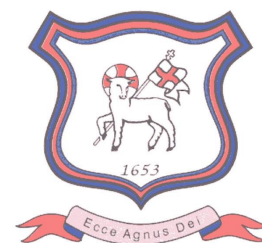


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

12th March 2021



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Welcome Back to you all! We are so happy to see and hear the children in school. They have settled back into learning well—impressing their teachers. Staff will be re-connecting with your child, their learning and their feelings. Reading is a high priority and so the homework letter this week has outlined that reading will be our focus for homework in the next couple of weeks along with time tables and number work.

Bikeability next week

Next week, year 5 and a few year 6 will be completing their bikeability training level 1 and 2 so will need their **bikes, helmets and warm clothing** in school (tracksuit bottoms and waterproof coats). If easier, you can bring your cycles in on Monday—store them at the back of the car park until they are needed and they can remain in the school hall until the sessions end on Wednesday.

Class 1

Mrs Greenhalgh is delighted to be working with Year 1 Monday to Thursday morning , while Mrs Williams is working with reception children. We feel that this will support our youngest children in school to reduce the impact of the two lockdowns and through personalised learning support them in reaching their end of year expectations. So children in class 1 will have homework set by the two teachers linked to reading and phonics linked to their class teaching.

Golden Time

Thank you so much for sharing your brilliant photographs of lockdown learning and home Golden Time antics. It was so lovely to see how much they enjoyed their activities. We will be creating a display in the school hall and we will keep it there until you can join us in the hall to see it.

Pre school

We are looking to commence Pre School sessions from **Thursday 18th March 1.30—3.00** with Mrs Vincent. We can't wait to invite our Pre schooler's back into school.

Parking near school

Please can I ask everyone bringing or collecting their children to take care on the road outside school. We have noticed since our return that cars are parking very close to school and the yellow zig zag lines and this could put a child or family in danger when they are crossing the road. Please drive and park responsibly for everyone's safety.

Please can I ask families not to enter or exit out of the car park gates as I am concerned about your safety. Also, it is important that you do not pull in and reverse out of the carpark—this could easily harm a child.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who joined in the PTFA world book day quiz. We had over 20 families with 57 participants. It was a bit of fun—some too easy, some harder but everyone enjoyed it so we may be able to plan another one later this school year if we can't meet in person.

We will get our thinking caps on as to how we can hold our usual Easter Bingo remotely. Can't wait.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Can we remind all families of the importance of following the Covid guidance in relation to experiencing symptoms, family members displaying symptoms and self isolating. If you would like any details on how to order lateral flow tests, please let us know and we will share the link.

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 @Bretherton



Remember our door is always open— contact us on bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

FURTHER INFORMATION

Romans 15:13

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'

Chromebooks

With anything new, there are bound to be some teething problems but we will try and ensure their use is as smooth as possible. Thank you again for supporting this—teachers are very excited to use them to support learning. If we could ask you to charge the chromebook over night so the children have enough charge for the full day in school.

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Swimming for Class 2

We have heard from West Lancs Sports Partnership that they hope to commence swimming after 12th April. Their risk assessment in relation to Covid-19 measures that will be put in place for the pool, changing and transport are on the website under curriculum and PE. We are encouraged that this can be offered as water safety is an important life skill.

Class 3 Brass—Wider Opportunities

Please can we ask Class 3 and any private lessons to bring their instruments each Tuesday.

PE Kits including trainers

Please could we ask all pupils to have their PE kits and trainers in school every day as we will be more active in lessons and will be looking at enriching your children's experience now we are back by inviting different sports coaches in. This week we have had a Lancashire cricket coach in and the children were brilliant.

Parent Governor

Thank you for your involvement in our Parent Governor Elections, the ballots have been counted and it was a close result. The candidate with the higher number of votes was Mrs Fowler (Mother of Reggie, Rudi and Margo) and she will be appointed our parent governor for the next 4 years from 5th March. I would like to thank Danielle Davidson, our existing parent governor, for the time and expertise that she has given to the role over the last 4 years. We are grateful for our dedicated governors for their hard work and strategic planning in school.

Welcome back Vanessa

We would like to give a BIG welcome back to Mrs Glew, who has come back to Bretherton to complete her last student teacher placement in Class 3. She will be working alongside Mrs Allchurch and Miss Hymers in the next couple of weeks and then teaching the class towards the end of the summer term. We are really proud of her.

Bags 4 school

Please don't forget that if you have any clothes, duvets, paired shoes or bedding that you do not need and would like to recycle (especially as the charity shops are not open) please return them to school in the bags provided or bin liners before **Tuesday 16th March**. Please leave them in the front entrance hall. Thanks for supporting this as we are looking to raise money for the school.

Donations of Books

Thank you to the Gibbons family for donating some fantastic books to our class libraries. We do appreciate this as the children love to see new and a wide variety of books on offer for home reading. If you have any good quality books, please leave these in the entrance hall too. We'll definitely put them to good use.

Thank you

I would like to say thank you to the Layfield trust for donating money to support technology for families and school.

Also to Nancy's family for their donation of two Perspex screens that will help welcome volunteers back into school to read with our children.

In addition, we have received support from Lancashire County Council and DFE to provide some laptops for use in school.

Book hunt

Please could I ask all families to keep an eye out for our Book Hunt packs and return to school so we can restock our library with the books again. We've over 30 books still in the village and it would be lovely to have them back once your children have read them. Perhaps we can do it again later in the year.

Adult learning Easter Events

Family Learning team at Lancashire Adult Learning would like you to know about the FREE Family Learning Events they have running over the Easter Holidays: https://padlet.com/Family_Learning_LAL/familycourses

Clubs

We are busy planning some after school clubs for our children after Easter. We will let you know the options as soon as we can.