 led a wonderful worship for the children walking them through the season and preparation of Advent. The children listened intently as they explained the history surrounding the candles, carols and more. It was also a great opportunity to introduce our book Advent tree. A gift of a new book for each day of December for each class to share, read together or take home to share with their families before returning to the class bookcases. Thank you to Abigail for being a helpful elf in wrapping them all and I look forward to you sharing your reviews of them with me over the whole month.

A Miracle in Town

A letter was sent home yesterday to order a copy of the DVD for A Miracle in Town which is being professionally filmed. Deadline is **Friday 13th December 2019**. A copy of the letter is on our website.