



Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School



Date 26th June 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone working hard at home on your Education at Home lessons. The teachers are happy to see and hear what you have been doing. Do not forget to send us pictures of the great things you are getting up to using the website or emailing learning@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk. We do miss everyone hugely, so it has been great over the last 2 weeks for teachers to chat to you and your children. We will continue this until the end of term, but if you need anything in between calls, please feel free to give us a ring.

We hope that you have been enjoying the sunshine over the last few days whilst staying safe in the sun.

Further opening

We have opened up school further this week and welcomed back classes of our Reception children and Year 6. Thank you to our parents for adhering to the social distance guidance and the one-way systems that we have in place. It was lovely to see them all and they have settled well to our new routines.

Our Year one children returning are in school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and will be joined by our younger keyworker children on those days. As with all groups, there will be no more than 15.

Availability

I have asked keyworker parents over the last 2 weeks to let school know if they need any sessions so that we can arrange provision. These sessions are used where parents are keyworkers and cannot keep their child safe at home. We are now approaching the limit of numbers in those groups based on the staffing and rooms we have available. This is unfortunate, but this is the situation we are in.

Therefore, in summary, **we will be unable to accept any further children of keyworkers before the end of term.** If you are in a position where a session is needed, please contact me and we will operate a waiting list to monitor numbers.

School lunches

Any children in school now can access a school packed lunch. For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they can have a free universal school meal so will have a packed lunch provided by school. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, they too will have a lunch provided. If your child is in Year 3,4,5,6 and in school, they can order on the day a school packed lunch for the cost of £2.30. If your child orders a lunch, the cost will be added to the online parent payment facility.

New Reception 2020

It has been lovely to meet our new Reception children as they have collected their learning packs this week. Thank you to Mrs Williams, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Hudson for preparing an array of great learning. From a reading book to keep, to stationary and books to use, we cannot wait to find out how you get on. We are delighted to welcome 15 new starters in September to join our lovely school.

Finding your wings

I have some wonderful news to share with you. Mrs Glew (yes our amazing Mrs Glew who we all love and is GREEEEEEAT at all things sport and active) has been accepted onto a course , starting September, to become a Teacher. I am sure it will come as no surprise that the University, snapped her up as they, just as we do, can see the HUGE asset she will be to the teaching profession. Mrs Glew's big heart and infectious energy has had an impact on everyone- staff, families, children, and her leaving will leave a hole in our school that will be tricky to fill. However, we do hope that this is not strictly goodbye, as we would love to help her anytime, during her course.

'The sign of a beautiful person is that they always see the beauty in others' Thank you to Vanessa for seeing the beauty in our children and our school. We are delighted that it is the right time for her to reach for the stars and we wish her every success and happiness on her new adventure.

Summer reading challenge

Mrs Clarke and our teachers cannot wait to tell you about a summer reading challenge. Further details can be found at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/summer-reading-challenge/>

Watch out next week for information on our virtual sports day. This is something we can all take part in.

It was lovely to read that St John the Baptist Church was opening for private prayer. Thank you to Rev Michael and all involved in the Church for working hard for our community during this time.

I would like to thank you for your support and understanding at this time. We are here for any questions that you have so please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help.

Alison Moxham

Head Teacher