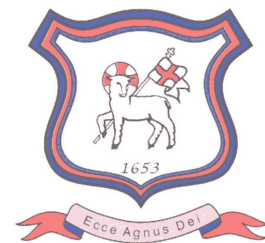


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

5th November 2021



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our Christmas half term and we are awash with plans for the festive season. We hope that you have had a good break and managed to dodge the rain showers. The children have returned in good spirits and ready to learn. They have been looking at COP26 this week and thinking about how we can support the planet for the future and came up with some great ideas.

Class 2 phonics and spelling workshop for parents

Thank you for those who attended the spelling workshop on Wednesday. The powerpoint and any resources will be added to the English are of our website under curriculum.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On **Wednesday 10th November 9.05am**, we are inviting you to join us for our Remembrance Day assembly. It is always a lovely event where we can come together with Ethos leading and all classes taking part in some way, sharing their thanks for families who lived through the war and the soldiers who gave their life for peace. It would be lovely if you could join us.

Anti-bullying week and Equality and Diversity is week commencing 15th November and we will have a host of activities during the week linked to these themes.

Christmas Fair– Thursday 25th November

Our PTFA met and we have a new Secretary , Mrs Ellison and Treasurer , Mrs Cupit which is great and are well under way in planning our Christmas Fair. After the popularity of last year, our Year 6 will be invited to design their own stalls and we will have many other activities available on the night. It will start at 3.15 after school with a couple of carols and prayers and then our light switch on will be held at 5.00 with our children and families singing together around the tree.

In preparation, we are asking for **donations of bottles or chocolates for the tombola, so on Friday 12th November**, children can come in their own clothes in return for a donation. We will text a reminder nearer the time.

We are collecting any soft toys too so if you have a sort out over the holidays, **please bring in your good quality soft toys into school.**

Pre School Donations

If you have any small rain suits or raincoats and pants that would be suitable for our pre school children, and you don't use them anymore, please could we ask you to donate them to our pre school as Mrs Vincent has been taking them outside into the forest area on Thursdays.

PTFA

The PTFA resumed their role in school of organising brilliant social events and fundraising at our AGM and meeting this Tuesday.

Thank you for joining us. If you were unable to make it, we will share the minutes with you and feel free to email the PTFA with any ideas or comments.

If you use Amazon, please specify our PTFA fund raising page for cashback for our school. Every little helps.

We need you!

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. 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

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 3:12

Supporting the Royal British Legion

Our Ethos group will be selling the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal items from Monday next week. The items range from 50p to £2.00 and will be available to buy at lunch time. If children who wish to donate can bring a small amount of money to purchase the items they would like (in a named envelope if in Class 1) they will be able to visit the 'Poppy Shop' each lunch time until the end of the week. The items always seem to sell out fast so it will be **first come, first served**. The poster detailing the price of each item available is attached. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Remembrance Sunday 14th November

This year we are very keen to take part in our community Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 14th November, commencing at 10am at St John's Church and 10.15 at the Congregational Chapel. We would like to invite all our students and families to remember together by meeting at either Church and sharing a prayer together at the War Memorial at 11am. Two of our Year 6 will attend to lay the wreath on behalf of school.

Lancashire Emotional Wellbeing Website and training

We are fortunate at Bretherton to have accessed training through the Lancashire Emotional Wellbeing Service. They have prepared some videos for parents on resilience and wellbeing for children and families. Please find the link to the [website here](#) and they can also be found on our website. They also offer great resources looking at anxiety or worries in children and they are really accessible. <https://sway.office.com/8oQ8Wc5LL02BdEID?ref=Link>

1 to 1 devices for children in Year 2

Last year we rolled out our 1 to 1 Chromebook Scheme for children in Class 2,3 and 4 and we are grateful for your support as we use the devices daily in class to support and enhance learning. We are in a position to invite year 2 parents to join the scheme. A letter will be coming out soon to Year 2 parents, however if we have any other families who missed out last year and would like to take part, please email the school office.

Parent Questionnaire feedback

Thank you so much to everyone who has completed our parent questionnaire, we really do appreciate your time and feedback in order that we get it right. We really appreciate how supportive and committed to school our parents are and we will continue to work hard in our home school relationships. We are always happy to discuss your child's experiences in school and learning, our door is always open. If you wish to speak to the class teacher, as the start and end of days are so busy, we would invite you to contact the school office to make an appointment alternatively if I can assist when I am on the gate, please let me know.

Bretherton Parish Council

Bretherton Parish Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan for our village. The process will be led by a Steering Group consisting of members of the Parish Council and local residents. This leaflet attached to the newsletter explains the process and how you can get involved.

Dobroyd Castle 2022—Class 4

Reminder : the next payment for Dobroyd Castle 2022 is due by **Friday 19th November 2021**.

External After School Clubs

For those after school clubs that are run by private providers we do not have access to costs or availability. If your child would like to participate the contact details are below :

Art—Rosie Stanfield

01772 601410/07534 369861 rosemarystanfield@live.co.uk

Jujitsu—Shaun McCabe

01772 497838 shaun@nipponuk.com

Tennis—Stuart Grice

07709 816951 rootstennis@hotmail.co.uk

Spanish—Alison Powell

01704 620817/07903 388433 alisonmp24@hotmail.co.uk

Toast money

Please ensure that when pupils are paying for toast that they have legal tender as there are times that the school office does not notice if it is not which in turn is then refused at the bank when trying to pay it in. Thank you.