

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

6th February 2018

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Church Inspection

Thank you to all involved in our Church Inspection on Thursday last week. It was a pleasure to show our visitor around Bretherton and share our great practice and superb children with her. Unfortunately, the outcome is confidential until the report is published, usually within 2 weeks, so please bear with me. As soon as I received the official paperwork, I will ensure that you have all the details.

INSET Day

Please remember that Friday this week is an INSET Teacher Training Day and children will not be in school. On this day, our new staff team and some Governors will be meeting to look at planning our vision for the future. Over the next couple of months, we will be establishing a 'Values and Vision' committee consisting of staff, Governors and parents who will help us move forward. We will keep you involved in all aspects of this, but if you feel that you would like to be a member of this committee, please let me know before the end of February.

Medicine policy changes

Bretherton School follows the guidelines from Lancashire County Council in relation to the administering of medicine to children. You may have become aware that we are able to administer 'over the counter' medicines to your child/children if you feel they require it. However, in order to keep both your child, other children and our staff safe, we will require you to complete a standard form with the dose, medicine name and frequency of application before we can accept it. The paperwork will remain in school and any medicine or empty medicine bottles will be returned to you once the course/instructions have expired. Please see our website for the full Administering Medicine Policy.

Congratulations—Sports Achievements

Well done to our Year 6 swimmers who broke 9 records at the Tarleton Cluster Schools Swimming Gala. What a super achievement and they really demonstrated great teamwork, cheering each other on.

Congratulations to our cricket team, who under the great coaching of Mr Wilson and Mrs Glew, achieved a great result in Chorley Sports Cricket Event.

Winners! -Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 4 Sportshall Athletic team who came 5th out of 28 Chorley Schools and 1st Small School. They showed 'grit and determination' in their events, not relaxing at all until the last event was complete. This was a huge factor in their success— a positive mindset all round.

PTFA Update

The next PTFA meeting will be **20th February 2018 at 3.15pm in Class 4**. You are all most welcome to share your ideas and help us plan the next PTFA events.

If anyone still wants to submit their illustration/picture for our PTFA banner, please ensure that it is in school by Friday 23rd February (extended date). It will be great to have a child's artwork to celebrate the great work of our PTFA. Maybe they could include some of the great events that they host, or some of the items they have purchased.

Your child will bring home a letter today regarding Mothers Day Afternoon tea on Friday 9th March 2018.

Congratulations to our School Kitchen



We would like to congratulate Jill Anderson, our School Cook, for being awarded a 5 star rating by Chorley Borough Council. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated cook, who really does work hard to ensure we have, as much as possible, healthy and fresh homemade food. We are reviewing the menus for the Summer term at the moment and this will be on the agenda for the next Parent Forum meeting later this term.

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

EXTRA INFORMATION

THEME OF WORSHIP — *Respect*

'Show proper respect for each other' *Peter 2:17*

Holidays within the School Term

Please can I remind everyone of the importance of not taking holidays within school term time. It is important that our systems are fairly applied and so to remind you that permission will not be granted for absence within term time unless it is one of the following:

Holiday leave in term time (you should ask permission first, by Law, the school can only authorise in exceptional circumstances)

Short term emergency

Certain days for religious observation

Bereavement

Dentist or doctors' appointment (try to make appointments outside school time)

Hospital treatment

All other instances will be considered Unauthorised.

Please note that if your child's attendance falls below 92% , we will contact you to discuss supporting you in raising this as **90%** or below is considered '**persistent absence**' and is required to be reported to the Local Authority. If you have any questions on attendance, we are happy to discuss it with you as we recognise working together is the key.

Sports Funding

Every year school receive funding to promote Sport and Fitness in schools. Schools will promote sports, fitness and wellbeing through 5 key areas. There are 5 key indicators:

- the engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity
- the profile of PE and sport is raised across the school as a tool for whole-school improvement
- increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport
- broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils
- increased participation in competitive sport

Previously, Bretherton school received just over £8000, however this year we received additional 'Sugar Tax' money so we have had £16000 to spend. Our evaluation document , which measures our success against the 5 key areas area, is on our website under Sports Funding. We are committed through quality CPD for teachers, use of Chorley Sports Partnership coaches and sporting opportunities and initiatives such as Bretherton Blast (Daily Mile) and Active Maths, to ensuring all our children have opportunities to be active and raise fitness.

Children in school are contributing to our future planning as we speak, providing ideas for after school and lunch time clubs and evaluations of sporting fixtures and active lessons. If you have any feedback, please let us know.

Online safety agreement for children

Following on from Online Safety Day 2018, we will be teaching children how they can show 'Respect online' and how they can keep themselves safe. We will be talking to children about their choices and behaviour online and it is important that clear expectations are shared in relation to their use of online. This week they will come home with an agreement to read and sign which outlines expectations of online use in school. It is a great opportunity to discuss online safety with your child and consider a Home Charter. We would ask that the signed agreement is returned to school by **Friday 23rd February 2018**. If you have any questions, please feel free to come in and discuss it with myself or Mrs Allchurch (our Online Safety Lead)

500 Words

Gosh, you can see how fast our years are passing when you realise it is time for the BBC Radio 2 500 word competition again. If your child would like to take part, all stories must be submitted via the online form on their website and needs to be uploaded before **7pm on Thursday 22nd February**. Parents, guardians and teachers can register for a SUBMITTER ACCOUNT, or by following the links at the top of their page. For more information on how to enter a story into this year's competition, please visit their website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/13FxbKI0D1DP80zvWRgw2CK/submit-your-500-words-story?preview=true>

DATES AND REMINDERS

Fair Trade visitor

Last week, Cath Greenlees came into school to talk to Class 3 and 4 about the importance of Fairtrade. Our Fairtrade groups along with the Ethos group are looking at how we can prepare for a Fairtrade Aware Award. We'll keep you updated with their progress.

Tarleton Performing Arts Evening—Keep the date free

Class 2 will be performing their 'Healthy Humans' dance at **Tarleton's Performing Arts Evening on Wednesday 7th March 2018 starting at 6.00pm**. More details will follow but please keep the date free if you would like to get a ticket and join us. It is always a great night, celebrating talents within our Cluster of schools.

Debt Aware Program

Year 5 and 6 have been undertaking a 'Debt Aware' program in school as part of our Personal, Health, Social and Emotional learning as it is important that children understand Money and the world of finance. They have been a hugely beneficial lessons and children are more confident in understanding the differences between needs and wants and how income and expenditure works. Remember to ask them about their learning.

World Faith Week

Thank you to staff and children for a fantastic Inter Faith Week. We had over 6 visitors in school enriching the education in relation to World Faiths last week which culminated in a parents assembly on Friday. It was lovely to see how much the children had learned and enjoyed the week. Thank you if you were able to join and share in the celebration with us.

Mini Fencing Club —Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will bring home a letter today regarding a Mini Fencing Club that will commence on Thursday 22nd February 2018 for 4 weeks, 3.20-4.20pm. This is on a first come first served basis so if your child would like to participate please complete and return the slip together with payment for WL Fencing. Payment is not available online as this is a Club run by a private provider whom you pay direct.

Fencing Club Demonstration

There will be a Fencing Demonstration at the last session tomorrow—parents are welcome to attend 3.30-4.30pm.

Reminders

On **Tuesday 27th February at 3.30pm**, in Class 4, we will be holding our KS2 SATS Information Meeting for parents of Year 6 children.

On **Wednesday 28th February at 3.30pm**, in Class 2, we will be holding our KS1 SATS information meeting for parents of children in Year 2.

Our rescheduled Parent Forum Meeting will take place on **Thursday 1st March 2018 at 9.00 in the Wilson Suite**. Please feel free to join us if you can spare the time. This time we will have school lunches, school values and sports funding on our agenda to discuss.

World Book Day Lunch

If you would like your child to participate and they do not already have school dinners please complete the tear-off slip with the flyer and return to school by **Monday 19th February 2018** so that we can ensure our school kitchen may order enough provisions for this special lunch. For Juniors only—you can either pay in advance using the 'top-up' facility under 'Dinners' down the left hand side of the screen when you log into SchoolMoney or pay after the event.

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



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