

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

Some thoughts for next year

We have been fortunate to have been awarded a grant to redesign and refurbish the toilets in the Fletcher building. These plans will include the girls, boys and disabled toilets and will improve the drains efficiency in that area of school. As a result, we may have less space for coats and bags and so would like to ask that next year, children:

- use school bags rather than rucksacks please
- have a draw string bag for PE kits
- Don't bring any additional bags as storage is a minimum.
- Keep all lunch boxes on the lunch box trolley, not on pegs.

Hamper prizes for our production

A letter has been sent home requesting donations for our Production raffle hampers. If you can help by making an additional purchase when going shopping, they will make a great prize. Details for each class hamper is below. Remember it is only **one item** per child/family if you can.

Class 1 to bring in any items that are the colour of the rainbow. e.g. purple bubble bath, red tin of beans, yellow pasta etc.

Class 2 to bring in any items linked to Summer. e.g. bottle of aftersun, bucket and spade, etc.

Class 3 to bring any item linked to outdoor living/growing. e.g. seeds, trowels, gardening gloves etc.

Class 4 and staff to bring in an item linked to a Summer Picnic e.g. biscuits, bottle of 'fizz', packet of meringues (but not perishable please)

Thank You for your support

PTFA Update

A HUGE 'Thank You' to everyone involved in the preparation and organisation of our Summer Fair. It was great fun and enjoyed by all. Events such as the Fair take a lot of time to organise and relies on so many people to do their part—so thank you again for making it a great day. Thank You for your support and generosity. Thank you to the PTFA for their support of our coach costs to Blackpool Zoo this term.

Online Safety Meeting for Parents

I would like to thank those parents who were able to join us for our Online Safety Evening. It was full of really useful information about how to support parents to keep their children safe and some up to date information on apps on the market at the moment. If you were unable to come, I put together an information leaflet which was sent home last week so you can all keep abreast of changes in technology. If you have any questions, please contact the school for a chat.

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

CELEBRATING SCHOOL LIFE

CLASS 4 - REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

Class 4 are currently taking part in The Archbishop Young Leader Award and are very keen to act out their Christian Values in a practical way. Class 4 children have therefore chosen to be Ambassadors for Southport Foodbank and they would like to collect items over the next few weeks which they will hand deliver to the foodbank this half term. Foodbank often runs short of; long life orange juice - 1 litre, coffee long life milk - 1 litre, rice pudding, dried rice, tins of cold meat (e.g. corned beef, ham), tins of tomatoes, cereal, tea, cook in sauces (donations of toiletries are also welcome including soap, shampoo, toothpaste and nappies). All donations will be welcome and greatly appreciated. Children can drop off their donations in Class 4 up until Thursday 20th July.
Many thanks from Year 6.

Reminder: PTFA Meal

We would like to invite PTFA members to a meal at San Marco at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th July. (Please note the change in time and venue) This will be a lovely social event to thank all members for their hard work and say goodbye to some long standing members. Please let Karen Hudson or Anita Cross know if you can join us.
It would be lovely to see many people there so you can relax after a busy but successful PTFA year.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Cluster Sports Match Review

On Tuesday 27th June Bretherton School submitted a team ready for the Cluster Sports Tournament. Later in the day, they arrived ready for anything with high spirits and even higher expectations. This confident and energetic team consisted of:

Finn, Rory, Alex, Rupert, Lilia, Heidi, Jess, Charlotte, Anna, Toby, Lewis, Charlotte, Noah, Lola, Benjy, Jacob, William & Holly.

About 30 minutes after everyone arrived the races were well underway. Starting off was the obstacle course; we cannot recall the exact place our athletes came in but we are sure everyone did well. Following up the obstacle course was the sprint, then skipping, egg 'n' spoon, sac race, long distance, pyjama race and finally the sprint relay. Once the races had eventually stopped all of the schools were called over for the winners presentation. In 1st places for the large schools tournament was Charnock Richard and in 1st place in the small schools was Bretherton!

After a victorious win Bretherton went home with beaming smiles to enjoy a comforting rest ready to announce their win to the rest of the school the next day.

Finn Kay



Students

Welcome to our two student teachers from Switzerland. Felix and Julien, who are 18 years old, have planned some lessons and will also help with the preparation for the end of year production.

They're most welcome—feel free to come and say 'Hello' to them.

Great Tennis sporting achievements

A great time was had by all! Thank you Mrs Brindle for organising this event.



Well Done our Swimming Team!

Congratulations to members of Year 5 and Year 6 who represented Bretherton well at a swimming competition at Tarleton Academy on Friday. We came FIRST as an overall team with nearly 20 points ahead of second place. A great achievement and the children were a credit to themselves, their family and to school.



British Values—Sounds of Identity

Thank you to Miss Motherwell and 3 children in Class 3—Mia, Alex and Archie for attending the Sounds of Identity workshop in Preston. This is a local initiative which develops British Values in song and after the pupils have been trained, they will then pass their knowledge and experience to all the other pupils in school.

A wonderful experience for all.

We will share some of their experiences on the website as soon as they begin to share them in school.

DATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Year 6 are working hard organising their leavers assembly on **Friday 21st July at 9.15am** in St John's Church. We hope that you will be able to join us in wishing them all the best as they continue their journey to High School.

'Cinders'

Rehearsals are well underway for our end of year production. Class 3 and 4 are working incredibly hard for a showcase of a pantomime script full of singing and dancing. **All are welcome— please join us in celebrating their great performance**. Deadline for Class 3/4 ticket orders is **7th July** whereby additional letter will be sent to whole school for any remaining tickets.

Attendance— Whole school 97.2%

Thank you to everyone for supporting our attendance policy. We appreciate your help in maintaining our high attendance rate of over 97% year to date. We will continue to work with you on sustaining our high level of attendance. In particular, as persistent absence is categorised at 92%, we will contact parents directly this term if your child is on or near this % rate.

Thank you for your support.

THEME OF WORSHIP — Love

Jesus replied 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your mind and all your soul. This is the first and greatest commandment.' "Matthew 22:37-38

Welcome to another member of the Bretherton family!

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Spencer on the birth of their beautiful baby girl 'Gracie Jayne'. It was delightful to meet her and see the proud smile of her big brother Ryan as he proudly pushed her pram into the playground.

'A Gift from God'

REMINDERS

The Ethos group has asked for your help in nominating your favourite bible quotation to create a new values display in school. Please send them in by the **Friday 7th July**. There are so many great choices -which one will you choose?

School reports will be coming home on **Wednesday 5th July**. We hope that you find them enjoyable and informative.

Milk—payment was due online by 30th June 2017. This deadline will be extended to Wednesday 3rd July 2017 whereby we will presume that your child will not be requiring milk in September. This will also be removed from SchoolMoney meaning you will no longer be reminded that payment is due.

Music Performance

There will be a music performance by Class 3 in the Hall on **Thursday 20th July 2017 at 2.45pm**. **Parents are invited to attend.**



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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	Play Doh Club	19/6/17 – 10/7/17*	Years 3 & 4
	3.15 – 4.15	Football Club	19/6/17 – 10/7/17*	Years 4/5/6
Tuesday	3.20 – 4.20	Spanish	13/6/17 – 10/7/17*	All Years
	3.15 – 4.30	Art	13/6/17 - ongoing	All Years
	12.30 – 1.00	Rounders Club	20/6/17-11/7/17	Years 3 & 4
	3.15 – 4.15	Tennis	13, 27/6, 4/11/18/7 **No Club 20/6 due to Tennis Cluster Tournament**	Years 1 - 3
Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15	Sportscool	21/6/17 – 19/7/17	Years Rec - 6

* Please note that the last sessions will be 10th July and not 17th July as originally stated for these clubs. Other clubs will run as usual up to the end of the Summer Term.

ADDITIONAL NEWS!



Blackpool Zoo Whole School Visit

We are all looking forward to our zoo visit on Friday 7th July. We will be setting off about 9.00 am and will be back before the end of the day. A letter was sent last week containing all details regarding what to wear and lunch time requirements.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to accompany us—it will be a great day.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about the day.

Thank You

Online Payments

Providing an opportunity to pay online was a common request at the beginning of this year and after several months of research SchoolMoney was chosen as offering flexibility and ease of use. It has been nearly a month since we transitioned over to online payments with SchoolMoney and the feedback we have received so far has been positive and any problems you may have encountered and brought to our attention have been quickly resolved. One of the common problems is that the email address and mobile number that are inputted when logging in does not match what we have on our system which can be rectified immediately if it is brought to our attention. The details that should be used are those for the number one priority you have chosen for us to have i.e. usually the person who receives our text messages/newsletters. If you have any problems with this please contact the school office. Any other problems the Helpline for SchoolMoney is available to you. We have used this on numerous occasions and they have always been obliging and sorted any problems whilst on the phone. The contact number is 0845 388 5525. Payments via SchoolMoney are authenticated and verified by Visa & Mastercard SecureCode PCI-DSS Standards, but if you still not feel confident to use this facility you are able to pay by Cash/Card using the PayPoint option which is available from numerous Spar/McColls/Co-op outlets to name but a few! To find your nearest PayPoint the link is <https://www.paypoint.com/en-gb/consumers/store-locator> If you would like to use PayPoint contact the school office & we can print off a bar code slip for you to use.

Thank you for your support during this transition and feel free to pop into the school office if you need any help as we will be happy to help in any way we can.

Mrs Carlyon

Welcome

I would like to give a warm Bretherton Welcome to our new Reception children and their parents who came into school for their first afternoon in Class 1. It was lovely to see their excited faces and we are positive that they will have a positive experience over the next couple of weeks as they familiarise themselves with our setting and routines. We all know how fast time flies when you are having fun and you can ask any Year 6 parent and they will tell you that in a blink, their children are set to leave Bretherton for a new adventure at High School. Thank you for trusting your most precious gift with us—we will continue to work hard to provide them with a happy, fulfilled and enriched education rooted in Christian values. Working closely with you to enable them to be the best they can be.

Spanish Club

LCF Clubs would like to offer your child a chance to join our after-school Spanish Club at Bretherton Primary at the beginning of the autumn term. The club runs on Tuesdays from 3.15 to 4.15pm. The emphasis is on fun and the children develop good pronunciation and accent effortlessly, whilst playing games, singing songs and listening to stories – all in Spanish!

The clubs follow a well-structured programme and the children learn the Spanish language and about Spanish culture in an informal environment, gaining certificates to mark their progress. The hourly sessions cost £6 each, payable in advance per term or by standing order with 10 monthly payments over the year. New members also pay a fee of £12 which entitles them to a Club CD/songbook and reward stickers. In addition, all children receive a code to enable access to the excellent 'Babelzone' website, worth £69 each year.

If you are interested in your child joining El Club Español, please email alisonmp24@hotmail.co.uk

Mrs Alison Powell

SPORTS DAY NEWS!

I would like to thank you all for joining us for Sports Day last week. It was a lovely event and demonstrated the very best of Bretherton! From cheering teams, sportsmanship, caring and thoughtful support and a desire to succeed, our children excelled.

Thank you also to the staff, in particular Mrs Brindle, who worked hard in preparing children for the events and the organisation of the day. And, thanks to the weather for holding off just long enough for us to have a successful event and great Summer Fair too!

Finally, thanks to our children for being great sports. They had been practising, giving up their time to try out for events and displaying a positive 'can do' attitude, even when they were tired and found it hard to continue.

What Stars!

1st -Yarrow **2nd -Ribble** **3rd -Douglas** **4th -Lostock**

