

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Tuesday 7th November 2017



The way forward

In our newsletter before the holidays, we provided an overview of the features of the new website. We hope that you have had the chance to share your child's Health Week learning with them using the **Class Blogs**. You will also note that the **Calendar** contains all the dates (that we know to date) so that you can plan more effectively events in and around school and you will notice that all clubs are listed too so that if you ever want to clarify the dates, you can look at a time that is convenient to you. We will add more as things are booked in, in particular after school sporting fixtures with location and times. We would encourage you to use the calendar as the first place to check dates.

Also our **Events** tab at the bottom of the web page will also outline the key events that are going on in school and our **News** section will remind and inform more details. Please have a look as they are clearly listed and will help to plan ahead.

We also love sharing our celebrations and successes in learning and this year we have used this page of the newsletter to share this with you. As the blogs are up and running now and staff and children are increasingly more confident at using these, we will be making some changes to our newsletter.

Feedback provided through our Parent Forum and conversations at the gate has enabled me to pinpoint the information you feel is essential for our newsletter. So in short, our future newsletters will contain:

- **A 2/3 page newsletter issued fortnightly via email and a paper copy will be available in the School Office reception area. It will immediately be added to our website under 'News' tab at the top.**
- **Mostly black and white in case you want to print it.**
- **Information about school or up and coming events**
- **Reminders and Thank You posts**
- **A PTFA update**
- **Our worship value for the half term**

We will continue to use parent TEXTs to issue reminders and notifications. We hope that you will enjoy the clarity of information that this will offer and along with the website will keep you totally up to date with what's going on in school.

PTFA Update

Our school is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard working PTFA. Their AGM minutes will be added to the website this week and this half term they will be planning our fantastic Christmas fair on **Thursday 30th November** after school. ***If you know any business who would like a stall at our Christmas Fair, please discuss with Mrs Hudson or Mrs Cross.***



There will be an informal meeting at 3.15pm on Tuesday 21st November regarding the Christmas Fair—all welcome to attend.

Next formal meeting is on 16th Jan at 7.00. Everyone welcome!

Thank You and Can you help?

Thank you to Mrs Ashcroft for the donation of sand, bricks, gravel, and Mr & Mrs Glew for finding us 20 pallets for our mud kitchen area in the forest.

If you can help with any of the following we would really appreciate your donations :
large bag of bark; 6ft fence posts; 8 wooden sleepers; an old sink; sieves and strainers; large metal spoons; rolling pins; wooden spoons; small pans, any old plant pots/containers; digging equipment— trowels, forks.



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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

Toilet refurbishment

The improvement works have commenced and will take approximately 4 weeks therefore we have made alternative arrangements for toilet facilities in school. We will update the children and ensure girls/boys toilets are clearly displayed while the work is ongoing. These may change depending on the order of refurbishment but will ensure these changes are clearly and regularly explained to them. The contractors will be using a skip and their vans will have access to an area of our car park. If I could ask you to take care when dropping off or collecting children from before and after school clubs. The contractors will be on site between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.00pm, however we will be careful to ensure that children will not be accessing the 'work' area. These will be a great improvement for our KS2 children when completed. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening letters were reissued yesterday after a mistake on the first copies. We apologise for any inconvenience but would ask you to reply with your preferred date by Wednesday 8th November if possible so we can confirm your time and send this home on Friday.

Guitar lessons

Guitar lesson will commence this week. Your child's session time has been confirmed by text and their first lesson will see them issued with their guitar and it is important that they are brought into school each week for their session with Mr Bird. Thank you for supporting this increased focus on music opportunities— I can see a band in the making!

Health Week

Thank you to our children for your great work in Health Week. After the success of the 'mile runs' we have decided to bring the launch forward to start in this half term, although we will not be able to start until the building work has been completed for health and safety reasons.

Volunteers in school

Thank you to those parents/ grandparent who have offered their time to help in schools. You are always welcome and much appreciated. Please let us know if you can help— even an hour can make the difference.

Holidays 2018/2019

I have attached the proposed 2018/2019 school calendar. We have consulted with our cluster schools including Bishop Rawstorne and Tarleton Academy. We have changed our holiday in October from Lancashire's preferred week as we feel the 8 week term followed by 7 week term is more suitable for our teaching and learning and it also fits in with our cluster and feeder school's decisions to facilitate family holidays. If you have any questions, please come and have a chat.

Walking Bus

Thank you for those parents and children who came on our walking bus during Health week. Our School Council will continue looking at the benefits and difficulties in running a regular bus and after consultation over the next half term will report whether or not this is something that we will be able to offer starting in Spring 2018. If you have any comments about this, please share it through their suggestion box in the school entrance.

Congratulations!

Super talent from Jonas who is playing football for Manchester United's Youth Team.

Please let me know your special achievements

DATES AND REMINDERS

THEME OF WORSHIP — COMPASSION

'The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow in anger and rich in love' Psalm 145:8

Your child will be bringing an information sheet that you can read together at home about our value of Compassion, our Christian Faith and our lives today.

REMINDERS

Our Remembrance Day worship for parents and children on Thursday 9th November at 9.05am.

Sunday 12th November at 10.15am could our children and families join us for the Remembrance Day service this year at the Congregational Church where afterwards we will walk to the War Memorial and lay our wreath and sing our Remembrance song?

We are a great supporter of the '**Poppy Appeal**'. There will be poppies for a suggested donation of 20p & poppy bag clips for 50p on sale at lunch times from 6th November 2017 until 10th November. Thanks for supporting this worthwhile cause.

A limited number of **Rotary shoe boxes** are available from the school office. The last date for donations is 13th November.

Massage in school will be commence this week for the next 6 weeks for the ongoing benefit of children and training of staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Relax Kids after school club commences today—It is a great opportunity for our children. There are limited places but still a couple left. If you would like to be part of it— please contact the school office.

Ju Jitsu is a new club on offer at Bretherton starting Monday 11th November—places still available.

Please note that the deadline for Dobroyd Castle 2018 residential trip £15 deposit was Monday 6th November 2017. For those who have yet to pay please could this be done online in order for us to confirm our booking?

Please remember the **Events and News** area at the bottom of our website as well as the **View Calendar** on the right hand side under the map has all dates for your diary of up and coming events and clubs.

Could every child bring a coat with a hood please as we try and go outside in all weathers.



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