

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

12th June 2018

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Non uniform Day Wednesday 13th June for donations

Just a quick reminder that there will be a non uniform day on Wednesday 13th June for donations of **chocolates and bottles**. If you feel able to donate chocolate wine, bubble bath, or any bottles for the stalls, your child is welcome to come into school in their own clothes. We are really grateful for your donations and it really does help the PTFA raise much needed money for our school. We also need donations of **soft toys and cakes** if you can help with this also.

Sports Day and Summer Fair this Friday

Subject to this fantastic weather remaining with us, we are due to host our 2018 Sports Day and Summer fair this Friday. 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.

WE NEED YOU! —Can you help at the Summer Fair by making cakes, manning a stall, helping with refreshments? If so please contact school - thanking you in advance.

Before and After School Provision

Mrs Angela Williams, proprietor of THE ARK has given notice to leave at the end of Summer. We would like to thank her for her service and care of children of Bretherton over the last 10 years. Although another change, this has given us the opportunity to look at this provision and look to create a facility that can sustain into the future and so I hope to let you know in the next couple of weeks what, if any, changes there will be. We are confident that a positive outcome can be reached and aim to keep the transition as seamless as possible.

Parent Forum

Our last parent forum for this school year will be **at 9.00am on Tuesday 19th June** where you can have a direct impact on our school development plan. We would love you to join us for a coffee and croissant in the school hall where you can let us know what we are doing right and things you feel we can improve on to make our school even better. Please come and share your ideas - we always work best when we work together.

PTFA Update

Thank you to everyone who supports the PTFA in any way—you ideas, time and participation is greatly appreciated.

Update on the PTFA Event is that over £6,000 has been raised. When this figure is finalised we will let you know. Already this has been earmarked for a new class set of laptops!

In times of ever squeezed school budgets, we really couldn't offer our children many of the opportunities that we do without your support and PTFA fundraising so thank you again...and we have great fun in doing it!

Bretherton Blast and PE Kits in school

Please, please, 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. **Thank you for supporting this.**

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 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

Nominations for the Lancashire Evening Post Education Awards

The awards showcase and celebrate the very best students, teachers, schools and employees in the area. The campaign recognises the achievements that schools and pupils make within the education sector on a daily basis. We have shortlisted candidates in the following sections:

Pupil of the Year (Sports Award): Lewis Townley

Unsung Hero : Tommy Wilson

Health and Wellbeing: Vanessa Glew

The final is on 20th June 2018 at the Charter Theatre, Lancaster Rd, Preston PR1 1HT and representatives from school will be there to cheer on the nominees. If you would like to join us at the Charter Theatre, please let me know as we have lots of tickets. We wish them luck.....but they are winners to us.

Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you to the PTFA and staff for arranging the Father's Day Breakfast this **Friday morning from 7.45-8.45am**. If you would like your child and their Dad (or another relative who would like to share this with them) to share a breakfast together, you can book in using the form from the school office or email us with your requirements. There is also a copy on our website under **News, Letters for Parents**. The final deadline is tomorrow (**Wednesday 13th June 2018**). It is always a lovely way to start the day.

Red Admiral Brass Tuition

Over the last 12 months, as a school, we have been reviewing our music coverage and we are really pleased to be able to offer recorders, xylophones in class 2 and guitar tuition for children who want to learn it. We have been speaking to Red Admiral Brass tuition to look at whether they could offer an enhanced provision to our Wider Opportunities Brass tuition and we feel we have a great package to offer our children from September.

Red Admiral will be teaching Class 3 brass, providing the instruments and tuition on a Tuesday afternoon. In addition they will offer 1 to 1 and small group tuition to other children in school and even an after school band session where children can take their musical skills to the next level. This is a really exciting opportunity for school and our children and they will come and lead an assembly before the end of June to explain more to the children.

Arts Week

Thank you to all who shared our Arts week assembly on the last day of half term. I was blown away by the creativity and skills of the children and the positive way they worked with our artist and professional visitors. The two dance groups were brilliant and we hope to bring you the Morris Dancers again (in full costumes) at our Walking Day on 24th June.

Lancashire Evening Post

Class 3 were photographed by the Lancashire Evening Post so look out for them as 'Class of the Week' and photographs of our children enjoying Arts week also. Keep your eyes out for them!



DATES AND REMINDERS

TARDIS Brass

A letter is attached to this newsletter from our cluster of school (TARDIS) who have created a Brass group. It is an invitation for musicians from all our school to perform together. Please complete the tear off slip or pick up a paper copy at the school office if you are interested in taking part.

Measles Outbreak

We have been asked by LCC to advise parents of an increase in measles cases across the UK including two recent cases of measles in children in Cumbria. The increase in cases is associated with importations from Europe that have led to some limited spread in the population, particularly in young people and adults who missed MMR vaccination when younger. If you have any concerns regarding measles or missing MMR vaccination, please consult your GP.

Class 2 Assembly

You are all welcome to join us for our Class 2 Assembly on Thursday 21st June 2018. Come and share their learning with us.

Keep the date: Walking Day Sunday 24th June 2018

At 10.30 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.

Children from school will hopefully be performing Morris Dancing both outside the Church and down the road, we will be walking with our banner and waving the flags that we will be making in school. We have opted to sing 2 songs in the service 'This little light of Mine' and ' Lighthouse' and it will be a great community event.

Bretherton Family Fun Day

You are all invited to the family Fun day arranged by a committee from the Parish Council. It is on **Saturday 30th June 2018** and will be packed full of games and family fun stalls. Information can be obtained from representatives of Parish Council.

GDPR Data Protection

If you haven't done so already please could you complete and return the Data Protection Declaration that was sent out before half term? It is important that we have this document signed to comply with GDPR regulations. Spare copies available from School Office.

Reminders

- **13th June** Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation of a bottle and chocolate
- **15th June** Father's Day Breakfast—PTFA.
- **15th June** Sports Day & Summer Fair (if postponed due to weather reserve date is 22nd June)
- **19th June** Parent Forum 9.00am—all welcome
- **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
- **REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DATES OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN JULY!**

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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