

Bretherton Endowed Primary School

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



Our Newsletter

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World Book Day 2017

We had a great World Book Day on **Thursday 2 March** ! We have received lots of great photographs which we can't wait to show on our display and share with you. Your child will have brought home a voucher for £1 towards a book of your choice or for a special World Book Day Book.

Some of our children have photographs reading in the most unusual places—Where are you reading?



PTFA Update

Next meeting is on **14/3/17 7.00 All Welcome**

AFTERNOON TEA -One exciting PTFA event to come is the much loved **Mothers Day Afternoon Tea**. I can't wait for this as I've seen the photographs from last year and it looks lovely. Tickets will be available soon but please put the afternoon of the 24th March in your diary and remember grandmothers, sisters and aunts as well.

Wigan Warriors

At the end of the half term, some of our pupils went to Wigan Warriors to watch Rugby. It was a great night enjoyed by all. We hope to plan another one soon. Thanks to Mrs Brindle for organising this.



Mothers Day Church Service in school

On Wednesday 22nd March, the Ethos group with Rev Michael will be holding a Mother's Day themed Church service in school. It will commence at 9.05 and you are all most welcome to join us. We have been learning new songs and the children have prepared the readings and prayers for the event. We all know how special our 'Mother's' are and this is a small way to celebrate how much they

Cultural Educ'Asian Prags, a special friend to school, has been booked into school to work with all our classes on **28th March**. As part of her workshops in school, children will participate in a dance session and use Henna on their hands. **If you have any concerns for your child in using Henna, please contact the school office.** We will text nearer the time to remind you to opt out for your child if you want. Sure to be a great day!

Prevent Training -Our staff and volunteers underwent Prevent Safeguarding training this week. We have attached details for parents at the end of this newsletter.

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

Brilliant Book Club

Our super Year 4 girls have set up a Book Club for other pupils on a Friday lunchtime. They have planned some great activities and are hoping to generate a love of reading throughout school.

They have taken initiative, spoke to children in school to find out what they want and are involved in generating a display in the Wilson Suite.



Year 6 and Year 5 Chorley Magistrate Visits

Recount by Joe Cairns,' On 21st February, Class 4 went to Chorley Magistrates Court. We played a mock trial against *Ben Brown* (Thomas) for an assault and theft. There were lots of roles to play eg. ushers, witnesses, prosecutor, just to name a few. In the end the panel of magistrates (Connor, Heidi and Anna) pronounced Ben Brown innocent. Everyone had a fun time and we wish we could go again.' **What a great experience - looking at our British Value of democracy and Rule of Law.**

School Bags

Keeping school tidy is important to enable children to feel proud of their school. It is with this in mind that we need to make an appeal to children and parents about reducing the number of large backpacks which come into school.

We know that the style and design of bags are very appealing to children. However, as you know, being a small school, we have restricted space for storing coats and bags and we are having some problems finding space to hang up all these large bags. Items and clothing and bags are falling to the floor which not only looks untidy, it is also a tripping hazard.

Even the children are complaining about the difficulties they are having when trying to hang up their belongings. This problem is compounded when the children need their swimming kit or outdoor kit for after school or lunch time clubs

If we could encourage the children to consider what they need a large backpack for. Think 'What is stored in it?' and whether they could they use a smaller bag. Could they bring a smaller pencil case rather than a couple?

Lets all work together to keep a tidy school– Thank you for your help.

FairTrade Week:

Thank you to all our children who came to our FairTrade Golden time tuck shop to raise awareness of Fairtrade and the impact purchasing Fairtrade products can have on communities around the world. The Fairtrade group worked well and with all items donated we have raised over £50.



Parents Evening -Notice of Dates

Our Spring term parents consultation evenings will be on

Monday 27th March 3.30-7.00 and

Wednesday 29th March 3.30 - 5.00.

A letter has been sent out with all the details of how to book. We hope that you will be able to make one of those dates (whichever is the most convenient to you). However, if you have any problems, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for a mutually convenient time.

We had a great Pancake Day lunch in school and children even had the chance to share a pancake thanks to Mrs Vincent and Mrs Hudson.

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day is the day before Lent starts, which is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. It recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. We are encouraging children to prepare for Easter by performing good deeds.

Easter Hope Journey

Year 5 have been chosen to attend our Easter Hope Journey, this year at Ormskirk Methodist where they will have the chance to experience Easter as they have never before. We know they will thoroughly enjoy it. This is a free outing with the transport being paid for out of school funds.

Spelling Bee at Tarleton Academy

On Monday 27th February, Heidi, Finn, Noah, Charlie, Lewis, and Jessica represented Bretherton Endowed School at a Spelling Bee. They worked as individuals for our school against other local schools—Banks St Stephens, Tareleton Community Primary, Rufford and a couple more. After nail biting elimination rounds, our hopes were pinned on Noah who was still in the competition right to the end and was only knocked out (in third place) in a sudden death round. What a great achievement and a really positive attitude from all children. I would like to say a big thank you to parents who were able to transport and come and cheer our children on.

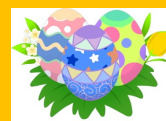
The spellings were ambitious and included words such as 'braille; porcelain; tranquillity; grotesque. I think you'll agree, not easy spellings at all. **Well Done for your positive attitude, motivation and support of each other. Huge Well Done to Noah— You're our spelling Star!**



Easter events coming up

Just to let you know of our traditional fun event—Easter **eggtravaganza** coming up in this half term. We would like to organise our annual Egg Rolling competition on **31st March** where all the children need to bring in a hard-boiled egg (normal sized! No ostrich or dinosaur eggs!) on the day which can be decorated if they wish. Children will then compete against children in their year group to see how far their egg rolls. The winning egg 'owner' will win a small prize.

We will also be arranging an **Easter Raffle** in the same day, donations most welcome and they are only 75p in some leading supermarkets at the moment so it could be a good time to buy ready.



Musical Stars!

Well Done Archie and Benji who played '*Happy Birthday*' brilliantly on their brass instruments at our Celebration Worship on Monday. It was great to share their talents and children sang loud and proud along with them. We have begun a musical group who will support us in future worships. Watch this space!

Sport at Bretherton—Winter sports

Our children had a great time at the Winter Sport event. Well Done— Great sports.

Enjoy the collage of photographs attached



On **Friday 17th March**, children from Mawdsley St. Peters will join Classes 2,3 and 4 for a 90 minute concert full of songs, puppets and some really fun and jaw dropping experiments. The event will be led by Doug Horley and his team, who will help the children appreciate our amazing God through the incredible world He's made.

The Ark— Before School

Walking into the hall in the morning before worship, I spotted friends working together, encouraging each other which I thought was a lovely way to begin the day until I saw that they had created the word ' Friend' out of bricks. This was the icing on the cake! I feel blessed and inspired by such amazing children.



**Thank You
boys.**

Safeguarding at Bretherton

As part of our safeguarding commitment, we have created a safeguarding brochure for parents. Copies are available from the office and our website.

Any concerns, please speak to Mrs Moxham

Free School Meals— It is important that we make our parents aware of support that they can get for Free School Meals. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 receive Universal school meals, which is different, however any family who meet the criteria are entitled to receive free school meals and in addition to this school will receive money to support the enrichment for children. I have added the criteria at the end of the newsletter for your information. If you feel that you may be eligible do not hesitate to contact school on 01772 600431.

Parent Governor— Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Davidson (Grace in year 1's mum) to our Governing Body. She was appointed by our Chair on Monday after the nominations closed as our new parent governor. We are fortunate to have hard working governors who care about our school and who offer challenge and support in leading the direction our school. We look forward to the future together.

Brilliant After school Club—Sewing Club

After 6 weeks of Sewing after school club run by Mrs Hudson and Mrs Vincent, here a few of the lovely fabric dolls that have been designed and sewn by the club members. Using sewing machines and many different hand stitches, they even added jewellery to their creations , many wearing dresses I would love to wear.....Hold on...I wonder if the one on the right is a Mrs Moxham Doll! They've certainly got the hair right!

Great skills and enjoyment, what talented staff and pupils

They are on display in the entrance hall—take a look when you are in school.





Sleep

Children's sleep was in the headlines this week. It is important that along with water and healthy food choices that children are getting a good nights sleep. We will be helping children understand the importance of sleep for learning, mood and behaviour. It would be a great opportunity to discuss this with your child.

Free science workshop at Edge Hill University on Friday 24th March 4.00-7.00. This year's theme is 'Our Fragile Earth' and they will have many interactive stalls, activities and lectures focussed on helping children understand our planet; it's place in the solar system.



Reception Parents Questionnaires

Please, please , please could we ask you to complete the parent questionnaires as it is vital that we gather a representative view of your opinions. Starting school is a huge step for both parents and children and we want to get it right. With our open door policy, I hope that you would feel happy and welcomed in coming in to discuss any questions or concerns with us, however, the questionnaire allows us to reflect and improve for the future. Your opinion is valued—**please help us be the best we can be!**

THEME OF WORSHIP —Forgiveness

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.' (Luke)

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

Wed 3rd May Class 1 worship—parents invited

21st May Parent forum 9.00-10.00 agenda, end of year report and extra curriculum clubs

W/c 8th May KS2 SATS Week

Class 2 watch out for a letter about After School Rugby .

Any old adult cycle wheels for Grand Prix Art (see letter)

Reminders

16th March Class 2 trip to Liverpool (letter out last week)

Wednesday 15th March 2017-Pupil Primary RE Conference

Friday 17th March—Science and RE Workshop in school(Doug Horley)

21st March Parent forum 2.00-3.00 - agenda topics, homework, trips

22nd March Mothers Day Service in school 9.05

Wednesday 29th March—Easter journey in St John's church 9.05

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	3.15-4.30	Sewing Club	9/1/17-Ongoing	Year 6
	3.15-4.15	Games Club	20/2-27/3/17	Years 2 & 3
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Cross Country	21/2/17 – 14/3/17	Years 4,5,6
	12.30 – 1.00	Sign Language	21/2/17- 30/3/17	Years 5 & 6
	3.20 - 4.20	Spanish	9/1/17-Ongoing	All Years
Wednesday	3.15 – 4.30	Art	9/1/17-Ongoing	All Years
	3.15 – 4.30	Tennis	21/2-28/3/17	Years 1/2/3
	12.30 – 1.00	Sewing Club	22/1/17 – 29/3/17	Years 1 & 2
Thursday	3.15 -4.15	Netball	2/3/17 – 31/3/17	Years 5, 6
	12.30-1.00	Computer Coding	12/1-Ongoing	Years 4/5
	12.30 – 1.00	Table Tennis	23/2/17 - Ongoing	Year 6
Friday	3.15 – 4.15	Baking Club	2/3/17 – 30/3/17	Years 4 & 5
	Lunchtime	Lego	24/2/17 – 31/3/17	Years 5 & 6



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Subject: Free School Meals

Dear Parents

A reminder of the criteria for eligibility of free school meals:

Main Details

It is important that schools make families aware of the eligibility of free school meals for children as it doesn't only support meals but provides schools with an amount of money to ensure children get the right opportunities and support. Please have a look below and if you feel it could apply to you, we would be more than happy to help.

Free school meals are offered to children of families who are in receipt of:

- Income Support or
- Job Seekers Allowance (Income based) or
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit or
- Income related Employment Support Allowance or
- Child Tax Credit and are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190 (April 10 figure)
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.

The Government does not allow us to recognise any other benefit other than those mentioned above.

To apply, simply ring your local Area Education Office with details of your name, date of birth and National Insurance number and an immediate on-line decision can be given or contact school to help.

Once you have applied and been granted free school meals for your children you do not need to re-apply annually. Your children will continue to receive the meals until you cease to be entitled. The council will contact you should this arise.

Thank you

Bretherton School

As part of our duty we need to raise parental awareness of PREVENT.

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes. Because extremism can take many forms, including political and religious extremism, some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others.

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or violence. Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and do so through many aspects of the curriculum. British values include: **Democracy; The rule of law; Individual liberty and mutual respect; Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. These include: Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity; Challenging prejudices and racist comments; Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity; Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy; Addressing Bullying.

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

KEY TERMS

Extremism – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Ideology – a set of beliefs

Terrorism – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause

Radicalisation – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism

Where to go for more information

The Prevent Strategy now forms part of our safeguarding policy , which can be found on the school website. If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We have attached our Parent Prevent Brochure along with this newsletter.