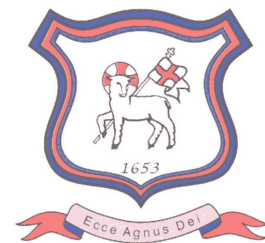


# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

25th September 2020



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Local Lockdown

We have reviewed our risk assessment in light of the new lockdown provision in Lancashire and feel that we will not be able to hold any face to face parent workshops this half term. We hope to still welcome volunteers as they are an essential part of our provision but we are acutely aware of keeping our staff and other adults as safe as possible.

If I can ask our parents to keep to the 2m socially distancing rule at the end of the day and where possible enter the playground as there is more room to wait than near the railings on the pavement. Our staff are always willing to help, but if I could ask that conversations in the morning are kept to a minimum to allow them to supervise the children's entry into school. Within school, staff are working hard to socially distance other adults in different classes and so must ask that you help them in following the same guidelines if on the playground at the end of the day. So this Tuesday, Lancashire have asked us to keep within our households or support bubbles. Again, I would like to thank you in advance for supporting this. We are working hard in school to reduce the number of interactions of children, protecting class bubbles and we will need now to reschedule any plans for parents events until this guidance is relaxed. We are unable to hold the Class 1 and 2 phonics meetings as planned and our PHSE workshop later this term. We were happy to see that informal childcare arrangements could continue e.g grandparents but if you do not feel this is possible, remember The HUB is available for flexible places.

### The HUB

Thank you to parents for supporting The HUB. Although we have reduced numbers, we are pleased to be able to continue to offer The HUB as a useful and fun provision for parents who need it. We are trying to be as flexible as possible to offer the full service which is mornings 7.30-8.50am including breakfast at a cost of £5.50 and after school 3.15-6.00pm including a snack for £7.50. Remember that you can use ad hoc places as well as regular bookings. In line with Covid guidance, we are trying to reduce the mixing of classes, however, as a small school this can be challenging. In the morning with lower numbers, the children are based in The HUB room and although we try to encourage them, the children may mix and so they form an additional group (bubble). In the afternoon, we have slightly higher numbers and so plan activities based on class 1 and 2 and then class 3 and 4 as separate groups within same area to reduce transmission.

### Positive test

Please note that if you or a member of your household requires a Covid -19 test, we would appreciate it if you could keep us informed. However, if I could ask you to email at the earliest convenience [head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk) should you have a positive result. This will enable school to make provision for home education and advise the school community should that be necessary.

### Thank you

I would like to thank our parents for supporting our guidance in relation to your child's sickness. Much has been discussed on the news about whether a child has the symptoms of Covid-19 or a seasonal cough. School's have to adhere to the key symptoms of a raised temperature; a new continuous cough; loss of taste and smell. We all want to work together to keep staff and children safe and I appreciate that you know your child best. If they are well and only have a cold, they are welcome in school but if you can help your child blow their nose, bin it and wash hands, that would really help. If at anytime staff are concerned, I will contact you to discuss the situation further. We all need confidence in our procedures and we are grateful for your understanding

### **PTFA Update**

*The PTFA at Bretherton are a wonderful group of families and friends who organise brilliant social events and raise thousands of pounds for school.*

*We will be unable to hold any meetings at the moment but will be sending out a questionnaire to gather information about ideas that you may have or ways in which you may be able to help school raise funds for those essentials that the school budget doesn't reach.*

*We hope to have some events this term even if they are virtual or in family groups outdoors but we will be creative to try and keep us connected.*

*Thank to the PTFA for the offer of 'treats' for the golden time birthday parties on the last Friday of each month. The children are really excited to be part of it.*

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please can I remind everyone to park carefully at drop off and collection times of day. The school gates will be closed most times just available for parents using The HUB.

Careful parking means that you must not park on or opposite the yellow hazards outside school. Please do not walk through the car park gate for your safety.

***Please park responsibly***

### **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](mailto:bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk)**

**or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

### *THEME OF WORSHIP — Responsibility*

Our Value this half term is **Responsibility**. Please see the Value page that contains talking points for conversations at home.

#### **Barnardo's 'See, Hear, Respond' service**

Just for your information, Barnardo's has launched a service in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

See, Hear, Respond, provides support to children, young people and their families who aren't currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). See, Hear, Respond will support from pre-birth up to 18 years of age and those with special educational needs under the age of 25.

See, Hear, Respond will contact every referral made, so no child is missed. Help is available in one or more of four ways:

- an online hub of support and information
- online counselling and therapy
- face-to-face support for those most affected and at risk of some of today's most pertinent issues, such as criminal exploitation, and helping children and young people reintegrate back into school

#### **School Bags**

If you require a school backpack, just let the school office know and they will schedule the invoice using the online payment system and send one home with your child.

#### **Local Club opportunities**

Please find a leaflet with the newsletter for Tarleton Rugby club. A great way for our children to access fitness and out of school sports. We are grateful for the coaches who offer a wide timetable of sessions.

We now have Karate on Friday evenings available and welcome other dance, drama or sporting clubs who may wish to let our hall over the weekend for the benefit of our families.

#### **Bishop Rawstorne Virtual look around**

Year 6 children have been passed letters outlining Bishop's virtual open evening this year. If you are in year 5 and would like further details, feel free to contact the school direct. Other local high schools will have similar offerings this term. Remember the last date for high school applications is **31st October 2020**

#### **Birthday Idea**

A letter was sent out last week outlining our plans for class birthday parties at the end of each month. Please refer to school website 'News' page for further details.

#### **Remote learning**

We were pleased that we could support learning when we were in lockdown last year through our school website. It enabled staff to upload work but because it wasn't designed for the volume of work uploaded, it didn't always allow us to be as interactive as we would have liked. So this half term, all staff are being trained on google education platform and a letter will be sent home next week to support children in logging on before we may need to use it.

#### **School Spider App**

If you have a smart phone, I would like to recommend the school spider app to be updated with any news from school. You can view the website on it but if you log in, you can also get notifications about your child's class blogs and teachers can communicate with you directly. If you have more than 1 child in school, you log in once and 'toggle' between your children.

#### **Harvest Assembly**

As part of our virtual Harvest worship this week, we shared the plight of people in Ethiopia who struggle on a daily basis for clean water and food. Based on the Harvest message from the Diocese of Blackburn, we want children to understand that 'Hope is within reach'. That we can all act to give hope to those less fortunate. The powerpoint will be available on the blog for you to share the message with us. Linked with us giving thanks for our harvest, we would like to **collect donations for the Southport Foodbank** so our actions can give hope to those who are struggling to feed their families. We know that Covid-19 has affected many of our families financially and you may not feel that you can help, but if you can spare a tin of food or bag of dried food ( no perishable food please) your child can place them on our Harvest worship table near the hall double doors. The Food bank will collect the donations before half term so if you can afford an extra tin whilst shopping, this would be greatly appreciated. Jesus teaches us to 'Love thy neighbour' and with a small act, we can show that love and compassion for others.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Class 2 Role Play Area

Class 2 would like to thank Home Truths Estate Agent in Ecclestone for their help in providing resources for their class role play area. It is much appreciated.

### Year 2 Phonics

Further to Mrs Clarke's letter emailed earlier this week, this is a reminder that to be able to give you a brief overview of the test and what it entails and to clarify the purpose of phonics, we are holding a short zoom meeting on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 4pm.**

### JIGSAW resource for Personal Social and Emotional Learning

*We are very excited to be in the process of launching our new PSHE scheme, 'Jigsaw.'*



*Kindly bought for us by the trustees, Jigsaw is a mindful approach to PSHE which brings together Personal, Social, Health Education, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a comprehensive scheme of learning. If children feel overwhelmed emotionally, carry worries and feel unable to talk about or process them, then this can have a real effect on their learning and achievement. As we return to school after much uncertainty over the past few months, we believe that Jigsaw will really help us our children to reconnect, build relationships and resilience now and for the future.*

*With soft toy Jigsaw-piece friends and Jerry the cat (to help us 'paws' for thought and encourage thinking times) allocated to each class, as well as calming chimes to encourage mindfulness, the scheme offers continuity through the years that the children can grow and develop with.*

*Each the year we will be covering the six jigsaw pieces:*

- *Being Me in My World*
- *Celebrating Difference (including anti-bullying)*
- *Dreams and Goals*
- *Healthy Me*
- *Relationships*
- *Changing Me (including Sex Education)*

*Each of these will begin with a whole school worship and then continue with work in class which will work towards an end product allowing children, staff and families to acknowledge and celebrate the learning achieved.*

*Under normal circumstances, we would have loved to invite you all into school to celebrate with us in launching Jigsaw and see the brilliant resources first hand. However, until we are able to invite to into school again, please find a link on the website under Curriculum-PSHE to the launch assembly we shared with the children.*

*Mrs Allchurch- PSHE and SRE Subject Lead*

### School Community Funds

Last year we were awarded £1200+ from Co Op fund community fund on behalf of the PTFA. They have over £6000 local community fund money unallocated and are awaiting to help us so I would be grateful if you could share this request with everyone you know so that we can get a further top up of donations from them. Our local store is in Tarleton. Please see : <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/41166>

### Mental Health Support

We have attached a brochure from LCC in relation to children and their wellbeing. We use many strategies in school to support children, one such resource is Yogi. If you need anything from school to support your child's happiness, let us know.

### Earrings

Our policy on jewellery is that children should not be bringing jewellery in school, except for a simple watch to tell the time and earrings. However, earrings must be removed for any physical exercise. children must be able to remove earrings for any form of PE ( staff are unable to help) or they can bring plasters/ tape. In We would ask you to please help with this as they **cannot** participate in PE with earrings in.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Labels in clothes

Please can you check all items of clothing this weekend as we have many jumpers without names and it is hard to find the right owner should they be taken off and left outside. If we can all do a check this weekend, we can reduce lost items.

### 'Hello Autumn' Lunch

Join us for our 'Hello Autumn' Lunch to take place on Thursday 1st October 2020. If you would like your child to join in this themed lunch, they just need to advise their class teacher on the morning during registration.

### After school clubs

*Due to school guidance, we do not feel we can begin to offer staff led after school clubs this half term although we will try and facilitate some after October half term. At this planning stage, the clubs will be limited to attendance by individual classes (bubbles).*

## CLUBS – 1st HALF AUTUMN TERM 2020

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Spanish Club	Various	Tuesdays	3.20-4.20pm	15/9-20/10/20 (6 weeks)
Tennis Club	Years 1/2/3	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	15/9-20/10/20 (6 weeks)

## REGULAR PRIVATE PROVIDER CLUB INFORMATION

Contact details if you would like for your child to participate :

CLUB	DAY	TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
TENNIS	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Stuart Grice—07709 816951
SPANISH	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Alison Powell—01772 616188