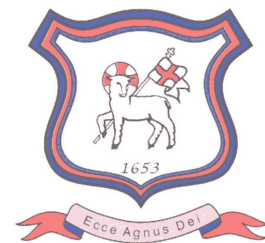


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

2nd December 2021



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Covid

As we face another round of guidance notes and possible changes to our routines, I would like to thank our parents, staff and children for working with us to navigate this term. We have not had any further positive cases for over 5 days, however, with the extent of cases in other local schools and our community, positive cases will be something that we may need to ready for. Thank you to parents for monitoring symptoms within the family and acting swiftly in testing when symptoms were displayed. In addition, we know that many families are conducting regular lateral flows (as staff are in school) and this is helping prevent the spread and identifying some asymptomatic cases. If anyone in your household has any of the 3 main symptoms, we will ask you to book a PCR as LFT are only to be recommended for individuals with no symptoms. Thank you for your support. Keeping school open is our top priority as long as it fits alongside safeguarding children and staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office and we will try and help.

With the press coverage of the new variant, we will remain in bubbles where possible, continue step 2 enhanced cleaning and follow the guidance on face coverings in school by staff in communal areas and visitors. Regular handwashing, sanitiser and ventilation will continue. We will of course keep you updated if anything changes or we have any further cases.

Google classroom

We never know what is around the corner and we are really fortunate to have the use of Google classroom in the event of home learning. This may come into play if a child is off self isolating or if we go into another lockdown (fingers crossed not). However most classes may post homework and learning on during term time and it's a great way to communicate with families and children about their learning. So if we could encourage all parents to know what their child's google classroom login and password is. Many families write it in the reading record so they can be accessed by the child in school and home, it will really help in the event of needing to use. Children in class 1 or 2, who may not have accessed in school may need to join the class for 2021 2022. This is a simple click when you login. If you or your child has any problems accessing it, please let the school office know.

Learning at home

If your child is off school with Covid and / or is required to self isolate for 10 days, the class teacher will set some work for them on Google classroom. They will try and make this independent work , however we appreciate due to the age of some children, this may not be possible. However, if your child is unwell, please do not worry about completing it.

PTFA

Thank you to our amazing PTFA and in particular Naomi and tasha for their endless enthusiasm and motivation for our school and children's experiences. We couldn't do half of the great experiences without all your support, however small, the strength of our PTFA is in every individual working as a team. Thanks again for your support.

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

The angel said, "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God."

Luke 1: 26-38

All things Christmas.....

Advent

We have passed the first Sunday in advent and school is already trimmed up. We would usually be sending out our Posada (small Nativity characters and Christmas message book) to our families to travel around homes just like the travelling for Mary and Joseph in the Bible story. However, this year we are unable to do this. If your child would like to write a Christmas message and bring it into school, we will add to the book on display here.

Christmas Fair-- Thursday 2nd December

Thank you for your understanding after changing our Christmas fair to this week and the changing climate which resulted in some last minute changes. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful PTFA who plan, organise and deliver great events for our families and community.

We would like to thank our local businesses for supporting it-- One Stop Hire; Ashlea Farm; Hanson's Butchers @ Pauls Farm; The Blue Anchor; Dr Oetker; The Village Pantry; Glenroydes; Two Birds @ Heskin Hall; Roots Tennis; John Henry Mayor @ The Saw Mills; Blackstone Music @ Heskin Hall.

Thank you to everyone who was involved and everyone who came to enjoy it.

Secrets room

Thank you to all who have supported the Secrets Room this year. It has been the best year ever for orders and our lovely Christine and PTFA are being elves, getting everything ready for Friday 10th December

Christmas post-box

From next week, children can write cards to their friends and post it in our Christmas Post-box. This will be available Monday and Tuesdays and the cards will be distributed on Fridays each week. If your child can ensure that they put the child's name (including surname if possible) and class so that it gets to the correct people. Sadly, we can't hand them out personally, but the children enjoy the joy of receiving the cards each week. Please do not feel that your child needs to write cards-- a simple Christmas message shared with friends is also lovely. The post-box is positioned in the corridor near the milk fridge and children will be advised.

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.

Class 1 and 2 production

Tickets have been on sale for the class 1 and 2 production on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th December and evening of 16th December. We have also done tickets for the dress rehearsal on Monday to be sure we can observe social distancing.

There has been lots of chatter about whether school should permit parents to watch and there is no clear guidance. However, we will be guided by Lancashire County Council's advice and the risk assessment which will document the additional measures that we can put in place to reduce the risk to visitors, staff and children as much as possible. We will be distancing chairs, asking adults who can to wear face coverings sanitising on way in and keeping the room well ventilated. If we could ask that you not attend if you are ill or have any symptoms. We will make a video for extended families and provide a restricted you tube link to families if anyone cannot make it. There will be a raffle for the brilliant hampers with Christmas goodies from staff. I would like to thank them for their generous donations.

Thank you for understanding the number restrictions, we really value your support.

Carol Service in Church

We are still hoping to be able to host our carol service in Church on the last day at 2.00. We will keep you posted as to how the preparations are going.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Residential trips

We are starting to get information ready for the Class 3 for their trip to Hothersall Lodge in March next year and letters will be coming out after Christmas. Year 6 will also be on their residential to Dobroyd Castle in March next year.

School uniform

The Government have outlined guidance for schools regarding the provision and cost of their school uniform. At Bretherton, we have always considered the total cost of our uniform and we only ask that children wear a branded jumper/cardigan and a PE T shirt. Please remember that our Pre—Loved uniform is available in the entrance and free to all families. Please remember to donate unwanted uniform in the white bin in the entrance hall.

Book Trust

Thank you to The Book Trust for providing all our Reception pupils with a book. We really appreciate their support.

National online safety

In the next couple of weeks we will be sending some homework linked to creating safer internet rules at home. I appreciate that you are busy, but if you get the chance to sign up to the school platform before the homework comes out, it may save you time and will allow for a really good discussion at home between you and your child about the use of technology. This link is to an app that is created as a way for parents, teachers and school staff to have instant access to online safety resources that are comprehensive, up-to-date, and relevant to their role. <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>

Year 6 Enterprise

Thank you to Year 6 for their hard work and enthusiasm for their stalls at the Christmas Fair. They planned, designed, sourced and led their stalls well and learned a lot about product design, profit margins, sourcing products and marketing. Thanks to parents for supporting them too.

Enterprise at a young age

I was approached by Evelyn in Year 1 about raising funds for Derian House in selling their wonderful Christmas buddies (Christmas tree decorations). This is a wonderful local charity and their buddies are delightful so we have arranged for a stall next week at lunch time if children would like to buy one and they are £2.00 each. We will have them on sale after school next week for parents to see too. We are proud of you Evelyn for thinking of others and wanting to make a difference. What a star!

Reception Vision Screening

Vision Screening will take place 16th December 2021 and is an 'opt out' assessment, therefore all children will be screened unless a reply slip is returned. The letter was emailed earlier this week together with a paper copy put in your child's bag. It is of vital importance that if you do not consent for your child to participate then the reply slip is returned. This will ensure they do not screen any children who have had consent refused by the parent/guardian. There is an information flyer attached.

After School Clubs

Below are the dates of the last session this year and when they will recommence in January 2022 :

CLUB	Date of last session Dec 2021	Date Recommences Jan 2022
JuJitsu	Monday 13/12/21	Monday 11/1/22
Spanish	Tuesday 7/12/21	Tuesday 11/1/22
Tennis	Tuesday 7/12/21	Tuesday 11/1/22
Art	Thursday 16/12/21	Thursday 13/1/22