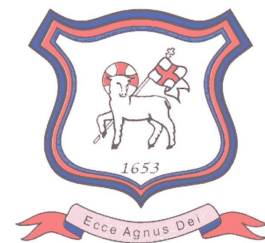


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

10th January 2020



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Welcome back to the Spring Term and thank you on behalf of all staff for the lovely gifts and good wishes before Christmas. We would like to wish you a happy and healthy 2020.

Handwriting Workshop

After requests in our Parent Questionnaire, we arranged to hold a Parent workshop on 'How We Teach Handwriting' in school so that you can support your child at home. We scheduled the session for 2.30pm on Wednesday 15th January 2020 on the calendar, however, we appreciate that during the day isn't always convenient for everyone. **So if you would like to come, please contact the School Office on 01772 600431/email bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk** or email us to let us know if you would prefer an after school session and we can rearrange this for the future. We will text you on Monday next week to confirm whether this will go ahead.

PTFA forthcoming events

We are fortunate to host a super early evening of entertainment with a performance by South Ribble Brass Band and a Burn's Night Supper straight after on **Tuesday 28th January 2020 commencing at 6.45pm**. The flyer is attached and is open to both school families and your friends and neighbours. Please contact the School office on 01772 600431 or email bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk stating how many tickets you want. Please support this as it is sure to be a great night.

Attendance and Lateness

Our school attendance rate for Autumn term is 96% and Lancashire guidelines are 97%. We always know that sickness and colds can cause our attendance data to fall this term but I do need to ask for your support in not booking activities and holidays within term time. Another issue that can avoid disruption to learning, is punctuality. We have an increasing number of children who are regularly late. Although 5 or 10 minutes doesn't sound a lot in a day of learning, being late can often delay lessons, cause the child anxiety as they are entering the classroom once the day routines have started, be distracting for others or worse still it may mean your child misses their opportunity to read or work with an adult in a planned activity. I would like to ask for your help in ensuring that your child/ren are in the playground for 8.50 for the 8.55 whistle. Thank you

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 **Tuesday 14th January 2020 at school 7.00pm**.

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 — *Respect*

In all things you yourself must be an example of good behaviour. Be sincere and serious in your teaching (Titus 2:7)

Jill, our cook, has been off work for a while now and we would like to wish her a speedy recovery. In the mean time, we have Mel cooking the Lancashire Catering Winter Menu and the food is lovely. If you have any questions about school lunches or would like your child to try, they are welcome to order a school lunch each day and you can discuss the menu with them by looking at the copies on the website under the 'NEWS' section.

Lancashire County Council catering has informed us that we will continue to offer wholemeal bread as toast for infants and juniors at break time and will remain at 20p per slice. Class 1 pay by the half term in advance with Classes 2/3/4 bringing in 20p each day.

Term dates 2020/2021

This week our term date cards were sent home with a Welcome Back letter. If you would like more copies for family please don't hesitate to pick them up from the School Office. They can be handy to keep in your wallet or purse. We also have a few blue parent calendars left if you want another for family so they can plan their visits to school. We hope that you find them useful.

Applications for Reception places 2020/2021

Please remember the date for finally applying for Reception places for Primary School is **Tuesday 15th January 2020**. If you have a faith reference, please remember that you can collect the Supplementary Form from the School Office or request via email bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk copy. It has been lovely to see the new faces at Pre-School each Thursday 1.30 -3.00pm. Contact the School Office if you would like your child to attend.

Homework

There are many documented opinions on the purpose and benefit of homework and we have seen many educational changes that could have left you confused. However, at Bretherton Endowed, we feel that homework allows children to practice and apply learning in class is invaluable in supporting learning in school. We believe reading at home is one of those essential experiences and even when you feel that your child is a fluent reader, your questioning and discussions around the book can really help with their comprehension and inference skills. We have also seen that children using Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed regularly, even for 10 minutes a day, are noticing the positive difference in their classwork. Thank you for your help in supporting your child's learning in this way. If we can do anything to help you, let us know. Let's see how much difference homework can really make!

Changes to our Key Stage 2 residentials 2020/2021

After speaking to our children, we would like to outline how we would provide those enriching and extra curricular experiences from this year. In Year 4/5 we would like to take the class to Hothersall Lodge, a Lancashire County Council, outdoor pursuits location near Longridge in the Ribble Valley for 2 days 1 night commencing 2021. The itinerary will include river studies, orienteering, outdoor pursuits, geographical field studies and team building activities which closely meet the National Curriculum expectations for their age and enhances our curriculum in school. This will be booked for March/April each year. This will have a rolling 2 year rolling programme so they have new learning activities each year.

In Year 6, they will continue to have the opportunity to visit Robinwood in February each year and will access the great team building challenges and activities that the children love. This will ensure that this visit is special and experienced in their last year at school with their friends.

This provision is a great way of maximising National Curriculum coverage and also offering fabulous experiences. The current Class 3 and 4 parents have received a separate letter highlighting the opportunities for their children in this first year of transition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Keeping everyone well

There are always coughs and colds at this time and year and we understand if you feel that your child needs medicine to help them. To keep everyone safe, please ensure that any medicine including calpol or medicated lozengers are passed to the School Office and on completion of our medical instruction forms, we will be happy to administer them in accordance with your wishes. It is important that children don't have any undisclosed medication in their bag, just in case used incorrectly. We want to minimise any sickness in school so all classes have been reminded of hand washing and general hygiene. Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school each day as if not, they may be tempted to share water or inadvertently use dirty cups or beakers. Please remember to prevent the spread of sickness, we would ask that your child returns to school 48 hours after the last sickness.

Winter is here and children will be playing out as much as possible, therefore please ensure that your child has a warm coat, gloves and hat for this chilly season.

Letters

Just a reminder for you from last term. 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 seem to 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 decisions. Trips and Sporting Events will continue to be completed online through the website.

Well done to Class 1 and 2 for a fabulous production at the end of the Autumn term. The DVD's will be available mid January. They will be sent home as soon as they arrive in school.

MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

We are nearly ready to arrange design and construction of our multi use games area that will extend our playground and enable children to play team games all through the year, especially when the field is too wet. Having consulted with our children, they want a larger space where they can play ball games—football, tag rugby, dodgeball to name a few. We will try and ensure that we facilitate this for them. This venture is expected to be funded from a lottery grant and donations.

Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Museum

Well done Year 6 for their excellent effort and questioning on their trip this week. We are always delighted (although not surprised) by the positive comments we receive from outside venues on the involvement and behaviour of our children whilst out and about.

Change in Bank Holiday May

As you are thinking of Summer and warmer times, may I remind you that there has been a change to the Bank Holiday in May. The Bank Holiday will be on Friday 8th May 2020 as part of a three day weekend to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Drama Classes Voucher

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy have given a free term's voucher of drama classes for one of our pupils. If your child is interested let the School Office know and their name will be put in a hat giving them the chance to be drawn at a later date.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DATES FOR DIARY/CLUB INFORMATION

JANUARY 2020

Tuesday 14th PTFA Meeting in school 7.00pm
 Wednesday 15th Handwriting Workshop 2.30pm (Whole school)
 Deadline for Primary Admissions September 2020
 Tuesday 28th PTFA Burns Night Event 6.30pm
 Thursday 30th Class 3 Assembly

FEBRUARY 2020

Thursday 6th Safer Internet Day Assembly 9.00am
 Thursday 13th PTFA Disco Infants 6-6.45pm, Juniors 7-8pm, £2 pay on the door
 Friday 14th School closes normal time 3.15pm

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	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