

Bretherton Endowed Primary School

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



Our Newsletter

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Parent Forum: Our second parent forum met to look at knowledge of the curriculum and parents evening information. A couple of suggestions were made in relation to parents wanting to find out about what is taught in each year group and how they can help their children at home. We will look at how this can be achieved and look forward to your feedback after parents evening later this term. Keeping parents updated with the changes in the curriculum and assessments is hugely important in supporting children's learning and so we are looking at some learning workshops in areas such as calculations, grammar and Key stage statutory tests and will be adding key curriculum

PTFA Update

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Details of the PTFA disco will be coming out soon—Keep the date free :9th February 2017

WATCH THIS SPACE

Thanks to the PTFA and your support , the children have been working on new playground markings and have upgraded our WIFI coverage around school which will help teaching and learning through school.

Sports Hall Athletics

Children from Class 2 and Class 3 represented Bretherton in a Sportshall Athletics competition. They were really challenged with some tough competition , however, they worked well as a team and tried their best against some bigger schools in our area. Thank you to the teachers and parents who transported and supported.

Well done to everyone who took part— What a great morning!

Meet the teacher

Thank you if you nipped in after school for the meet the new teacher sessions. Mrs Allchurch and Miss Motherwell were delighted to meet you and would like to welcome you into class at any time to celebrate or discuss your child's learning

Charity: Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting the poppy appeal in November of last year. Together we raised an amazing £205.63. This is a marvellous achievement! Well done! Thank you to the Ethos team for their help.



Football Skills

Numeracy and football were linked together this week with each class experiencing how to use maths within sport. It was a great experience and the session leaders congratulated our children on their exemplary behaviour and they both commented that it was 'the best school they'd been to.' How lovely for visitors to recognise our great children and their super focus, concentration and effort in learning.

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

The Children learning Fencing skills in After School club. Thanks to everyone for their support.



Our children in reception have begun their balancability session using the balance bikes of South Ribble sports partnership. They had great fun and are looking forward to next week.



Generous Gifts

Well what a super response from our request for sponsorship for Chromebooks in school. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Ashcroft of A.J. ASHCROFT & SONS LTD , PLANT HIRE & GROUNDWORKS, Hitachi 360 Excavators & JCB Sitemasters who has sponsored a Chromebook for school.

Also to Grace Riley -Orr's Parents who feel they may be able to sponsor a couple of them too. We will be looking to purchase these before the end of half term. Thank you all so much for your fantastic support and heartwarming generosity – Bretherton pupils ICT skills will undoubtedly benefit.



Lunches

Congratulations to Jill, who has been successfully appointed as our Cook at Bretherton. Jill has been our 'Supply' cook while Sarah was ill and when the vacancy came up, was thrilled to be able to apply. Jill cares passionately about the food she cooks for children, promoting healthy choices and her food and presentation is good. Following the Lancashire Menu, she offers children 2 great main course options each day as well as jacket potatoes or sandwiches in the summer and many healthy choices for desert including fruit and yoghurt. Having been appointed, Jill is very keen to show you, parents, her food and is looking for the opportunity to offer a tasting session before the end of the Spring term. We know the children are enjoying being able to choose their lunches and we would love to give you the chance to see and taste how they are.

If you would like your child to have a school lunch, please contact the school office.. If you would prefer, your child could take advantage of Wednesday Wishes and Friday favourites, which will be coming out for the next half term this week. Please watch out for the letter.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

This promotion was launched last week and we are again participating in school. There are three ways you could collect vouchers which are :

Sainsbury's Local – local store where you will get one voucher for every £5 you spend

Sainsbury's Supermarkets – every time you shop in store you will be given one voucher for every £10 you spend at the till.

Online at [sainsburys.co.uk](https://www.sainsburys.co.uk) – you will still receive the equivalent to one voucher for every £10 you spend but they will be printed on one piece of paper.

There is a collection box in the Reception Foyer so please send them into school to support us so that we may purchase equipment for school. Thank you for your continued support.

DINNER/TOAST MONEY

We have sent out today letter for Wednesday Wishes/ Friday Favourites as well as Toast Letter for Class 1. Please complete and return where necessary together with payment. The deadline for these payments is **Friday 10th February 2017**. Cheques should be made payable to Lancashire County Council. Dinner Money for next half term ending **31st March 2017** is **£66**.

Health

This year, in your School we vaccinated 35 Children out of a possible 47. The percentage uptake was 74.47% for your School, with the total number of Refusals being 10. However, 2 Consent Forms were not returned by parents. The overall average uptake for Chorley was 56.65%, with the average uptake for Lancashire as a whole being 46.96%. Next year they plan to implement the Flu Programme in 2017/18 to Year 4 Pupils in addition to Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Pupils.

Young Voices

Many of our year 4,5,6 children have been practicing hard for the Young Voices Concert at the Manchester Arena on Friday 10th February. A letter for those involved went out last week to outline the requirements and timings for the day. Please let us know if you need any further information.

The children involved have worked really hard, giving up their lunches and time after school to practice the songs and dances that they will need. They will be representing Bretherton along with many schools in a wonderful music extravaganza. Thank also to Mrs Rowley, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Barratt for their help and support (and Mrs Pope for stepping in at the last minute with some singing expertise and advice). This will be a fantastic afternoon and evening and will create memories for years to come. Thanks to the PTFA for supporting the opportunity with the coach costs and T shirts. It really couldn't go ahead without every-one's participation. What out for the photographs in future newsletters.



FOMO

Thank you for your donations of children's clothes for the FOMO appeal by Class 3. We have received lots of great clothes that will be much appreciated and Mrs Pope is hoping to take them later this week to the holding location, before they are shipped off the worthy recipients. Furthering our Value this half term of Thankfulness – We are truly thankful for your kind and generous support of such a worthwhile charity. We hope to be involved further later this year

Talented pupils.

We received an email from a teacher from Tarleton Academy this week about the Gifted and Talented meeting of Athletics. They praised all the pupils who attended, stating that 'they were absolutely fantastic, behaviour was exemplary, attitudes were great and everybody worked really hard together and mixed well with pupils from others schools who they didn't know before the session'. Well Done Alex (Year 6) for 'Shining' – A great Ambassador for himself and the school.



Preston Street Pastors

Bill Dawson, Croston 01772 600848—is a member of this team. They are very anxious to help “Rough Sleepers” during this cold weather. If you have any unwanted sleeping bags or ground sheets the team would be very happy to distribute them to the homeless. Contact him directly, or if easier for you, drop them into the back of St John's Church.

Many thanks.

Online Safety Day

As we are fast approaching Online Safety Day (7th February 2017), I wanted to sign post a new page on our website to support parents. There are an enormous variety of Online Safety resources available and as Parents and Carers, it is often challenging to know where to start or where to find information on a specific topic. We will add to this page as we find suitable links, however if you have any concerns about your child's online activity or want to find out more about our digital literacy curriculum, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

A great start to finding out more is: <http://www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/online-safeguarding/parents-and-carers.aspx>

Don't forget our Online Safety Assembly on Tuesday 7th February at 9.10

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Starting 5th February 2017 at 4.30pm at St Johns the Baptist, Bretherton. This is a great opportunity for our community—The service will be shorter than the Sunday morning service with more contemporary music.



THEME OF WORSHIP -Thankfulness

' Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.'

Some Dates we know for next half term....

6th February KS2 SATS information meeting 5.00-6.00pm

22nd February KS1 SATS information meeting. 3.30– 4.00

21st March Parent Forum 2.00

22nd March -Church service in school starts 9.10

24th March Mothers Day afternoon tea

Reminders

Class 3 Assembly: We would just like to remind you that Class 3's assembly is due to take place on Thursday February 2nd. We aim to start the assembly at 9:05 am. The children have worked hard in preparation and you are all most welcome.

Wednesday Wishes and Friday Favourites letter will be coming out for next term—Return the forms if you would like to have a school lunch on those days.

Some parents have asked that the current half term dates are listed each week for clubs and events and so we are happy to detail them below:

DAY OF THE WEEK	TIME	ACTIVITY	START AND END DATE	AVAILABLE YEAR GROUPS
Monday	3.15-4.15	Multisports	16/1/17-6/2/17	All Years
	3.15-4.30	Sewing Club	9/1/17-Ongoing	Year 6
Tuesday	3.30 – 4.30	Tennis	3/1/17 - 7/2/17	Years 1-3
	3.20 - 4.20	Spanish	9/1/17-Ongoing	All Years
	3.15 – 4.30	Art	9/1/17-Ongoing	All Years
Wednesday	3.15-4.30	Fencing	4/1/17- 1/2/17	Places allocated - FULL
Thursday	12.30-1.00	Table Tennis	1 st Half Spring Term	Year 6
	3.15-4.30	Young Voices	12/1-2/2/17	Years 4/5/6 who are already involved
	12.30-1.00	Computer Coding	12/1-Ongoing	Years 4/5



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