

BRETHERTON ENDOWED C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

*Learning together, growing together, achieving together, caring together
within our Christian family.*



12th September 2016

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,



We've settled into our classes and after our first week, it was lovely to see so many smiles and skips coming back into school.

Thank you to those who attended the 'Meet the Head teacher' sessions. I hope that you found them informative and I thank you for your positive feedback and ideas for school improvement.

Welcome to our reception children who have successfully negotiated their first three half days and they are all ready for their full days commencing Wednesday. Our fantastic PTFA are holding their 'Tea and Tissue' gathering at 9.00 on Wednesday morning in the Wilson Suite. You are most welcome to come and share your first couple of days' experiences and a chat to other families.

We also welcomed another new family to Bretherton school this week. Special welcome to Tobias and Neo Ackerman who have settled in well too.

I would also like you to share in our good news that Mrs Rowley is expecting her first child at the beginning of February. We would all like to pass on our congratulations and best wishes at this special time.

Your children may have come home talking about our Christian Value this half term. We have chosen '**Responsibility**'. Teaching children to take responsibility for their actions, learning and resources enables them to see the value of good choices. Being responsible is a key to children's success both in school and in the larger world. Already children are articulating ways they have taken responsibility for how they feel and the feelings of others.

Reminders

The school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.15 p.m. Children are welcome to enter the school playground at 8.45 where a member of staff is on duty. Punctuality is so important for social and organisational reasons, as a bad start to the day can affect a child's work. If your child arrives after registration, they will be recorded as late.

Your child's safety is paramount so I would ask you to take care when parking outside school at the start and end of the school day. Please do not park near the zig zag lines and due to its limited size, would ask that our car park is only used by staff and parents dropping off and collecting children from before and after school club, before 8.45 and past 3.30

Children have come back to school looking very smart and know to take responsibility for their jumpers and coats- being named really helps them with this. Jewellery should not be worn. If your child has pierced ears, small studs may be worn but will have to be removed for P.E. lessons and swimming. As children may have games or P.E. on any day during the week, please ensure their PE kit is in school.

Dates for Your Diary.

Extra-Curricular Activities

All clubs will begin week beginning 26th September, except Art Club and Spanish Club, which start this week. A separate letter will come home later this week with information about what is being offered this term, and the permission slips where applicable. A huge thank you to all the staff, who run clubs voluntarily in their own time.

Spanish Club - The Tuesday Spanish Club will be re-starting Tuesday 13th September, running from 3.20 - 4.20 pm. The club caters for children of all ages and abilities. The cost of the club will be £69.75 for the year. If your child would like to attend please collect a form from the school office.

Music Lessons - Mr Heptinstall has 4 places available for music lessons within school on Thursday morning. Mr Heptinstall has places for clarinet, alto saxophone and keyboard. Please contact him on 07460 116716 if you are interested.

Admissions - Reception 2016 and Secondary School Places

You can now apply via www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools for school places for next September. The closing dates are as follows:

Secondary (Y7 in Sept 2016) - 31st October 2015

Primary (Rec in Sept 2016) - 15th January 2016

Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information. If you know anyone who is interested in joining our school please call our school office to arrange an informal look around. The dates on offer are: 22/9 27/9 5/10 18/10

If you are unable to make those dates, please do not hesitate to contact us for a mutually convenient time. We look forward to seeing you so you can share in the Bretherton experience.

High school open evenings: Held for year 5 and year 6 pupils

Albany Academy open evening on Thursday 29th September from 5.00pm.

Bishop Rawsthorne on Wednesday 28th September from 5.00pm

Tarleton High School on Thursday 22nd September from 5.30pm

Penwortham Girls High School on Tuesday 11th October from 6.15pm

Hutton Grammar Boys School on Tuesday 27th September from 5.45pm

Thank you for your continued support

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