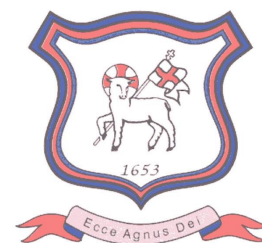


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

26th March 2021



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

It has been brilliant to have the children back in school and each class has been spending the last couple of weeks, observing, questioning and planning to support children's return to learning in school. We are grateful for all you have done at home to support remote learning as this has helped children recap and build on their knowledge now they are back. We have been supporting children in friendships and playtimes as they reconnect with each other, modelling kind conversations, sharing and co-operating in games. Still eating and playing in their class bubbles will support rebuilding friendships.

Covid-19

Staff are continuing their Lateral Flow testing twice weekly and anyone with a child at Primary school, High school or college can apply for a pack of tests through the post from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Thank you for following the guidance. Just a reminder of the guidance in relation to anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or anyone within the household testing positive.

- Please do not attend school if your child is unwell with the Covid-19 symptoms and seek a test.
- If a member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms, keep your child off school until the test result has been received. If positive, they need to self isolate for 10 days. If negative, your child can return to school.

Easter preparations

We are excited to have our traditional Easter egg rolling competition this Friday. All children are welcome to bring into school a decorated hard boiled egg and over the day, each class will roll it down our special ramp on the playground. The winner is the one that travels the furthest in one piece. There will be a competition for the best decoration in each year group and the furthest roll in each class.

I have attached a home pack of activities from the Diocese. Hope you enjoy them

Uniform

Traditionally, we would return after the Easter holiday and would ask your child to wear their summer uniform of light blue gingham dresses and grey shorts. However, we appreciate that this year, your children may not have had their wear out of their winter uniform and we wouldn't want to ask you to buy extra. So your child is able to wear either up to the end of the summer term. We have planned class photographs next term but we will accommodate this.

Welcome Mrs Tomkins

We are delighted to advise you that Mrs Tomkins will be working as a teaching assistant at Bretherton, starting after Easter, three afternoons a week in Key Stage 2 classes. Her role will really support our curriculum enrichment and additional catch up sessions.

PTFA

We will be holding our Easter Bingo in school on Thursday this week for children to enjoy. Lots of fun and prizes are all ready!

Thank you to the Co-op for their community support awards as they have awarded us £1000 towards the development of our outside area. The funds they provided last year, will be spent later this year for a Daily Mile running track on the school field.

Any other charities or match funding initiatives that you know about— please let us know.

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 @BrethertonEP



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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

FURTHER INFORMATION

- *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

Swimming for Class 2

Just a reminder that swimming for all children in class 2 will commence on Monday 12th April (first day back). We are looking forward to getting these sessions started. 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.

The Hub

We are delighted to inform you that we will be back to full staffing at the Hub after Easter and so will be able to resume our usual morning and afternoon hours. As usual, please book your child's place at the Hub using the Hub mobile number 07957 302125 where possible the week before the sessions but at least 24 hours before the session required. Thank you in advance for supporting this.

We are unable to maintain the class bubbles when using the Hub, although, all other aspects of our risk assessment will be followed. When attending, children will form a new bubble so if any child within the Hub has symptoms, the Hub children who were within contact of them, will be asked to self isolate too until a test result has been returned.

After school clubs after Easter

We have planned some after school sports clubs after Easter to support physical health and wellbeing . We know so many children will have missed their sports training and may not have been as physically active in lockdown and so we are delighted to be able to offer the following:

- **Football skills** after school Thursdays starting 22nd April 2021 3.15—4.30.

We are pleased to be able to offer a Football skills after school club for children in **Year 3,4,5,6** run by 'The Professional Player Academy' who have been recommended by West Lancs Sports Partnership. There are approximately 20 places and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. It will run for 6 weeks ending w/e 28th May (full half term) and will cost £30 per child (£5 per session). A letter with the agreement has been sent and needs to be returned by **Tuesday 13th April 2021 or earlier**. Paper copies can be obtained from the school office. Sessions will be outside so warm clothing is needed and shin pads will need to be worn.

Rugby skills after school Fridays starting Friday 16th April.

We are pleased to offer a Rugby based after school club for children in **Year 3,4,5,6** run by The Sale Sharks School Programme. It will run for 6 weeks and will be a cost of £24 for the six weeks (equivalent of £4.00 per session). Payment will be £24 payable through school money once your child has been allocated place.

Dance after school club on Tuesday starting 20th April

We are delighted to be able to offer a dance after school club run by Louise Ross for any child in Year 1,2,3. The cost of the session will be £24 for the 6 weeks (£4 per session). A letter will be sent this week and places booked by 13th April.

Pre school

It was lovely to welcome our Pre school children back in school last week. The Reception places for September 2021 will be informed into April and then we can commence our transition arrangements. However, in the meantime, we have enjoyed getting to know them again.

Croston Trinity Methodist Church

Thank you for your lovely donations of Easter gifts for our hard working staff team. Your generosity has touched our hearts and we are grateful. We love our school and our children and it is a pleasure to have them back in school.

Thank you

We are grateful for Mrs Cowburn's Mum who has knitted a lovely gift for class 1 for Easter. We are blessed to have such support.

To Isabelle's mum, Christine for your generous donation to school. We will be using it to enrich our curriculum resources for class 1. Thank you for thinking of us.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Rock and River

We are excited to inform you that we have arranged a day visit to Rock and River at Mawdsley in June/July for Class 3 and 4. We were disappointed that we are unable to go on our planned residential for both classes this year and so wanted to make sure this was booked in. We will send a letter out after the holidays but are hopeful that we can run this visit with it being local and children are kept within their bubbles.

Bikeability

Congratulations to Year 5 and some Year 6 last week for their fantastic effort and outstanding behaviour while on their bikeability sessions. They were a credit to you and our school.

All passed the Bikeability levels and we are expecting their badges and certificates soon.

Bags 4 school

Thank you for your support of the Bags4school initiative. It raised over £100 for school.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who attended with something red last Friday. We had fun telling jokes <https://youtu.be/bPz9tTvJ2SA> and having fun quizzes. Thank you to Mrs Clarke for organising with the school council and your generosity– we raised over £160 for this worthwhile charity.

Devices at home

After lockdown, and the use of 1 to 1 devices, children have more access to devices than ever before. I would just like to highlight the importance of overseeing your child's use of technology at home, in particular if the devices are in their bedrooms. Conversations with children have identified that sometimes, some children are on devices in their bedroom quite late at night communicating with others in school or watching/playing games and we know that sleep is so important to children of all ages. Let's work together to ensure that all our pupils are safe online and if you feel you need anything in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact school. We will continue to include online safety education along side our computing curriculum as we use the technology more.

Blue Peter Badges

If you're looking for some things to do this Easter, take a look at this website for information on how to apply for one.

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges

Easter remote fun

Easter 'Egg'stravaganza (online)

Thurs 1st April, 1pm-2:30pm

For children aged 3-6 and their parents/ carers

Join us for an 'Egg 'citing time this Easter in the comfort of your own home! Our family learning session will take place on Thursday 1st April, and will comprise of special spring themed games, quizzes and crafts.

Enrol link: https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12618

Family Learning Spring fair (online)

Sat 27th March, 10am-11:30am

For primary school aged children and their parents/ carers

Get online and join us as a family on our Family Learning Spring Fair. Take part in lots of fun and exciting seasonal themed crafts, games and activities. Resource packs will be provided so you can take part from home.

Enrol link: https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12429

NEW-Let's Do LEGO- Family Challenge (online)

Monday 29th March, 1-2:30pm

For primary school aged children and their parents/ carers

ALL NEW Let's Do LEGO-Family Challenge. We had so much fun on the last LEGO Challenge that we've a brand new session ready to go! Come along, have fun and build up your STEM skills too! Resource packs provided- but you will need LEGO at home. Enrol link: https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12425

Easter Activities from WLSP

Also see the attached documents for West Lancs Sports Easter events.

The Lancashire County Council HAF Easter Offer

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, our Easter offer will be an online programme delivered between the Tuesday 6th and Friday 9th April 2021; consisting of exclusive online content supported by a digital activity pack. We at [Youth Action](#) are going to deliver the '**Discover Camp**' <https://discovercamp.youthaction.org.uk>, and this will be available to **all** children and young people of primary and secondary school age, regardless of FSM status.

The Offer

- **Digital Activity Packs**
 - **Exclusive live daily online workshops/ activities** with a range of fun workshops/ activities to suit all ages (6 live sessions per day!)
 - **Competitions and quizzes** with some great prizes!

Sign Up Process

The sign up process is very simple:

- 1) Parents/ carers need to go online: <https://discovercamp.youthaction.org.uk>
- 2) Click on '*Sign Up*'
- 3) Fill in the brief sign up form
- 4) They will receive an email confirmation, once submitted

It's really simple, and only takes a few minutes!