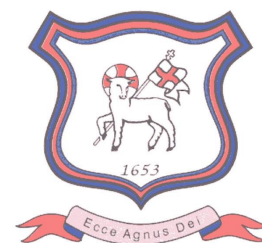


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

19th November 2021



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Although we have had a number of positive cases in school, we would like to thank you for your support in seeking PCR tests when displaying symptoms and regularly using LFT testing. Despite their being no Government guidance on self isolating for children under 18 and in the absence of track and trace in schools, we would like to thank you for your thoughtful approach in our attempt to reduce the spread of Covid whilst maintaining school and education. There are rising cases in our area and this can be seen within local schools. By employing the additional preventative measures, we will get on with our job of teaching. Thank you to staff for their hard work through this challenging time.

Anti-bullying Week

This week has been National Anti-bullying Week and all week we have been teaching children about what makes a good friend, how to be kind, and what is important in maintaining relationships. Teachers have been looking at bullying, what it is and why it can happen, who they can tell and what happens next and the children have been positive participators. They also looked great in their odd socks as part of the 'One Kind Word' event this year.

Equality and Diversity: As part of our Anti-Bullying week, we have been looking at equality and diversity. Children have been very perceptive and showed great understanding that we are all individuals and have a right to feel safe and live life without prejudice or persecution.

Christmas Fair– Thursday 2nd December

Thank you for your understanding after changing our Christmas Fair to the following week. We feel an increased gap between our positive Covid cases and the event will help reduce the risk of transmission in school. 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.

Choir in a special concert this week

Congratulations to our choir, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Glew for their hard work in preparing for their 20 minute performance at Croston, All Saints Church on Saturday evening. The renowned 'One Voice' choir will be singing straight after them and so it will be a fantastic enrichment for them to be able to watch and enjoy. They sound amazing and I can't wait for you to hear them too.

Class 1 and 2 production

Tickets are on sale for the Class 1 and 2 production on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th December and evening of 16th December. We also have a dress rehearsal on Monday 14th. We will be limiting numbers of the audience for each night to ensure we can socially distance better. Thank you in advance for coming.

PTFA

The PTFA are looking for adults to help man stalls at the Christmas Fair on 2nd December 2021. If you can help, please advise Tasha through their Facebook page

We appreciated your donations of bottles and chocolate last week for non uniform day. The tombola will be well stocked.

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 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

“ 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

Well Done Ethos. They manned the Poppy shop all last week and managed to sell virtually all items we were sent by the Royal British Legion. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause. We will update you with the total raised as soon as we receive it.

Secrets room

Just a little reminder about the letter for the Secrets Room sent last week which has been moved to the 10th December. If I could ask that all the forms are returned by Friday 16th November 2021. This will be the last date to apply. Thank you in advance.

Santa in Class 1 and Party Day

On our Christmas Party Day, we usually have a visit from Santa. However, this year he is very busy and so he has asked whether he can visit on Friday 17th December when he will come into school and visit each class. Traditionally, he starts in class 1 and we invite Reception children’s parents to join us straight after drop off so that they can share this lovely memory with their child. As Year 1 parents were unable to attend last year, this year we would like to open it up for all parents of children in Year 1 too. It will last approximately 20 minutes and each child will receive a gift from Santa. It’ll be a lovely end to the term.

PTFA

There will not be a games night as stated on the blue school calendar this term, but they will look at planning one next year.

Preparation for the Christmas Fair.

On our new date of Thursday 2nd December, we would like to ask if anyone can help with the following:

A generator for our outside lights.

Is there anyone who has a gazebo with sides and any weights they use with them, so we are prepared for our Christmas fair? If you have any available to borrow, can we have them in school (please identify yours with your name somewhere) by 23rd November. Please could we ask for donations of teddies that can be used on a tombola. If these are brought into school in bags, we will collect them in the servery.

We would like to serve mulled wine in a mug and so if you don't mind having a look in your cupboards for any mugs that you no longer need, we would love to use them. Any type and they can be brought into school anytime from now.

Some of the stalls that you may like to help on are as follows: Lucky dip; Punch cups; Name the teddy; Ornament stall; Lights stall; Wheel of fortune; to name a few. Thank you in advance for helping with this.

We will be holding our famous cake stall too so we would like to invite you to 'get baking' and bring your cake donations in on the day. If you have any ideas for the PTFA to make the event very special, please don't hesitate to let Tasha know via the Facebook page or let any members of the PTFA know. If you want, you can email me and I will forward it to her too.

Sporting events and trips

We hope that you find the google forms are a convenient way of you giving consent to your child participating in trips and sporting events. If we could politely ask that you respond promptly to the letters by completing the google form before the date stated, it means that we can ensure the trips can go ahead and the sporting events can find alternatives if your child cannot attend. Without this, the other children going may miss out if we are participants short. It also allows us to arrange parents to help with transport in good time too. We know children are enjoying participating in the sporting events—we’ve had year 5/6 bowling and have year 3/4 fundamentals coming soon. We will continue taking part as often as we can so thank you for helping.

Bowling

Ian Gill, from the Bowls development alliance, was really impressed with the standard and engagement of all the children involved in our Year 5/6 bowling competition. If there are any children who are interested in bowling following the event then their parents can fill in the form at <https://ormskirkbowlingclub.wordpress.com/register-interest/> so that they can be contacted when Ian starts doing junior sessions at Ormskirk Bowling Club (around Easter time). If any school would like to attend a coached session at Ormskirk Bowling Club then Ian would be happy to try and arrange it – you can contact Ian at iangilly66@gmail.com or on 07500 918 081 We also have a great bowling club in Bretherton if you would like to get more involved.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Girls Football

Well done to our Girls Year 5/6 football team who competed against the large schools last week. They demonstrated real grit and passion for the game, not giving up throughout the whole tournament. Although it wasn't the result we wanted, I couldn't be more proud of their sportsmanship and would like to thank the children in school who supported their training.

Sporting events and trips

Thank you to parents who are supporting transport and staying for the West Lancs events. We are so grateful as we couldn't attend without your help. Our goal is for as many children who would like to, to represent school in a sporting event this year and we are well on our way.

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Co-op funding for PTFA

We are delighted to announce that the Co-op charity fund has provided over £3500 to our PTFA for development of our Running track and outside forest area. The running track is looking at being laid in January 2022 and we can't wait to be able to use it all year around.

Asthma Policy

We have updated our Asthma policy and would ask you to familiarise yourself with it if your child has been diagnosed with asthma. If we could ask parents to keep us updated of any changes to your child's needs, encourage older children to have an inhaler on their possession and know how to use and a spare inhaler in school for them in the event of emergencies or trips. Staff undergo annual training on how to support children with Asthma and we regularly use updates from Asthma UK. We are looking at creating an asthma plan for each child to enable parents to provide more information about their child's needs and we will be sending this out before the end of the year if you can complete it and return it to school.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thank you to our Ethos group for the moving assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day. We were delighted to have Mr Turner, Mr Wilson and special visitors and parents attend. Thank you for supporting this and well done every class for their contribution.

Online safety—Netflix feature

The planet's most popular subscription streaming service, Netflix currently offers more than 500 shows and almost 2,500 films for users to choose from. Many of these, of course, are squarely aimed at an adult audience but are nevertheless accessible to children through a parent or carer's profile unless preventative controls have been set up. See attached flyer

Online safety—Kindness matters

Attached to this newsletter is the information page about kindness online. We hope that spending 5 minutes with your child talking about how to be kind online, we can support their understanding of E safety and avoid cyber bullying.

Sports Ambassadors—active mile next week

Our brilliant sports ambassadors, Grace and Alexander have, in line with Spar School Games, begun planning how we can all take part in an active mile next week at lunch times. I look forward to posting their plans and fun sessions on our twitter page.

Residential trips

We are starting to get information ready for Class 3 for their trip to Hothersal Lodge the end of March 2022. Letters will come out after Christmas. Year 6 will be visiting Dobroyd in March next year.

Art Club

For those pupils who go to Art Club this will be cancelled on Thursday 2nd December 2021 due to the Christmas Fair. Due to the change in date Art Club will go ahead on Thursday 24th November 2021.

Class 1

Thank you to Class 1 for their lovely nursey rhyme event this week. It is available on the school gallery soon if you would like to share it with your child again.