

Bretherton Endowed Primary School

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



Our Newsletter

20th March 17
No: 8

Goodbye— Good Luck

Sadly, at the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Boyes who has been working mornings in Year 6. She would like to spend more time with her family and is embarking on a new adventure. Mrs Boyes has been a valued member of the Bretherton staff for over 3 years and will be missed. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication in supporting our children and wish her all the best in her future plans.



PTFA Update

Next meeting is on 2nd May 2017
7.00 All Welcome

Mothers Day Afternoon Tea is this Friday. All forms in for today.

**Last minute addition: Easter Bingo
eyes down 6.00 30th March 2017**

Fathers Day Breakfast: keep the date
of 16th June free.

Chromebooks—Super learning

Year 6 have begun to use their new Chromebooks. Thank to the PTFA, Mrs Ashcroft and Mr Riley for their generous donations which made this happen. Already, year 6 are taking advantage of the opportunity of free google apps for education. We have nearly completed our IT upgrade plans and are looking forward to seeing the difference it makes to our children's learning.



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!

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 mean to us. Please join us!

PLEASE NOTE: The dates provisionally booked for sports day this year are: **1) Friday 23rd June**
2) Friday 30th June

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

Parents Evening -Notice of Dates

Our Spring term parents consultation evenings will be on

Monday 27th March 3.30-7.00 and

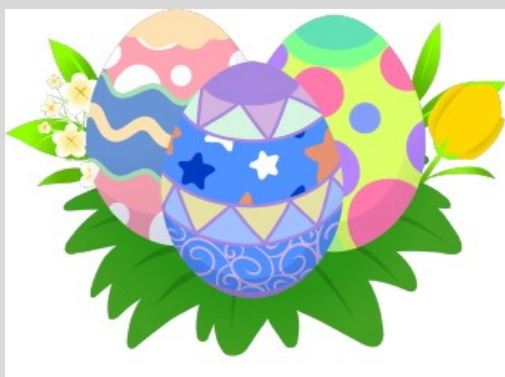
Wednesday 29th March 3.30 - 5.00.

A letter has been sent out with your times last week. 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.

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.



Routines

Keeping your children safe is important to us. You are more than welcome to leave your children in the playground from **8.45am** before school as a teacher will be on duty on the playground to supervise your child lining up and walking into class.

We appreciate your help in keeping children safe by not leaving them before this time.

Also, if you arrange for someone else to collect your child, we would ask you to ring and let us know. Thank You

RE Primary School Conference

3 members of the Ethos group were invited to attend an RE conference run by the Board of Education of Blackburn Diocese. They met new friends from other schools and had an enlightening day looking at the Big Story and Big ideas that have come from the Bible. They have many resources and are looking forward to sharing these with the whole school.



Year 2 class worship

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Class 2 worship last week. It was a lovely assembly looking at perseverance and children in class 2 showed off their great singing voices. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as Class 2's rendition of 'You raise me up' commenced. Their beautiful singing, lovely photographs of their families and British sign language display was both emotional and uplifting. Realising that these young people are the future, filled me with hope for the world and love for our Bretherton family. Well Done Year 2.

Sport at Bretherton—Cross country

Well done our team of Cross country runners. They represented school with great commitment and determination and the team worked hard to support each other.



Recruitment– Deputy Head Teacher

Our recruitment process is well under way, welcoming prospective candidates to have a look around our wonderful school prior to the closing date later this month. Our school council have been involved in showing candidates around, and are planning their questions for the interview process. Thank you to our supportive governors for their input and time in the process so far—an exciting time for Bretherton looking ahead to the future.

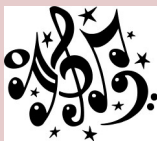
Class 2 school visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

What a lovely afternoon Class 2 had in visiting the Liverpool Philharmonic orchestra. Outstanding behaviour from our children ensured that they could listen, learn and appreciate music played by the different sections. One song they had learned was based on the 'Sound Collector' poem and they hope to share this in worship in the last week of term.



Musical Stars!

Thank you to Thomas Gibbons and Olivia Simpson who will be playing in our worship over the next couple of weeks. It is great to hear children's talents shared and we aim to develop our school musicians further. Libby and many others will show their talents in the summer term.



Donation

We would like to thank **The Layfield Trust** (Bretherton Section) for their kind donation of £200 to help support and maintain community cohesion.

Letters

We are working really hard to ensure that you have information about events and activities in school in good time. We have begun to use the calendar on the website and this will be fully operational soon and we will add letters home to the newsletter area of the website in case they don't make it home.

Along with you checking your child's bag or asking them about letters, this will hopefully ensure that you are always kept in the loop. If you have any feedback on this, please feel free to ring us and let us know your views.

Water Bottles

It is great that children have their water bottles in school. Thank you for parents who are using our school bottles as being smaller, they are easier to manage in class and can be regularly topped up with fresh water.

Just a reminder though please, water bottles are for **water only** and should not contain juice or any kind of drink (unless prescribed by a Doctor).

Thank you for your co-operation

Brilliant Online Safety Reviews of Apps

The new aware website has a page which looks at popular apps that your children may be asking to use. They have reviewed them and give you a picture of the content and use so you can make an informed choice as to whether your child should be using it. It also shows the recommended age as this is important. For example: it may or may not surprise you to know that Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram are ALL minimum recommended age of 13 years+.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

THEME OF WORSHIP —Lent/Preparation

*'Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time.'*

1 Peter 5:6

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

Wed 3rd May Class 1 worship—
parents invited

w/c **8th May** KS2 SATS week

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

25th May Summer disco PTFA

16th June Fathers Day breakfast

23rd June and 30th June— provisional
sports day

20th July Leavers Disco

21st July—Leavers Church Service

Reminders

22nd March Mothers Day Service in school 9.05

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

30th March—Easter Bingo— (Late Addition)

31st March Easter Egg rolling and Easter Egg raffle in school

School close 2.00 on 31st March for Easter

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
	3.15 – 4.30	Art	9/1/17-Ongoing	All Years
Wednesday	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
Friday	12.30 – 1.00	Table Tennis	23/2/17 - Ongoing	Year 6
	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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