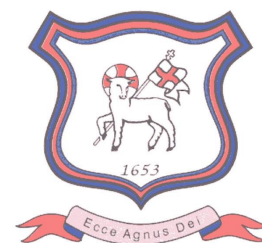


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

10th September 2021



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our first full week and what a hot one it has been. Our reception children have had their induction and are now in full time. Thank you to the PTFA for welcoming our new and existing reception families on their child's first day. All children have settled and are learning well. New routines, new places and new lessons. We have started our Friday Celebration worship at 2.45 and we hope that you can join us. Certificates will be presented and if your child has been awarded one, you will get a text to share in the moment with them. If their birthday has been in the week, they can bring a birthday card in while we celebrate their special day.

We have started the new term with vigour and have lots to tell you in this packed newsletter.

There have been some Covid cases in local schools and so we are moving forward cautiously. We need your support in keeping your child off if they are unwell and seeking a PCR test if they have the Covid symptoms. We will communicate by text or email if there are any concerns at school and if we have any cases we will instigate part 2 of our risk assessment which contains control measures. Part of this may involve reverting to bubbles, using LFT tests in order to keep classes open or as last resort class closures. Thank you for your support.

Start of day and end of day

If I could remind families that Class 2,3,4 are able to access school at 8.40 to 8.50 each day. If your child arrives earlier, they will be unsupervised which is a concern and we want to keep them safe.

At the end of the day, staff are concerned that parents are collecting at the railings rather than coming into the playground and so children are walking around on their own. This is a concern for our younger children so I would like to ask that all Class 2 parents collect their child from inside the playground so that they can be released directly to their parents care. If we could encourage all parents to come onto the playground, the footpath will be passable and significantly reduce the risk of an accident.

Primary & Secondary Admission Deadlines

Remember it is the time for applying for primary and secondary school places which is now 'live' online using the following link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/> Secondary School Admissions deadline : **31st October 2021** Primary School Admissions deadline : **15th January 2022**

PTFA

The PTFA cannot wait to resume their role in school in organising brilliant social and fund raising events. We need to resume our membership and have really missed meeting over the last 16 months.

We will be arranging our AGM and first planning meeting so we hope that we will see you there. You can support and participate as little or as much as you want—we really value everyone's input.

Watch out for the meeting date and we hope to see you there. **We need you!**

Any ideas, please email them on
ptfa@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please continue to leave from the front gate near the entrance to school rather than the car park as it is dangerous as cars are accessing throughout the start and end of day.

Car park is for staff and volunteers only please. However, if you have any specific needs, come and speak to us about it.

TWITTER for school

For those of you on Twitter, to keep you right up to date with the great learning and sporting opportunities we have our twitter feed @BrethertonEP



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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

FURTHER INFORMATION

“Let’s not get tired of doing good, because in time we’ll have a harvest if we don’t give up.”

Galations 6:9

Morrison’s Make it Grow Vouchers

If you shop at Morrison's could we ask you to collect the 'Make it Grow' vouchers so that we can get more gardening equipment for our school. Please pass it on to friends and family– the more the better.

Parking

If I could politely remind you to park safely outside school and associated area. Please take care not to park over drives or access roads and allow for some passing spaces for the traffic on South Road to avoid traffic jams. In addition, please don't park in the bus stop areas so that children from high school can disembark.

Residential

Year 6 parents have received a letter this week about the year 6 residential to Dobroyd Castle early 2022. We appreciate that this is not as long as other years to decide and pay but we have not been able to book until recently. We are delighted that we can start planning it but if you feel you need more time to pay, just let the school office know and we can arrange a plan.

Class 3 will be going to Hothersall Lodge for 2 long days/1 night also next year and this letter will follow shortly. We will maximise learning and opportunities in these jam packed days. We can't wait.

After school clubs

If your child would like to attend any of our after school clubs, please complete the google forms as notified. We are grateful we can offer clubs run by external providers e.g. Tennis, Art, Spanish, Fencing, Jujitsu so far and will add more in the coming weeks. For external clubs contact needs to be made with the provider. If you need any contact details please contact the School Office.

Pupils in Years 3-6 brought home a letter yesterday for Fencing Club that is due to start next Wednesday 15/9. Places are limited therefore remember to complete the form and return to school with payment if your child would like to participate. Copy of letter is attached if required.

Brass

Just a reminder that Class 3 will have their brass lessons every Thursday if they can have their instruments in school each week. Anyone who would like private lessons can contact the school office to find out how to arrange with Red Admiral. We would love to encourage any of our Year 6 children to continue and develop their talents further before high school.

National Online Safety Platform

Keeping upto date with technology and keeping our children safe online is a huge national priority after lockdown. At Bretherton we have subscribed to the National Online safety platform which provides information on apps and technology for parents and staff to keep us updated with all the new games children will be playing along side lesson plans for children on how to grab the benefits of online whilst being safe. The letter sent this week contains a link so you can access this resource for free. We hope that you sign up and find it useful. We will hold a workshop for parents to get the most out of it, later this year.

The HUB

Thank you for supporting our before and after school provision—The HUB. We are delighted to be able to offer you this flexible service. After running it for 2 years as part of school, we are looking to review all of our Hub processes including how to book, communicate and invoicing. Any changes adopted will be designed to make it more convenient for you to access. Watch out for the google form to gather your thoughts.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

The Nasal Flu vaccination will take place in school on Tuesday 5th October 2021. An email with the link for consent was sent home yesterday and should be completed if you would like your child to participate. The link will close on **19th September 2021**.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Swimming

Class 2 will start swimming for this year on Monday afternoons. This will run until early February and then continue again in the next school year so all Class 2 children get a full year of swimming over the 2 years.

Essential Equipment

Please can children always have a water bottle, waterproof or warm coat depending on the season as we are out in all weathers and it can be upsetting for children if they don't have it. I hope all have brought in their trainers for our daily mile but if you have any difficulties, please let me know.

Toddlers

Our wonderful Toddler sessions will commence again on Fridays starting 24th September at 9.30—11.00. This will be run by volunteers and you are most welcome. Voluntary contribution of £2.50 covers refreshments and replacing equipment. If you would like to help, please see Tasha Leech or Naomi Mangnall. Spread the word as it would be lovely to get this going again.

Pre School

Our pre school sessions will commence Thursday 23rd September 1.30—3.00 with Mrs Vincent and Mrs Wood. They are looking forward to seeing the children start their Bretherton journey. They will be accessing the lovely reception outside area so make sure they don't come in their best clothes. If you would like to reserve a place please contact the school office.

Labelling uniform and Pre loved uniform

Everyone has returned to school looking very smart—thank you for following our dress code. But please can I ask everyone to check their child's names are on all their uniform, including the inside of their shoes and show your child where the name is so they can identify their property.

Thank you to everyone who has donated pre-loved uniform to school. We have 2 racks full of virtually new clothes and a box of other items for anyone to come and use. Please feel free to pop in the entrance hall and look for your child's size—take it home and add your name in (so that all our lost property can get back to its rightful owner) and use. Such good quality—**please do use it.**

Meet the teacher

Thank you to all who came to Meet the Teacher this week. We were delighted to be able to offer it, especially for Mrs Di Franco to be able to say hello and meet our families. The key expectations for your child's age in maths, reading and writing was provided along with key words to know. If you were unable to attend, these will have come home for your convenience. If there is anything you didn't discuss or need anything further, contact the school office to arrange a time.

Running track

Finally, we are hoping to have the track created in October half term and are very excited for our children to use. We will have a little shortfall in money so will be holding some fundraising events this term linked to sports and fitness which we hope that you feel able to support. The sports councillors will help us organise. If you have any ideas for them to consider or any match funding through your employer, we would welcome your help.

Well Done to Mrs Clarke for securing some great EYFS equipment for Class 1. Their role play area will look amazing!

Your children may have noticed that we have a visitor in our forest area. Shrek (who was part of the village scarecrow competition) has left his swamp to watch over our forest area. We are pleased we could save him from the tip. If you have any ideas for making our outside area amazing—just let us know.

Summer reports

We hope that you enjoyed reading your child's summer report. We only got a handful of comment sheets back but really do value your feedback. If you can spare the time, it would be great if you could return the comments sheet, or email school so we can continue to learn and develop.

Reception Photographs

Reception pupils had their class photo taken this week to appear in the annual supplement in the Chorley & Leyland Guardian 27/28 September 2021.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additions to Consent Form

Below are two additions to our Consent Form which were added in the Summer Term. For those pupils in Years 1-6 we need consent for these items and are therefore asking for you to read them and if we have not heard to the contrary by **Monday 20th September 2021** we will assume that consent has been given :

1. Consent to your child accessing and using Google Classroom features in school and through remote learning needs.
2. Consent to work with professionals to promote Health and Wellbeing in school as part of our PHSE curriculum

Safeguarding

Each year at this time, the Government issue an update to Keeping Children Safe in Education. Staff have been trained and our safeguarding policy will be updated to reflect the key changes which include Peer on Peer abuse, low level concerns about adults and online safety. Our policy will be posted on our website. If you are ever concerned regarding the safety and wellbeing of a child, please have a private conversation with Mrs Moxham. Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

In addition, Operation Encompass is still part of the local safeguarding offer. It's an initiative to safeguard children by informing school in the event of any domestic violence involving children so they can support the child straight away. For further information, refer to <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/safeguarding-children/54214>

We also comply with the Prevent Agenda as set out by the Government. This forms part of our commitment to equality and diversity <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/prevent-agenda/37327>

Golf in Primary schools programme

Fortunately, we have been chosen to be part of a Primary Golf Programme. We receive free golf resources and a specialist coach will be coming into school before we access the golf facilities at Southport golf academy. It's great to champion lots of different sporting opportunities and foster talents our children may not know they have.

Toys from home

If we could ask that children don't bring toys in from home unless asked to by a class. It can cause distractions in lessons and can be upsetting if it gets misplaced or damaged.

Sponsored Event

Rev Sue is a good friend to school and leads in our Collective Worship. We would like to support her in her sponsored event for this worthwhile charity. If you feel able please see <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-guenault3>

Dates for your diary coming up

- Monday 20th September: Recycle week
- Wednesday 22nd September 9.05: Harvest whole school assembly inviting parents
- Thursday 23rd September 1.30—3.00: Pre school starts
- Friday 24th September 9.30—11.00 Toddlers commences
- Wednesday 29th September: Phonics and reading meeting in class 1 (more details will follow)
- Sunday 31st October—Deadline Secondary School Admissions