

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

22nd MAY 2018

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



The 'EVENT'

Well it finally arrived! The Event took place on Saturday 19th May and it was a fantastic night. The two course meal presented by Marcus Moore was exceptional and the Band played late into the night. Special thank you to Mrs Cross and Mr Townley who were the Comperes for the Auction and Raffle and well done to all those who won the bidding as there were some fabulous prizes. I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the PTFA and school to all those businesses who donated items. We are incredibly lucky to be supported by so many great companies and thanks to all those involved in searching them out, especially Mrs Swarbrick for her organisation of them.

Huge thanks to Mrs Cross, Mrs Berry and Mrs Duffy for their tireless work in the organisation and their attention to detail as it really helped the night become the success it was. The total has yet to be finalised but **is likely to be over £4000** which will go a long way to providing our new class set of laptops.

Our school budget pays for our fantastic staff and the main learning resources. We really do rely on the fundraising of the PTFA to complement our curriculum through school trip subsidies, iPads, laptops, table tennis tables and lunchtime equipment and visitors into school. None of these would be possible without them and your unwavering generosity so thank you so very much for all your support.

Sports Day and Summer Fair

I can't believe how quickly this year is moving on and when we come back after the holidays, we will be preparing for sports day and our wonderful PTFA Summer Fair on Friday 15th June 2018. Lets hope that the earlier date guarantees the weather. Just to recap, you are welcome to come to settle on the field for Sports Day at 1.00pm with our children coming outside at 1.15pm. They will be sat in their 4 school teams and the events/activities will be completed with representatives from each team challenging each other. There will be lots of cheering and shouting, lots of courage and determination and great team spirit.....and right at the end a Parent Race! Always fun and competitive! AND THEN..... Straight after our Summer Fair will start with a host of stalls, refreshments, games including Beat the Goaly, Bouncy Castles, Tombola and Cakes to name a few. The PTFA will be holding a quick meeting on Wednesday 23rd May at 7.00pm to arrange some of the events and stalls so please support us so it will be a great afternoon.

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— your ideas, time and participation is greatly appreciated.

We hope that you can join us to plan our summer 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. Multi Sports/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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

Extra Information

THEME OF WORSHIP — Courage

On the anniversary of the Manchester Bombing, can our thoughts and prayers be with anyone who has been affected. They will need courage and love from us all.

Father's Day Breakfast

On 15th June, we invite dads, grandads ... or can be mums to come and spend time together to celebrate Father's Day by sharing breakfast. Bacon or Sausage Buns and a good cup of tea and coffee are on offer. Complete your slip on the letter out today and return them by **Wednesday 13th June 2018**.

Year 6 and Year 2 SATs

Congratulations to Year 6 and Year 2 who have successfully completed their SATs tests. They all worked their socks off and demonstrated a high level of concentration, determination and enthusiasm to be the best they can be! It never ceases to amaze me how children can apply themselves with courage and skill at these times and as soon as I am able, I will leave a copy of the year 6 papers in the school entrance area so that you can fully appreciate how skilled the children need to be to apply their knowledge and understanding. They are all STARS! They enjoyed a relaxing day of Ice pops and fun on Friday and Year 6 had a trip to the park as a thank you for their hard work.



Royal Wedding Celebrations

We had a great 'Royal Wedding' themed lunch last Thursday. Jill prepared a fun garden party picnic and Mrs Clarke organised an afternoon of interesting Royal facts.

Arts Week

Art week has started well with a relaxed atmosphere. All around school you will see children sketching, painting, observing, designing and sculpting along to classical music. Art is all about using your imagination, and your creativity is an extension of who you are. Miss Hymers has worked incredibly hard to invite some visitors in school to support and enrich the children. A couple of 'New Longton Artists' have come and are working with small groups on observing and texture. We have a visitor in school working with Class 1 and 2 using flowers and paint to create glue stained glass rainbows. We are looking forward to a dance session and Morris dancing and we will hopefully share these with you at our assembly on Friday. **The Hall doors will be open at 2.00pm for you to look around our children's gallery— there will be something by every child on display and at 2.30pm the children will start the assembly by explaining what they have learned and developed this week.** Thank you for your donations and the voluntary contribution of £2.50. This has enabled us to provide some canvases, more sophisticated paint, and other resources.

Congratulations

Mrs Brindle entered a competition for a set of new Nike football kits for school and she WON! I would like to thank her for taking the time to enter and congratulate her on this win as this will be great for our sporting teams. I would also like to thank the School Council for their organisation of a new Bretherton netball and football kit and we have ordered them for use later this term. You will look ever so smart and the staff liked them so much, we may get a PE kit of our own too!



DATES AND REMINDERS

Maths at Bretherton

This year a focus of ours has been maths and developing reasoning and mastery. This development in maths is designed to increase children's fluency (how easy they find it to puzzle through alternative ways and the most efficient ways of answering a problem). We have been fortunate to have a Maths Consultant working with our teachers in developing resources, challenging problem solving and developing curiosity in maths and these things were evident in the SAT's last week. If you would like to develop these skills with your child, look out for links on your child's class page as we are striving to ensure that we give you enough resources to be able to help and stretch your child. Fluency, reasoning and problem solving underpins the deepening of understanding. Fluency helps children justify their answer or explore other possibilities? For example: Prove that $4+3=7$ – deepens understanding sooner. How? Pupils have to be reliant on resources they've used elsewhere, such as concrete manipulatives and pictorial representations, to help them explain the maths. Use the 'How', 'Why' as well as 'What' questions in maths really helps. So ...*How do you know? Why does x have an answer of y?*.....could change your maths conversations at home.

Keep the date: Walking Day Sunday 24th June 2018

At 11.00am at St John's Church then walking down to the Congregational Chapel with a Fun Afternoon straight after. We are hoping to put together a choir for church, songs for the walk with our banner and flags and some Morris dancing throughout the day. We will be sending letters home to invite the children to attend, straight after the holidays—We really hope lots of our children can make it and share a great afternoon together in the sun.

Help please

As mentioned, our Summer Fair's first attempt is on Friday 15th June 2018. If you can help us in the preparation by volunteering to make some cakes, please let one of the PTFA members know. We would also like to ask for any teddy donations for a teddy tombola (nearly new) and would like to invite your child to come **in non-uniform on Wednesday 13th June 2018 in return for a donation of a bottle and chocolate** for the tombola Friday.

GDPR Consent Forms

If you haven't done so already please could you ensure that you return the *Parents updated consent for use of personal information (GDPR)* form that was sent home last week. The deadline is **Friday 25th May 2018**

Reminders

- **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.
- **25th May**—deadline for GDPR Consent Forms and Photo Orders
- **11th June** Class 2 and 3 trip to Tatton Park—if you haven't done so already, permission slip/payment required urgently in order for your child to participate.
- **11th June** Class 4 swimming in the afternoon— competitive games
- **13th June** Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation of a bottle and chocolate
- **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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