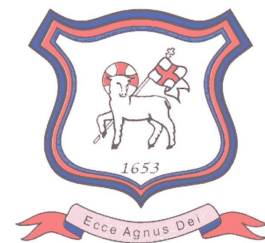


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

24th January 2020



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Handwriting Workshop

A letter was sent out this week to offer a later time for the handwriting workshop if you would like to attend. We appreciate everyone is busy so we'll add the Powerpoint and information page to the website on the English curriculum page. If you would like to attend, please complete the tear off slip on the letter. Thank you for supporting.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the children in Year 3 and 4 for representing school so well at the Sportshall Athletics Competition run by West Lancs Sports Partnership. Huge well done to children in Year 5 and 6 who also competed and won 'Gold' in the small school section and will be competing in Blackpool in March at the Lancashire Games representing all of West Lancs small schools. What shining stars!

Help with transport

Thank you also to parents who help with transport and sometimes stay. We would not be able to participate in the events we do without your help and are increasingly finding it difficult to staff and transport during the school day. If you can help at any time, (or have a minibus you don't need!!) please let us know so our children don't miss out on these great opportunities.

Online Safety including Images

Class 3 had a visit from the Chorley Community Police Officers in relation to staying safe online and in particular the area of sending images known as 'Sexting'. They participated well and were a credit to themselves and their families in the mature and responsible approach they had to the discussions and are now preparing an assembly for Year 6 to share their learning with them.

Money Management Education

We are fortunate to have 'Debt Aware' sessions in school with year 5 and 6 who cover in detail our PHSE money management curriculum. Not only do they teach children about money, its value and how to manage it, they also encourage our young debt aware ambassadors to prepare and lead the sessions and they do so with great enthusiasm and skills. They learn about debt, wages, budgeting, mortgages and credit which will help them in the future.

PTFA Update

See details at the end of the newsletter for some of the brilliant events that are coming up in this term.

Thanks to everyone for supporting and contributing to the PTFA .

The next meeting is on **Tuesday
25th February 2020 at 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 — *Respect* ***'I am always with you' Psalm 73:23***

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Linda Clement, a previous Headteacher at Bretherton Endowed passed away earlier this month. Some of our Governors and staff attended her funeral and passed on our condolences to her family. She was much loved.

Class 1 parents have asked me to mention that they felt they wanted to start a collection for Hayley Gaskell after the sad passing of Andrew Stewart last week. So if any of our school family would also like to contribute, please pass a sealed envelope to the school office by the end of next week and we will forward them on to the organisers.

When we have times of sadness within our school community, I am in awe of how our school family comes together to offer guidance, support and strength to all affected. This genuine care of others makes us the school we are, so thank you to all who have shared their condolences and thank you for looking out for each other.

'Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends' Corinthians : 13:7-8

Safe parking and speed in Bretherton

Last year our children canvassed Chorley BC in relation to the speeding that occurs in South Road which can put our children and their families in danger. Speaking to Lancashire Police, I have requested that they monitor this more closely in the future in an attempt to reduce speeds to the correct speed limit during school hours.

In addition, we recently had a visit from the Local Authority parking enforcement officers who identified parents parking incorrectly at the start of the school day. This is equally important for keeping everyone safe and they will be here again, so please ensure that you do not stop or park on or opposite the yellow lines and park responsibly away from the corner. The Church car park and area near the Congregational Chapel is available but please remember the school car park is only used by staff and visitors within the school day. Please ensure any parents, grandparents or family friends are aware so they don't get a ticket.

Relationship and Health Education

The Government has outlined their commitment for children to grow up healthy, happy, safe and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. So in September 2020, all primary age children will be taught Relationship and Health Education. There has been much publicised in the press regarding this and on occasions concerns have arisen from a lack of clarity of the content to be taught or consultation with parents.

At Bretherton Endowed, we consulted our parents on our Sex and Relationship Education, which forms part of our PHSE (Personal, Health, Social and Emotional) education content 2 years ago and as a result are happy with the age appropriate content that we include. This new focus has some additions but is mostly in line with our current practice. In order to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the curriculum and our parents, we will be sending out a letter and providing a copy of the draft policy on the website for your perusal. We welcome any feedback in relation to any specific content or the links between our developmentally appropriate content and religious background of our pupils. We have sought advice from the Diocese of Blackburn and have worked hard to ensure that this is included within our policy. We will be presenting our final policy and curriculum content to our school Governors at the end of February if you would like to contribute, let me know your views before then. We will then commence the curriculum in the Summer 2020.

Swiss student teachers

If you feel able to house a Swiss student teacher for 2 weeks early July (details in the letter attached) please email or call the School Office and we will arrange this. Previously, this was a great opportunity for everyone concerned as we learned about education outside the UK and they supported our teaching and learning in class whilst they apply their teacher training in a different setting.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Toddlers

On Friday we hold our wonderful Toddler session in the school hall from 9.15—11.00am for anyone who wants to come and gather together with their young children. We have child minders, parents, grandparents and the beautiful little ones who seem to grow each week. Traditionally Mrs Hudson has been involved with the very able assistance of Christine Swarbrick and other visitors, however with her brilliant Forest School training and teaching and learning support in Class 1, we need her in class.

Kindly, Christine has offered to continue to support the group and Naomi Mangnall has also said she can help so this group can continue successfully. However, if you enjoy coming and feel that you would like or could help in any way, please call in on Friday and mention it to them so they can keep you in the loop with activities and sessions. The Year 6 Toddler team will continue to be a fabulous help in setting up the session and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hudson for her hard work and skills in Toddlers for all those years.

PTFA Events

So all of these brilliant events are well planned and organised but cannot run without help from volunteers. If you can help with any of these, please contact Tasha Leech (Dexter's mum in Class 2) or any other members of the PTFA with your offer of help.

South Ribble Brass Band and Burns supper is on **Tuesday 28th January**. Tickets are only £6.00 per person and there is a bar. This is our first band evening and we are delighted to be offer this. It is set to be a great community evening.

Our **school disco is on Thursday 13th February** is always great fun. Class 1 and Class 2 is 6.00-6.45pm where reception parents are encouraged to stay and 7.00-8.00pm Class 3 and 4. Year 3 are free to choose which disco they attend.

Our **Mothers Day afternoon tea is on Friday 20th March** and this is such a lovely event starting straight after school. A letter will be sent for booking on early March. Such a lovely event—I can't wait.

Eyes down for **Easter Bingo on Thursday 2nd April** with food served immediately before. Keep the date free. We will be holding a non uniform day the week before to collect donations of chocolate for prizes.

Exciting **new event on 16th May 2020**. Watch this space for a new evening event for parents but add the date to your calendar now just in case.

A message from Rosie Stanfield

A warm and friendly welcome awaits all who would like to come along and join us at Art Club in 2020. Children are encouraged to try different techniques and crafts, have fun and sometimes get messy! We experiment with paint, pastel, charcoal, tie-dyeing and paper crafts to name but a few.

** Early learning in the use of art and craft materials has been proven to improve children's neural pathways and help boost intellectual achievements, in a fun way!**

This term will be full of exciting arts and crafts with Winter topics first, then Spring and Easter coming up.

Some weeks we have a little competition with points awarded. At the end of each term we have prizes, certificates and presents for everyone!

Art Club meets on Tuesdays in Bretherton from 3.20-4.30pm.

For further information please contact Rosie Stanfield on 01772 601410 or 07534 369861

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DATES FOR DIARY/CLUB INFORMATION

DATES FOR DIARY—1st HALF SPRING TERM 2020

JANUARY 2020

Tuesday 28th PTFA Burns Night Event 6.45pm

Thursday 30th Class 3 Assembly

FEBRUARY 2020

Monday 3rd Handwriting Workshop 5.00pm (Whole school)

Thursday 6th Safer Internet Day Assembly 9.00am For children only

Thursday 13th PTFA Disco Infants 6-6.45pm, Juniors 7-8pm, £2 pay on the door

Friday 14th School closes normal time 3.15pm

Monday 24th 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	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