

# BRETHERTON ENDOWED C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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



**26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,**



**Harvest services-** It was lovely to see many of our children at the Harvest Service on Sunday at the Congregational Chapel. Children in the Brigade led part of the service and helped us understand how important Water is in the world. As a school, we would like to celebrate Harvest at St John the Baptist Church **at 11.00 (not 10.30 as previously advised) on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.** At this service our children will be involved in the procession of Harvest Gifts and would like to ask them to wear their school uniform. We would like to accept donations for the Harvest Gift box up until Wednesday this week. Thank you to everyone who has already donated, your kindness and generous gifts are appreciated. Thank you for Class 1 in preparing them for the service.

We would like to invite you to a **whole school Harvest celebration** at St John the Baptist **on Friday at 9.15.** Each class will discuss their harvest preparation and sing together. We would love it if you could share this with us by meeting us there at 9.15. It will last approximately 40 minutes.

**Jean Lloyd-** On Friday, we were all saddened to hear the news that our friend and former colleague, Jean Lloyd, had sadly passed away. Jean, who had worked for many years as a Welfare Assistant at our school, will be sorely missed by everyone at Bretherton. She will be remembered fondly as a genuinely loving lady who treated all the children at our school with kindness, warmth and understanding. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies go to Jean's family at this extremely difficult time.

**Buddies-** Our reception class will be meeting their year 5 buddies this week. The 'Buddies' will be there to support our new starters and over the year we will provide a calendar of activities where they will learn and play together. For example, teddy bear picnics, reading sessions and outdoor play. This is a lovely way of building relationships and I am sure our Year 5 pupils will love the opportunity and responsibility to guide and support our youngest children.

**Data Collection Sheets** -Please ensure these are returned **as soon as possible this week.** Please remember to still return them signed even if there are no errors.

**New Reception Parents-** It is our second Reception parent's induction evening tonight in school at 6.00pm. You are most welcome, however if you cannot make it, we will ensure all documents are sent home.

**Open Evening-** All year 5 and Year 6 pupils are invited to Bishop Rawsthorne's open evening on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Individual Photographs-** All pupils will have their individual photographs taken on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Parent evening times** will be available to book in the school entrance hall from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. If you are unable to come in, please use the form attached to this newsletter and we will book it and confirm via a reply slip or text. For your convenience, pPaper copies of the letter will be sent out on Wednesday to any families who at that time have not yet managed to sign up.

We are hoping to have a **'preloved' sale** of school uniform available in the hall on parents evening's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October. We appreciate how expensive school uniform can be and this is a way that we can spread the costs and support a children's charity at the same time. The school council will decide where the donations are to be sent. Any donation of school uniform in good condition can be dropped off at the entrance hall from Tuesday until Friday this week.

I have had some enquiries regarding the FLU jab. This will be provided to Year 1,2,3 via a private company 'Intrahealth'. If you want to vaccinate your child in any other year group, the school nurse recommends that you contact your own surgery.

**PTFA** – Thank you to those who were able to attend the PTFA meeting this week. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team and willing and supportive parents who help organise events and provide much needed funds and resources for school. As such, they would like to ask if anyone would like to donate any good quality soft bodied dolls for reception, plastic fruit and play kitchen equipment. We would also like to have some equipment in school for wet play. If you have any good quality colouring books, lego, puzzles etc that you do not need anymore, I am sure the classes would appreciate them.

**Remembrance** - Mrs Hymers is leading our WWI commemoration this year and would like to request World War One memorabilia (ration books, photographs, postcards etc) for our Remembrance display. If you are happy to share any, originals or replicas, we will copy them for our display but it is important that they come into school in an envelope with your child's name on and if possible a brief account of who/where originate from.

**The Ark-** The Ark provides before and after school care for our pupils every day. However, they have adult to pupil ratio that is strictly imposed to ensure all participants are safe. They have asked us to request that if you need their provision to provide as much notice as possible so that they can accurately staff the club. If you ask for a place on the same day, there is a real risk that they will be unable to take your child, whereas if they had even a day's notice, they may be able to call in another member of staff to accommodate your request. We are extremely fortunate to have the flexibility to add your child on the day, this is relatively unique with this type of provision but it works at its best if it's only used in emergency situations rather than as the norm. Thank you for your co-operation.

Next week Year 6 have their Bikeability session and will be required to have their bikes in school Monday and Tuesday. Your child may leave their bike in school overnight on Monday.

Conker Competition - Mrs Hudson is once again having her annual Conker Competition! It is just 20p **per** conker to enter and you need to submit what you think is the biggest conker! There is a trophy for the biggest conker from the school which you keep for the year. Good luck – you have until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to enter.

Some dates for your diary:

**After School Clubs**

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Zumba 7.30-8.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Tennis 3.15-4.30</b>
	<b>Spanish Club 3.20-4.20</b>
	<b>Art Club 3.15-4.30pm</b>
	<b>Adult Art Class 7.00-9.00pm</b>

**Extra Curriculum Activities (First Half of Autumn Term)**

All clubs will now restart after the summer holidays in the autumn term except for Spanish and Tennis Club.

**Monday**

School Council	Lunchtime	
Football Club	3.15-4.30	Y4, 5 & 6
Games Club	3.15-4.15	Y1 & 2

**Tuesday**

Young Voices	Lunchtime	Y5 & 6
Spanish Club	3:20-4:20	All Years
Tennis	3:30-4:30	All Years

**Wednesday**

Rounder's Club	3.15-4.30	Y5 & 6
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**Thursday**

Baking Club	3.15-4.15	
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**Friday**

Maths Club	Lunchtime	Y2 & 3
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Thank you for your continued support

Bretherton's Teaching Team

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**Treat the kids to Tea with  
Father Christmas  
at The Mill this December!**



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ST CATHERINE'S PARK

*Featuring a host of festive fun*

- *Photo with Father Christmas*
- *Make a Christmas card*
- *Christmas Sing Along*
- *Decorate your own gingerbread*



**Tuesday December 6th, Wednesday December 7th,  
Tuesday December 13th, Wednesday December 14th  
4pm to 6pm**

**The Mill, St Catherine's Park  
Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall, PR5 5XU**  
Tickets £8.50 Children / £10 Adults (menus overleaf)  
Children must be accompanied by at least 1 Adult

**To book call 01772 695277 or**

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