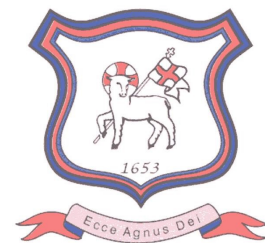


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter



13th March 2020

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Parent Evening next week

By now you will be able to access the Parent Evening booking process on the smart phone app or through our website login. Thank you for booking online—it is designed to make it quick and easy for you. All meetings are 5 minutes and will celebrate your child's successes. In addition you will receive a mini report showing whether your child is 'on track' and a few ways to support your child in their learning.

Remember, if you feel that you need more time than 5 minutes, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time. We are looking forward to sharing your child's books and learning with you.

Just a couple of extra bits of information:

Mrs Williams— Class 1; Mrs Clarke— Class 2; Mrs Allchurch—Wilson Suite; Mrs Smith—Class 4

Tuesday's Parents Evening, books will be in the hall. Staff will collect you for your appointment

Thursday's Parents Evening. Books will be in the HUB. The HUB will be relocated to Class 3.

Bikeability

Our Year 5 and a few Year 6 pupils will be completing their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability training next week. Level 1 is competed on our playground and then if they pass, it progresses onto the road for 2 further sessions in Level 2. We had planned the provision to be in Summer term, however there is a risk that funding will stop past Easter so decided to get the trainers on board now. Thank you to our families for getting the bikes and gear ready. We'll let you know how they all get on. We will try and secure this again next year at this time so Year 4, it'll only be 12 months until you will be completing the course— add riding a cycle if it isn't already, to your Summer to do list!

Coronavirus

Obviously there is a lot in the news regarding school closures and the Coronavirus and I can appreciate it would be helpful to all to have a decision. Please see the attached letter.

PTFA Update

Thank you for supporting school through our PTFA. WE are always looking for new members and people to come and share their ideas with us. We are beginning to look at potential spending for next school year so please come to the next meeting to hear our plans.

See the calendar for the next event information

PLEASE NOTE : Slips/payments for any PTFA events e.g. Mother's Day should be in an envelope with your child's name and what it is for written on the front together with the correct money. These payments are not dealt with in the School Office. Remember to post them in the red post box outside the main entrance. Thank you.

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 — *Lent*

John 10:10

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sponsorship event—we actually achieved over 275000 steps in total so achieved just over 4 marathons altogether. We appreciate your generosity and would like to ask that all sponsorship monies come into school early next week. We hope to be able to buy 10-12 new tables with the funding so children can have their lunch together.

Break time snacks

Can we remind children and families that brown toast is available at break time each day for 20p through the school kitchen or you can bring fruit for a snack. We would like to encourage children to have one of the above snacks rather than a wide variety of other types of snack or eating some of their lunch early so that we can support Lancashire's 'reduce sugar' initiatives and reduce/minimise products that may be coming into school that could be a risk to any children with food allergies or who may be intolerant.

Hothersall Lodge

Class 3 will be visiting Hothersall Lodge in Longridge on 22nd April 2020 for a full day of Geographical skills and team building. This is a taster for the revised residential trips planned for next school year where Class 3 will go for 2 days, 1 night to Hothersall Lodge and Class 4 will go to Robinwood. Thank you to parents for your support. We are certain they will all have a great day.

Heating in school

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Hitchen One Stop Hire for support in our heating issues, Mrs Ashcroft for transporting some donated tables and Mr Warren for his generous donation of some 2nd hand tables we can use in the hall. I can now confirm that the heating issues have been rectified and we are back to full strength. Thank you to our children and staff for their patience and good spirits during this time.

MUGA

We have booked the installation of our Multi Use Games Area in the Easter holidays. This great sporting area would not be possible at all if it was not for the generous grant of £10000 from the Awards For All, lottery grant and our Feoffees who have generously agreed to pay the shortfall. This would not be possible from our school budget so we are extremely grateful. And to the Sports Leaders for their involvement, market research with the children in school and suggestions—
THANK YOU

Congratulations to Class 3 for their hard work on times tables. They have worked hard at school and home through Times Tables Rock Star App and are more than ready for any maths questions. The year 4 children will be completing their multiplication checks after Easter and we are confident they will do brilliantly.

School Lunches

Just to let you know that our Spring/Summer menus will be coming out soon to allow you to talk to your child about their lunch time choices. Staff in the hall every day report how the school dinner choices are fresh, homemade and delicious so we hope that you access them if your child would like a warm lunch. Our Year 6 welfare helpers have been amazing and are a huge asset in their selfless support of their role. If you have any feedback to lunches, please let me know as we are continually trying to improve the provision.

Good luck Year 5/6 SportsHall Athletics team in the Lancashire FINAL next week. You will be great! Let's bring back the trophy!

Walking home

If your child is in upper key stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) and you would like them to walk home on their own, please ensure we have a letter/email on file to confirm this. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Thank you for supporting **Sports Relief** at the request of our health ambassadors. It was great to see so many children dressing in their favourite sports gear. Thank you for Class 1 for coming in their uniform for their assembly and then changing straight after.

Speaking of which, well done class 1 for a superb 'Animal' themed assembly. You spoke brilliantly and performed the bible story 'Noah's Ark' and you were brilliant! Thank you to you and your teachers for an enjoyable assembly.

At the assembly, all reception children received a children's bible—bought by the PTFA and presented by Tommy Wilson (Chair of Governors) as a gift at the start of their time with Bretherton. Thanks to all concerned—what a lovely gift to keep. The School Council wanted to celebrate **Red Nose Day on Friday 13th march** (today) so you may see some red noses in and around school. Any donations will be passed on to the charity.

World Book Day—storytelling

What a great day last Thursday with Rogan Mills visiting school to work with every class in storytelling and constructing and editing their own writing. The children were excited and engaged and having read a few of the stories, I can tell you they had some great ideas.

Year 6 parents were invited to a **KS2 SAT's meeting** this week. Our ethos supports educating the whole child and not narrowing the curriculum in favour of English and Maths. However, SAT's are part of life and we feel it is important that our children feel confident and prepared so we are spending some time on test technique. If you were unable to attend, please have a look at our Class 4 page for a copy of the documents and Powerpoint. Thank you for supporting us in educating your child and do not hesitate to contact school if you have any other questions.

Next week our Ethos group will be writing and rehearsing our Mother's Day worship (**Thursday 19th March 9.05am**). They have worked hard in writing prayers and poems and putting it all together. Our fantastic Bretherton Endowed choir will be performing their Performing Arts Festival song—truly fantastic.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea—20th March

Remember to get your tickets and book your place. This is one of the busiest PTFA events over the school year and so lovely to see everyone sharing and spending time together. Have you booked your place/table for the event?

Easter activities

Remember on the Friday 27th March there is a non uniform for the PTFA for donations of chocolate for our Easter Bingo On 2nd April, our PTFA will be holding our Easter Bingo—thanks Tommy for agreeing to be our excellent caller.

On 3rd April, we will be holding our Easter Bonnet competition and Easter Rolling competition. For our new parents in school, anyone can decorate an Easter bonnet. We parade around the school to show everyone our creative skills and the winners get an Easter basket of goodies. The Egg Rolling is another Bretherton tradition, where your child brings in a hard boiled egg—decorated or not to roll against other children in their class. We have winners in each year group and it is always a super fun event!.

You are all invited to our **Easter Assembly in St John's Church on 3rd March at 2.15pm** for our own reflections of the Easter story where we can share in this festival together.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DATES FOR DIARY/CLUB INFORMATION

The 'EVENT' Saturday 16th May 2020—Keep the date free!

The PTFA will be writing to you soon about a brilliant night out for our school community where we will co ordinate a night of good food and music with fun ways of fundraising to boost school funds for enrichments for your children. This is our bi-annual event and this year it will include a singer, DJ and well stocked bar. Our brilliant PTFA members are already seeking out local businesses to support our raffle for the night. If you feel that you can source any raffle prizes or sponsor the bar (details to follow), please let the PTFA members know. Thank you in advance for supporting this—come on—you'll have a great night!

Another date for your diary is **Monday 18th May 2020** where we will be holding a 'History Day'. On this day we would like to ask our children to come dressed up as a character in history. In the week before, we will be asking children for homework to create an information page, diary entry or biography of their historic character and we will form a human timeline so children can see key events and people in history. Our plan is to hold a brief assembly on the Monday morning to share their brilliant costumes with you. This will launch our History and Arts week where our children will participate in a wide variety of drama, art, design, music, performance and fun linked to a period in history. If you would like to help in any way—please let us know.

MARCH 2020

Monday 16th	PTFA Meeting 7.00pm in School
Thursday 19th	Mothers' Day Assembly led by Ethos 9.00am
Friday 20th	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea (NO Celebration Assembly)
Tuesday 24th	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30pm
Thursday 26th	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 27th	PTFA Non Uniform Day for Easter Bingo

APRIL 2020

Thursday 2nd	PTFA Easter Bingo
Friday 3rd	Egg Rolling & Bonnet Competition
	Easter Service in Church 2.15pm
	School Closes normal time 3.15pm

CLUBS—2nd HALF SPRING TERM 2020

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Dance	Years 3/4/5/6	Mondays	3.15-4.15pm	2/3-30/3/20 (5 weeks)
Brass Band Club (Ongoing)	Class 3 + Private Tuition Pupils	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	25/2-31/3/20 (6 weeks)
Dodgeball	Whole School	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15pm	4/3-1/4/20 (5 weeks)
Chess Club	Years 3/4/5/6	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	27/2-2/4/20 (6 weeks)
Sewing Club	Year 6	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	16/1/20 ongoing
Fencing Club	Years 3/4/5/6	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	5/3-2/4/20 (5 wks)

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