

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

24th APRIL 2018



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Reception Places for September 2018

All our letters for reception places have gone out last week and we await their confirmation of places. Congratulations to our Bretherton families who have siblings coming—we are very excited to see you soon. It is lovely to see names from our pre-school on the list too—it's amazing how well they fit in to school life already. We are excited to meet our new parents and explain our new starter process at our parents meeting on Thursday 24th May 2018 at 6.00pm. Choosing the right school for your child can be a difficult decision and so we would like to thank everyone who took the time to look around and who has chosen to join us. Because of this, I thought I would remind you that there is still time for a child to be added to our waiting list and it can be done by ringing the Pupil Admissions Team on 01772 532191. Exciting times!

Attendance

Just a quick note in this newsletter to say **'Thank You'** for your support in bringing your children to school. Our attendance figures overall this year to date is 97.16% which is over 1% better than the Government target. We really do appreciate your support. **THANK YOU.**

Equally important is getting to school on time. The whistle is blown at 8.50 to allow children to come into school and get ready calmly for the day and you're not late unless you are arriving after 8.55am. It can be most unsettling for the child and class if children are late on a regular basis. However, again we are lucky that the vast majority of parents do ensure that their children arrive at school on time, so thank you for your continued support on this.

Congratulations

We are the **Chorley Sports Small School Swimming Gala 'GOLD' Medal winners for 2018!** Well done to the team of swimmers who performed well as individuals but unstoppable as a team. It was great to see such parental support and I know they would have really appreciated your cheers. For more information, have a look at our website gallery or news area. They even managed the 'Floss' Dance to celebrate—well deserved too!

Thanks to our parents for helping transport and cheer on our teams and particularly Mrs Cairns for her support poolside.



PTFA Update

The PTFA are full systems ahead now for **'THE EVENT'** plans and tickets are on sale now. There has been a flurry of demand for tickets already—Please get your ticket requests in quick as they are going fast. Maybe arrange a table of your friends and family. It'll be a great night. The next meeting will be held in class 4 on Thursday 23rd May 2018 at 7.00pm. We would love to see families from KS1 represented so we can ensure we can gather your ideas and improve communication about events.

Bretherton Blast and PE Kits in school

Please can we remind you to have your **PE kit and trainers in school every day.** We are building our fitness into active lessons but are finding that an increasing number of children don't have their kit or trainers in school. Our Bretherton Blast mile should only take 15 minutes out of the school day but sadly when children have to borrow kit, it can take much longer. If your child is going to an after school sporting activity (eg. Multisports/tennis etc), we would encourage them to wear their school PE kit, to reduce the number of bags being brought into school—sadly we really don't have the room.

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 — Courage

“Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished.”

1 Chronicles 28:20

Arts Week

Well, Arts Week is set to be a fantastic event to finish off this half term. Already we have a couple of local artists who are coming in to work with our children and the staff have been planning great learning experiences to show that everyone can be good at art! As well as design, the week will be looking at dance and drama and music to show how creativity can be expressed through those mediums. Remember if you can help in any way, preparing resources, backing work or preparing our gallery please let the school office know the times you are available. Thank you for your £2.50 voluntary donations, we would really prefer not to have to ask but it will just enable us to offer the children a variety of resources so they can create their best piece of work. Please remember to send in £2.50 donation per child in an envelope with your child's name on the front.

Any old newspapers or magazines can be dropped off into a box near school office. Your oversized shirts can be brought in any time.

Lancashire Evening Post Education Awards

The Lancashire Evening Post Education Awards are open now for your nominations. If you feel that you would like to nominate anyone for the awards, some of which are **‘Primary Pupil of the Year’, ‘Inspirational Teaching Award’, ‘Unsung Hero Award’, ‘Sport Achievement Award’** please send your nominations in no more than 250 words to Competitions@LEP.co.uk by Friday 26th May 2018.

Reading Competition

Congratulations to our three winners of the Easter reading photograph competition. They produced great photographs, in particular matching the books to the place where they were readingvery clever. **Well Done to Alex , Class 4 and Grace and Oscar, Class 1.** You are all now the proud owners of an Easter Egg!

Crossing the Road

Thank you for your care in crossing the road in the absence of our Road Crossing Patrol. The advert is still available and at the children's request, we will do a door drop to see if there is anyone local who may like the role—a superb letter has been written by Olivia and Lauren so who could resist!

Reception Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much to all our reception parents who have returned the questionnaire. They are so useful in developing our practice. It seems like only yesterday that your child received their welcome letter and I cannot believe how happy they are to be in school and how much they have blossomed into super learners. If you have not yet completed your form, we would be really grateful if you could spare 5 minutes to fill it in and return to the school office.

Online Safety Concern

We were advised last week of an online safety concern regarding a pupil at a local school. Playing an online game, they were asked to give out their telephone number. Luckily, the child's online safety education came into play and they refused and told their parents so it all ended well but a great opportunity to remind our children of the importance of keeping our information safe and talking to a trusted adult should this ever happen to them.



DATES AND REMINDERS

Safeguarding training at Bretherton

Our staff and volunteers completed our annual refresher course looking at Safeguarding Children In Education last week and so I thought we would take the opportunity to remind you of our commitment to keeping children safe in school. I have enclosed a copy of our parent safeguarding brochure (paper copies are available from the school office) and raise your awareness of our policy in relation to the Government's PREVENT strategy on radicalisation and extremism. Copies sent with this newsletter.

British Values and The Lancashire Archives , Bow Lane, Preston

Archie, Mia and Jack (Year 5) visited the Lancashire Archives last week as part of their role as British Values Ambassadors. They took a rap that Class 3 created last year during their work with Miss Motherwell on British Values and this will be kept in the archives for future children to look at. They were very excited to have an 'Access all Areas' tour including visiting one of the eight strong rooms and had the opportunity to look at an original document signed by Elizabeth I and Henry VIII. They have said that if any of our families want to visit the archives, just mention the 'Sounds of Identity' project and they will allow any of our pupils and families access to these special documents too. We hope that some of you may wish to take this opportunity as it is not something that is usually permitted.

MY FOTO Parent & Toddler group photograph session

We've had a great opportunity to have a family photograph session with MyFoto (Adam Crowther) **Friday 18th May 2018** at Parent & Toddler Group . If you would like to have a good quality photograph taken, please book in on the day. The cost of the sitting is free and the photographs are very reasonably priced. The company will donate money to school for every session booked. Please don't worry if you've not got a toddler but would like the chance to have a family photograph taken, Adam has agreed to come back in the Autumn term so you can have some super photographs taken for early Christmas presents.

Thank you to our own Rugby Coach

Thanks to Mr Palmer-Davies for his time and expertise in coaching our year 5/6 and year 3/4 Tag Rugby teams in preparation for their competitions. If you feel that you can help support our sports teams in any way, in particular our football team, please give us a call, we would love to hear from you.

Reminders

- **Disco 26th April** for whole school. Key Stage 1 children 6.00-7.00. Key Stage 2 children 7.00– 8.00. Year 3 can choose whether to attend either. Tickets available before and a lucky dip and sweet stall will be available on the night.
- **3rd May**, Adam Crowther will be in school to take sports and group photographs—watch out on our website for some great additions soon after.
- **7th May**—Bank Holiday Monday— school closed.
- **W/c 14th May 2018** will be Key Stage 2 SATs week for Year 6 and would like to remind children to bring in a bottle of water and their brains so they can 'Shine' like they always do.
- **19th May** 'The Event' our great social event which will be a great night of fundraising for our much needed laptops.
- **W/c 21st May** will be our ART's Week and our children will experience many aspects of art and design over the week with different mediums and artists building up to a gallery exhibition and assembly on the Friday afternoon. Celebration Arts Week Assembly—Friday 26th May 2018 at 2.00pm—all welcome.
- **5th June**, Duathlon at Astley Park—watch out for letters.
- **11th June**—Class 2/3 trip to Tatton Park
- **14th June**—Father's Day Breakfast—PTFA. More details to follow.
- **15th June**—Sports Day & Summer Fair

Looking forward to the Summer Term 2018

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



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