

BRETHERTON ENDOWED C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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



21st November 2016

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,



Dates for your diary

November

Thursday 24th

Christmas Fair

No pre-school

After School Clubs

Mondays

Zumba 7.45-8.45pm

Tuesdays

Tennis 3.15-4.30

Spanish Club 3.20-4.20

Art Club 3.15-4.30pm

Adult Art Class 7.00-9.00pm

Extra Curriculum Activities (Second Half of Autumn Term)

Monday

School Council

Lunchtime

Football Club

NO FOOTBALL – RESTART SPRING TERM

Games Club

3.15-4.15 Y1 & 2

Sewing Club

3.15-4.30 Y6

Tuesday

Young Voices

Lunchtime Y5 & 6

Ethos Group

Lunchtime

Spanish Club

3:20-4:20 All Years

Tennis

3:30-4:30 All Years

Wednesday

NO ROUNDERS CLUB THIS HALF TERM

Thursday

Wild Things Outdoors 3.15-4.30pm (6 weeks From 10/11-8/12) **CANCELLED THIS WEEK (24/11)**

WILL NOTIFY WHEN RE-SCHEDULED DATE AVAILABLE

Friday

Maths Club

Lunchtime Y2 & 3

Thank You

I would like to say thank you for your feedback since I started. Having the opportunity to find out about what you see as the strengths in school and areas for development has been really valuable and I am grateful for those people who have signed up for the Parent Forum, the last date is Friday if you can spare the time. The agenda for the first meeting on 6th December is looking at the newsletter and website and how best to improve communication with parents.

PTFA – Christmas Fair

Thank you for donations of bottles and chocolate for our non uniform day on Friday, it was extremely generous and I know those donations will make a big difference on Thursday. It will start for visitors at 2.30 and children will come in to formally open it at 3.00 by singing a few carols and we will have a presentation by the Brain & Spine Foundation to congratulate children who have won their Christmas card competition. Children will then go back to class to collect their bags etc and leave school at meet their parents in the usual way.

I am really looking forward to it – Christmas is coming!

PTFA – Santa's Grotto

Deadline will be Wednesday (23/11)

Donations

The PTFA has asked that if you have any soft toys at home that you no longer need, we would be grateful of donations for the soft toy stall. What a great excuse for a clear out before Christmas. Any donations/ bags to be brought into the school main entrance. Thank you for your help.

New staff

This week, we have opened our doors to potential applicants for the post of class 2 teacher. We have shortlisted and we are interviewing over the next week. I will update you as soon as the appointment is made.

We have successfully appointed a temporary teacher in Class 3 to cover Mrs Rowley's maternity leave. Mrs Jane Motherwell is an experienced year 5 teacher, with an outstanding reputation. Class 3 have already met her and subject to satisfactory DBS checks, she will start before the end of the year to work with the class and Mrs Pope so she can 'hit the ground running' in January. I will let you know when she is in school so you can say hello and meet the new member of our team.

Mathletics

Well Done to Bill Palmer-Davies for achieving Gold in Mathletics.

Sports at Bretherton by Mrs Brindle

On Tuesday we took our Kurling and Boccia teams to Clayton Green Sports Centre to compete against other schools in the Chorley area.

As Kurling and Boccia are an inclusive sport, we also competed against many children from special schools. As well as demonstrating great skill and determination our children showed how friendly, understanding and cooperative they are when playing with other children.

Rania: *Me and Charlotte made lots of new friends.*

Sam: *Some of the children found things more difficult than we do but we all worked together and had lots of fun.*

Cooper: *We had a great time!*

Year 1 Team: Cooper, Isabella, Eva, Austin and Freya.

Year 3 Team: Joshua, Rania, Sam C, Charlotte, Neo and Harriet.

Thank you for representing school brilliantly and Well Done!

Friendship week

What a super week. It was lovely to hear children talking about their friends, how to be a great friends and what to do if they fall out in order to make up again. We had a representative from 'Relax Kids' in school to help children to relax, Nippon UK talked about how bullying can impact and affect people's lives and Steve from Wild Outdoors also came in for a day to work with all classes on team building and communicating as a group. Thank you to all our visitors, in particular our parents who also came in to help- Mrs Palmer-Davies who spoke to a couple of classes about friendship and conflict resolution and Mrs Glew who came in to lead each class in working together in fun carousel of activities. You, along with our inspirational teachers and staff, made it really special. Thank you for sharing our Friendship assembly on Friday- the children were brilliant.

Year 6 dropbox

Just a small reminder that the Year 6 dropbox account will close at the end of the week so make sure that you have copied the photographs you want from their amazing time away.

NSPCC

After our assembly last Thursday, children may be looking to get lots of sponsorship to support the NSPCC for their 'sports challenge task'. Thank you to the school council for choosing it. The sports event will take place in the morning of Thursday 24th November 2016 and then we would ask that sponsorship money is collected in and brought into school. I do appreciate this a very busy and expensive time of year so thank you for your support of this charity if you feel able to do so.

Sewing Club

For Year 1 & 2 sewing club will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes commencing 30/11 up to Easter. If you would like your child to participate please complete the slip at the end of the Newsletter.

Reminder – Dobroyd Castle

Next payment of £25 is due by **Friday 9th December 2016**

Milk Increase

We have been informed by our milk supplier that the cost per carton is increasing from 19p to 20p with effect from 1st January 2017. For those parents who requested milk for their child/ren then you will have paid for the full year at 19p per carton. It has been decided that from the effective date through to the end of the Summer term school will meet this cost but as from 1st September 2017 the increase will apply.

Aaron Townley has provided a great joke:

What is a golfer's favourite letter?

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Very clever!

Thank you for your continued support

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