

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

13th December 2019



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, it provides time to reflect on what we have achieved and the strength of our school and community. We have had the opportunity to watch children excel in challenges at Robinwood, practice and perform in a great school band, participate in a variety of sporting events with only a few being affected by the weather and great visible learning in each class. Our school has many strengths, but the greatest are our dedicated staff, supportive families and most of all your wonderful children who enrich our lives each day.

Some of the Christmas events to come.....

Christmas Production

Well 'A Miracle in Town' has finally arrived. The dancing, singing and music is ready and Class 1 and 2 are looking amazing in their costumes—thank you to their parents for dressing them so well! We are looking forward to seeing you at the dress rehearsal on Monday 2.00pm, Tuesday matinee production 2.00pm and evening at 6.00pm. All families in school are welcome to come and join us. If you would like to join us, please contact the School Office for available tickets.

Christmas Party Day

On **Thursday 19th December**, we will be holding our Christmas Party Day for both key stage 1 and 2 and our Christmas lunch. We are excited that our Christmas Lunch is on the same day as party day—so no more rushing to the party food lists on the class doors!! Class 1 and 2 will have their party in the morning and Class 3 and 4 will have their in the afternoon. Children **are able to bring their party clothes in a bag** for them to change into if they would like. They can wear their Christmas jumper as part of own clothes if so wish. Please take care that shoes are appropriate for games and dancing. Our Christmas lunch is a lovely event, where we all gather in the hall to share a Christmas lunch together. Sadly Jill is still off work due to illness, however we are grateful to Mel, our cook, and Richard, who will prepare our lovely lunch and we would like to say a big thank you in advance for all their hard work. If your child has a packed lunch, feel free to make it 'Christmassy!'. Santa will be visiting the children throughout the afternoon and visiting Class 1 at 2.40pm. Parents of Class 1 are welcome to join us at 2.30pm.

Christmas Carol Service

Unfortunately due to a funeral taking place at St. John's Church we will be holding the Christmas Carol Service at the Congregational Church rather than St. John's which was advertised on the calendar and previous newsletters. The Church car park will be unavailable for school drop off and the service so please allow more time on Friday 20th December and park safety. The Carol Service will start at 9.30am. Thank you to Mrs Clarke, our teachers and children for their hard work—in particular thanks to Reception children who will be our Nativity actors and Year 6 children who will be our excellent narrators. It is always a lovely festive time to spend together, sing together and pray together and we hope that you can join us. There will be refreshments served back in the school hall straight after for parents.

PTFA Update

HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA events this term. The team works so hard and is successful because each person who helps is an important piece of the puzzle.

They have a great schedule of events for 2020 so please watch this space.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at school 7.00pm. We hope that you can join us.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please park carefully when dropping off or collecting your children as we want to ensure that we keep everyone safe. The school gates will be closed most times just before and just after school and will then be available for parents who use The HUB. We have recently had a parking attendant visit at the start of the school day and they said that they will be visiting again. Please can I remind you to park sensibly and safely.

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 — *Advent*

“And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.” [Luke 2:40](#)

Experience Advent

We are delighted that so many parents of Year 6 children could share their Experience Advent session This week. I know a lot of hard work and creativity has gone into the preparation for hosting this event and all classes have had the joy of visiting the Advent areas. Thank you to Mrs Smith for your inspiration.

The Choir on Tour

Thank you to the choir who performed brilliantly at Paradise Lane, Croston Park and Eccleston Library yesterday. I would like to say thank you to the members for their commitment to rehearsals every Thursday and representing themselves and school so well. You made people smile and be happy and there is no greater joy!

Les Mills ‘Born to Move’

West Lancashire Sports Partnership will be starting fitness activity sessions in school each Wednesday. BORN TO MOVE™ classes are structured to include both moderate and vigorous intensity activity. All the moves are pre-tested to ensure they safely ‘push’ young people to experience the full extent of their ability. Their confidence grows as they experience the thrill of mastering new skills and as a result they fall in love with regular physical activity. This is a super opportunity for our children and each class will receive an hour session every Wednesday. I would like to ask that all children have their PE kit including trainers in school each Tuesday and Wednesday for the Spring term. While the weather is cold, please can they keep an old pair of tracksuit bottoms in school so we can go outside if we need to. I hope the children will come home and share with you the additional skills with you. If you would like to know more— please have a look at the website www.lesmills.com/borntomove/

Swimming in Spring

This week was the **last week for class 2** to go swimming this term. **Year 6 will swim next Monday** to fulfil the National Curriculum swimming coverage and Class 2 will resume swimming from 6th January 2020 until the February half term. Thank you to parents who have supported their children with 100% attendance in swimming. Each week can make a positive impact on their progress and we are grateful to the children for trying their best in every session.

Advent Candle display

Thank you to Rosemary Stansfield for our beautiful advent candle display positioned on our Worship table. We are blessed to have such great friends to school. She inspires our Art Club children each week. Thanks again.

Letters

Thank you for using the website for completing consents for school trips and paying via our online payment system. Feedback from parents has been positive for trips and sporting events, however, you prefer to see the clubs come home as paper copies so that you can sign and return with the £1 per session donations for our clubs and the money for external clubs. So from January, we will send all after school children clubs as letters so please ensure that your children check their bags and pass you the information to help making those decision. Trips and sporting events will continue to be completed online through the website.

Complimentary Carabao Cup tickets on offer to see United in action

We have had a fantastic festive offer for our school to come and see United in the Carabao Cup quarter-final action against Colchester on Wed 18th Dec, KO 20:00. We’ve been offered complimentary tickets for Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School to bring a group of juniors to the Theatre of Dreams (minimum required group booking size is one adult and four juniors). If there is anyone who would like to take a group of children and would like the complementary tickets, please let me know and I will claim them.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DATES FOR DIARY/CLUB INFORMATION

Class 4 Stockport Trip

Can I remind all parents to complete the trip survey by signing onto the school website so you have given consent for the trip. If we do not receive it, unfortunately, your child will not be able to go. If you are experiencing difficulties in logging on to the website, please let the school office know and they will be happy to help.

The Secrets Room

We are lucky to have our own Santa's helper in Christine Swarbrick who very kindly sources all the wonderful gifts available to children in the secrets room. Bretherton is such a special school because of the people who give their time, expertise and passion to creating wonderful experiences for our children....never leave us Christine....you're a star!

Our volunteers and readers

Thank you and see you next year to all our volunteer helpers. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and skilled support for our classes. Thank you for your time and commitment to school.

Opening for Clarinet Tuition

Mr Heptinstall has an opening for one Clarinet tuition on Tuesday mornings in school. For further information please contact him direct on 07460 116716.

DECEMBER

Sunday 15th Carol Service at St. John's 4.00pm
 Carol Service at Congregational Church 6.30pm
 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
 Tuesday 24th Christingle Service at St. John's Church 4.00pm

JANUARY 2020

Monday 6th School reopens

CLUBS – 1st HALF SPRING TERM 2020

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Games Club	Years 1/2/3	Mondays	3.15-4.15pm	13/1-10/2/20 (5 weeks)
Brass Band Club (Ongoing)	Class 3 + Private Tuition Pupils	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	14/1-11/2/20 (5 weeks)
S7 Olympics Club	Whole School	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15pm	15/1-12/2/20 (5 weeks)
Sewing Club	Year 6	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	16/1/20 ongoing
Computer Club	Years 3/4/5/6	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	16/1-6/2/20 (4 weeks)

REGULAR PRIVATE PROVIDER CLUB INFORMATION

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

CLUB	DAY	TIME	CONTACT DETAILS	Last Session	Restarts
TENNIS	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Stuart Grice—07709 816951	10/12/19	7/1/20
ART	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Rosie Stanfield—01772 601410	17/12/19	14/1/20
SPANISH	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Alison Powell—01772 616188	10/12/19	7/1/20
JUJITSU	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	Shaun McCabe—07808 536688	8/12/19	6/1/20