

# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

8th May 2018

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### The Event—our great fun night out

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.

### Statutory Assessments

Over the next 2 weeks, our year 2 and year 6 children will be demonstrating their skills and knowledge in their statutory assessments (SATs). All children in school, but particularly these year groups, have worked incredibly hard to prepare themselves and have taken responsibility for their own learning and progress. We are already extremely proud of them for the way they have approached their learning, not just recently but all through the year and we all know that you will do your best and your light will shine brightly. Have confidence in your ability and trust you already know the way.

Thank you to all the teachers that have touched your lives and influenced your thinking. We are very fortunate to have passionate and dedicated teachers in school who strive to make our school a happy, learning environment.

Parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 may be interested to watch the videos produced by The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) for parents as it talks you through the Key Stage 1 and 2 testing system. The link for the leaflet and videos is <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

### Exciting News

A letter is going out this week to let you know of some exciting changes to the classrooms in school. We can't wait to let you know and we'll send a number of letters over the summer term to keep you updated.

### Before and After School and Holiday Club opportunities

An email will be sent out this week with a link to an online survey of 10 questions to answer in relation to what facilities and opportunities you would like for before, after school and holiday clubs at Bretherton. Please take the time to complete this as it will ensure we are meeting your needs of extended services.



### *PTFA Update*

The next meeting will be held in class 4 on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7.00pm. Thank you to everyone who supports the PTFA in any way—you ideas, time and participation is greatly appreciated.

**Vacancy for a secretary if anyone would like to accept—really need your help. Enquiries to Mrs Anita Cross, Chair PTFA.**

**Disco raised £250. Thank you to everyone involved.**

### REMINDER!

#### Bretherton Blast and PE Kits in school

Please can we remind you to have your child's **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 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](mailto:bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk)

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

## Extra Information

### ***THEME OF WORSHIP — Courage***

“Be strong and of good **courage**, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. ... .”

***Deuteronomy 31:6***

#### **New Parents meeting**

On **Thursday 24th May at 6.00pm**, we will be holding our parents meeting for the parents of the reception children who are starting with us in September. It is such an exciting time in preparation for their child's educational journey and we feel incredibly privileged to welcome them to our fabulous school.

#### **Sports Day reminders**

We will soon be marking out on our field the Sports Day markings as **our first attempt will be held on Friday 15th June** and we will be holding the PTFA's great fun Summer Fair straight after or our second date (in the event of poor weather) would be **Friday 22nd June**. Children will be practicing in the days leading up to it and thanks to Mr Conron, we now have a fully working sound system to complement the cheering and singing that happens on the day. Just to remind you that Sports Day **commences at 1.15pm** and it is a great day that parents, family and friends can spend with us, celebrating our children's sporting achievements and successes along with their determination, courage and friendships.

#### **Class 2 Assembly reminder**

Note to keep the date free for **Thursday 21st June for Class 2 Assembly**. Commencing at 9.05am it will be a lovely worship where the children plan and present their learning and you are all most welcome to join us. It will typically last 30-40 minutes. We hope that you can join us.

#### **We try our best to listen and act.....rucksacks**

Last year I wrote that we couldn't allow back packs as a school bag due to the fact that we have quite limited space in school for storage but allowed this 12 months to reduce the numbers so that you didn't encounter any financial penalty if you had already bought one. We do still have some large back packs being brought into school and we are struggling to accommodate them.

However, having spoken to many parents and children, I can see the benefits of rucksacks for older children and so after communicating with a local supplier, I may be able to offer a Bretherton Endowed standard size rucksack as an alternative to the traditional book bag. We do still value the old style book bag as they are good quality and are useful for Reception and KS1 children as they are only transporting their reading books and letters to and from home.

So from the end of the Summer Term, we will be able to offer the traditional book bag for a price of £5.50 and the standard size rucksack (navy with the light blue logo) for £ 8.50. We would like our children to use either bag as their school bag in an attempt to manage better the storage in school. Both bags are versatile and a great size for bringing all items into school that your child will need. Having had this year to continue to use your existing bag, we would like to ask that from September, children use either of our school bags. We are pleased to be able to offer the back pack many of you said you preferred and they can be bought from the School Office by paying cash or cheque payable Bretherton Endowed School Fund (these items cannot be purchased online).

#### **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. If you are still to forward your £2.50 per child contribution please send into school in a named envelope. Thank you.

Any old newspapers or magazines can be dropped off into a box in the foyer just outside the School Office. Your oversized shirts can be brought in any time.

#### **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 **at the very this Friday 11th May 2018**

# **DATES AND REMINDERS**

## **New Lunch System**

Our new lunch time ordering system started this week, the new menus were sent out last week along with an outline of the ordering process. We are happy with the good quality home cooked food that Jill offers and believe this system ensures your child receives their first choice and it minimises waste to help us be more environmentally conscious. Let me know if you have any feedback.

## **Well Done to our Year 6 Rugby Team**

Congratulations to the year 6 rugby team who played very well under their captain Charlie Berry and they managed to come third out of 8 schools. Great achievement and super event.

## **Well Done at our KS1 and KS2 Athletics event**

Great sessions took place for children in KS1 and KS2 chosen to represent Bretherton in the Athletics event run by Chorley Sports Partnership. A great show of teamwork, determination and sporting behaviour.

## **Sports Ambassadors Assembly**

Please take a look at our blogs and gallery for a clip of the brilliantly prepared and delivered assembly from our Sports Ambassadors. They are really making a difference outside at lunchtime, Thank you for your hard work.

## **Well Done Cluster Cross Country**

Well done to all children who took part in our Cross Country event at Bishop Rawstorne as part of our local cluster. We came third overall in the boys team and third overall in the girls team with some fabulous examples of grit and determination. Well Done, in particular, to Lewis who came first in the boys race and Lola who came third in the girls. Each and everyone of you were shining stars!

## **Reminders**

- **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.
- **17th May** is our Royal Wedding Lunch which is open to all pupils. If your child would like a lunch please send in slip in order that Jill is able to ensure that enough provisions are ordered. If the slip cannot be found then it can be ordered on the day.
- **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 ARTS 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 25th May 2018 at 2.00pm—all welcome.
- **23rd May** PTFA Meeting 7.00pm
- **24th May** New Parents Meeting 6pm—Reception September 2018
- **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 (if postponed due to weather reserve date is 22nd June)
- **21st June** Class 2 Assembly 9.05am—all welcome.
- **24th June** Walking Day, St. John's Church
- **28th June** World Cup Football Lunch—open to whole school

## **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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