

Bretherton Endowed Primary School

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

Our Newsletter

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SATs Week

Our children in Year 6 have worked incredibly hard in school and the culmination of this will be this week. We wish them every confidence in their assessments. We are proud of their work ethic, determination to succeed and their never failing positive attitudes. They are real shining stars of Bretherton and we wish them every success.



Cashless System

After discussing at our parent forum this year ways to support parents, we are launching an easy to use online secure payment system for dinner money and trips. It will enable parents to pay direct through internet/mobile phone banking as well as paying by cash at any PayPoint which is a more flexible and safe way of making payments to school. Information about how to login and how to use it will be coming out in the next couple of weeks as we launch it after the May holidays. We are pleased to be able to offer this and feel confident that it will offer you flexibility and security when making payments to school.

Recruitment

Our search for a new Deputy Headteacher: Just to keep you up to date, the Governors and I met to review the applications we have received so far. To ensure that we get the best candidate, we have decided to allow a couple more weeks for people to apply. Our priority is of course, to get the best possible person. We are hoping to interview during June and I will keep you posted on how it goes. If you have any questions, please call in.

PTFA Update

If you have any great ideas for our Summer Fair (same day as Sports Day!) please come and share them at our next PTFA. Our rescheduled date for the next meeting will be this Thursday 11th May at 7pm.

All members and ideas welcome.



Supporting St John The Baptist Church

To raise money for portable music equipment in Bretherton Church for the service 'Come just as you are' and our school, Rev'd Michael Woods, Chris Threlfall and John Slater (Lauren and Lucy's dad) are attempting Wiggle's Counties Challenge Sunday 14th May. The challenge is to do a 30, 65 or 100 mile bike ride in Lancashire. Rev'd Michael and Chris will be attempting the 65 miles and John (Lauren and Lucy's dad) will be attempting the 100 miles. There will be a sponsor form at the office. Any sponsors would be greatly appreciated! Thank You

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

CELEBRATING SCHOOL LIFE

Superb Rugby—Year 6 Team

In the Tag Rugby tournament, we successfully managed to qualify for the final where we were playing Trinity, Croston. It was a tough game and although we tried our best, we sadly lost with a score of 5:2. We played well as a team and I really enjoyed being captain. Thanks to parents for watching and Year 6 for taking part in the training. Special Thanks to Mr Palmer- Davies and Mrs Smith for their coaching expertise.

Recount by Jack



Football Training has started.

Thank you to Chris who has volunteered to train and coach children in Football after school on Mondays. We are fortunate to have two ex pupils supporting him. Thank you to Henry and Ben for giving up their time to share and develop football skills.



Super Rugby team—Cluster Sports



Some of Class 2 were involved in the Cluster Tag Rugby tournament at Coppull and they played well. We won one game and lost 2 further games however, we tried our hardest. Although we had some training, it isn't a sport that we've done a lot of and we were playing against some schools that had played before. But that didn't stop us trying to run fast and moving into spaces to try and score points. Thanks to Mr Palmer- Davies and Mr Berry for their help. By Bea

Rainbow House

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and money for our non uniform and cake sale.

Our School Council raised £151.34—such a generous support for a worthwhile cause.

Bretherton's Swim To Success

*On Wednesday, the school swimming team went to Chorley baths to swim in a gala. After a long wait the heats were fully under way. With massive success all of our swimmers got through to the final. We won the relays achieving final spots in all of those aswell. After a short break the finals were under way, after a flying start from Heidi we had the first gold medal of the day, Rory shortly followed in Heidi's footsteps and got another gold in the same event. Next was the Breaststroke, Libby and Alex both swam this race each achieving well deserved bronzes. Now for the fly, it was Harriette and Noah's turn, with Harriette getting a well deserved gold and Noah receiving a silver, we were in the lead. Finally was the backstroke, Olivia and Joe were up, Olivia bagged a silver and Joe won a gold. Far in the lead, it was time for the relays. Olivia, Toby, Lewis and Libby swam the freestyle relay soaring ahead of the competition and earning another gold. After a towering victory in the medley (winning another gold) by Joe, Alex, Harriette and Heidi it was time for the cannon. Rory started off followed by Libby, Olivia, Noah, Lewis, Harriette, Heidi and Joe, after a speedy race, we ended up lapping all the other teams. With another gold we had crossed the line and won the competition. **We won the cup! Well done Bretherton!***

By Joe and Heidi



DATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

A Travel to School survey has been sent in order to find out your views and concerns regarding your journey in to school. This will enable school to create a Travel to School plan for the future.

A 'Huge Thank You' to those who have already given up their time to complete it. It only takes 5 minutes, is a couple of multiple choice questions and if you've missed the email, the link is below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XWPP779>

I'll let you know the outcomes once all views are collated mid May.

Congratulations to The Townley family on celebrating the birth of a beautiful baby girl—Faith Elizabeth. Sending them love and best wishes from everyone at Bretherton school.

Family Singing Service at St John's Church

Dates up to the end of term are on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month:

21st May (There will be no service due to confirmation, however people are invited to join us for confirmation at 11am in Bretherton.)

4th June & 18th June

2nd July & 16th July

THEME OF WORSHIP — Perseverance

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap the harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

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

Sports Day - Friday 23rd June 1-3.30pm
(In case of inclement weather our reserve date is Friday 30th June 1-3.30pm)

Productions—17th, 18th & 19th July

Leavers Disco (Juniors Only) - Thursday 20th July

Murder Mid Atlantic @ Bretherton School—Saturday 20th May 7pm. Tickets still available at £15 which includes supper. See poster in our office window for details. All profits to War Memorial Refurbishment fund.

Whole School Trip—Friday 7th July

Last pre-school session—Thursday 13th July

Online Safety Evening—Wednesday 21st June - more details to follow

Reminders

Dobroyd Castle - final payment due for residential trip is Monday 3rd July 2017.

School Photo Orders—these were sent out last Thursday. If you would like to place an order remember the deadline is Friday 12th May 2017.

Emergency First Aid For Adults Training—if you would like to participate please complete slip from letter sent home recently and return to school by Friday 12th May 2017.

'Fidget Spinners', unless recommended by their class teachers to use, are considered to be toys and we would like to ask that they are not brought into school as they may get lost or broken. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 24/4/17 - Ongoing	Year 6
	3.15-4.15	Computing Club (20 max) 24/4, 8/5 & 22/5/2017	Class 1 & 2
	3.15 - 4.15	Football Club 24/4/17 - 22/5/17	Years 4,5,6
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.20	Spanish 18/4/17 - Ongoing	All Years
	12.00 - 12.30	Athletics 18/4/17 - 23/5/17	Years 4,5,6
	3.15 - 4.30	Art 18/4/17 - Ongoing	All Years
	3.15 - 4.30	Tennis Club 25/4/17-23/5/17	NO TENNIS 18/4 Years 1-3
Wednesday	3.15 - 4.15	S7 Zumba Club 26/4 - 24/5	Whole School
Thursday	3.15 - 4.15	Rounders 20/4/17 - 25/5/17	Years 5, 6
	3.15 - 4.15	Prize Winning Bingo (20 max) 20/4/17 - 25/5/17	Years 2 - 6
	3.15 - 4.15	Gardening Club (10 max) 11/5/17-25/5/17	Years R-2



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MORE NEWS.....

3 and 4 Rugby Competition

4/5/17

Last week year 3 and 4 did a rugby competition.
It was in Coppull, and there were lots of schools there. Dave Palmer-Davies taught us how to play.

All together we played four games against other schools.
We drew the first one, lost the second, lost the third and drew the last. Towards the end we started to play really well together.

The object of the game is to get the oval shaped ball over the try line, without being tagged. You have six chances before the ball is given to the other team.

We had so much fun and can't wait to do it again.

by Anna Berry