

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

9th January 2018



Happy New Year

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year—wishing you health, happiness and love for 2018.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your kind Christmas wishes, cards and generous gifts that you shared at Christmas time with us. The gift of trusting us with your most treasured children motivates us to be at our best but we are grateful for your kindness and generosity and most of all your time and support.

Welcome back Mrs Rowley into Class 3 and we are looking forward to the additional support that she will provide Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with Mrs Allchurch in supporting learning and progress for Year 4 and Year 5.

Welcome to Mrs Clarke who thoroughly enjoyed her first couple of days here. Already she says that she feels settled and most welcome, thank you all who contributed to that welcome. If you didn't manage to call in for the meet the teacher session on Monday, please feel free to call in anytime for a chat or to say hello.

Swimming

We are lucky enough to provide swimming for the whole year and for 2 year groups each year. Typically swimming is provided for 1 year group and for only 2 terms. I feel that swimming is a life skill that schools are right to provide and as long as our budget allows, we will continue to offer this enhanced provision. However, I do believe it is important that we encourage life saving skills such as swimming at an earlier age and so after recommendations from Tarleton swimming teachers, we are going to review the age group of children who go swimming in this next half term. Swimming assessments will be completed to ensure that they hold in excess of the national standards expectation for their age. Then a decision will be made as to the age and classes that are most in need of this fantastic provision. I'll keep you updated on the outcomes. For this half term, however, Year 4 and 5 will continue to swim on Monday afternoons and will be accompanied by 2 members of staff. If I could ask you to please ensure that your children have all their kit in school on Mondays.

PTFA Update

Now the Christmas festivities are over, we are thinking about our next event which is the Topsy Turvy Bingo night on **Thursday 18th January**. Arriving for pie from 5.45 and eyes down at 6.30. A separate letter is coming home today if you would like to order food from the PTFA. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any chocolate that you would like to donategood for any diets that you may be starting..... please feel free to drop them at the School Office. If you have any ideas....come along to our next meeting which is on **16th January Everyone Welcome!**

Final update on our improvements

We are now there. The new reprographics room and new toilets are completed and are being used. Thanks to the staff and children for their patience in their development. We are now focusing on our forest area and are having a new path laid, fence fitted and resources built to enable us to use the wooded area more all year around. Primarily, it will be used for Reception and Year 1 but all classes will be able to benefit over 2018.



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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

REMINDERS

THEME OF WORSHIP — Respect

***‘Show proper respect for each other’** Peter 2:17*

Recycling and donations

The school has always been delighted to support recycling and the Eco group are great at organising recycling and upcycling initiatives. They are looking after the glasses, pens and used battery recycling boxes as they have moved to their new home near the ECO display board. If you are able to support this recycling, please continue to bring in any items and your children can place them in the boxes. Jill, our school cook, has been collecting used Christmas cards for a friend who upcycles them into gift tags for charity. If you have any Christmas cards and you were going to throw them away, please pass them to Jill in a plastic bag.



Also any gift bags that you are not going to use again, please feel free to bring them into school to be used by the PTFA in a new idea for a game that can be played at our Summer and Christmas Fairs.

Class 3 will have their Wider Opportunities Brass sessions on Thursday afternoons so we would like to ask that you all have your instruments in school on Thursdays and take them home to practice that night. We are fortunate that our children have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument for 2 years, whereas other schools usually only have them for 1 so we are keen to develop and advance their skills and expertise over this period.

Pre school sessions commence **Thursday 11th January**. This is a lovely session led by Mrs Vincent and the children who attend are a real credit to their families. We love having them in school. **Toddlers** commences on **Friday 12th January**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 15th January is the last day for Primary school admissions for September 2018 intake. If you know any children who may wish to come, they are most welcome, their parents will need to apply by that date. We have had the pleasure of showing many children and families around our school and all have commented on the warm and welcoming feel, hard working children and fantastic facilities.

New arrival! Many congratulations to Alex Scott (Class 2) & his family on the birth of ‘Bella’ who arrived on Wednesday 20th December 2017.

Daily Mile—look out in your child’s bag for a letter from Mrs Glew detailing our new activity due to start on 22nd January 2018. As per the letter please could you ensure your child has a pair of trainers in their PE bags in school by this date. Thank you.

Looking forward to the Spring Term 2018

Remember to check the calendar and events page on the website for after school clubs and invitations to join us in school .



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