

# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

23rd October 2020



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Remote learning

This week we have sent out a letter with a work booklet for your child to access should they be off school awaiting the result of a Covid test for themselves or a family member. This is an interim measure should they not be able to attend school. After a day, the class staff will upload work through the Google Classroom platform which will enable children to continue learning at home. We will try and align the work to the work and curriculum that we are offering in school. Staff will be able to see, mark and comment on the work uploaded, however they may not be able to respond straight away as during the day, they have their teaching commitment.

### School Vacancies

On returning to school, we have identified the following vacancies in school and have advertised them on the Lancashire website. We are looking for:

Welfare Assistant 12.00—1.00 Monday to Friday

The Hub Out of School Club Assistant 3.15—6.00 2 nights with the possibility of additional hours

Apprentice Teaching Assistant 30 Hours in Class 1

### Parents Evening

This week we successfully hosted our Autumn Parents Evening by zoom. We hope that you found it convenient and informative and we would like to thank you for your support in keeping to time to ensure that it ran smoothly for all. If you would like more time to discuss your child's education, and as we can't see you as easily after school, please contact the school office and we will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. In particular, if you are concerned or have any questions about your child's learning, please don't wait—get in touch.

### Ofsted interim visits Autumn 2020 on school's return in September

I thought you may be interested to read the interim results of OFSTED's inspections this term. [Read it here](#). They have reported that some children were finding it more difficult to concentrate on their learning than usual, were showing less resilience, for example becoming quickly upset if the work seemed difficult, or giving up more easily and some, they thought, also seemed to have shorter concentration spans than usual and seemed tired.

Our staff team are being encouraging and planning lessons to support academic progress and wellbeing so that children can settle back into our routines. However, we are aware that some of our children may be experiencing some of these points and we are ready to support when necessary. It is important that you let us know if you are concerned in any way as we can work best together.

### Reminder—Secondary School Places

Please remember that the deadline to apply for a Secondary School place for current Year 6 pupils is **31st October 2020**

### Reception 2021 places

If your child is due to start school from September 2021 we are showing prospective parents around school on Thursday mornings. Contact the school office to book an appointment. We will be sharing a video of our school online before the end of the month.

## PTFA Update

***Thank you to the PTFA for making their funds available for the purchase of a year group set of iPads for use in school. We will keep you updated as to when we can hope to receive them.***

***We are planning how we can continue with activities and fundraising through this local lockdown in a safe way and will let you know in our next PTFA newsletter. If you have any ideas, do not hesitate to contact Tasha Woodman (Chair) or the school office with your ideas.***

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Please can I ask Class 1 parents and carers to enter and exit through the gate in front of school and not enter or exit through the car park gates for your safety.**

***Thank you***

## 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



**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*

*Ezra 10:4 'Arise! For this matter is your responsibility, but we will be with you; be courageous and act.'*

#### Threadworms

I am writing to let you know that there has been a case of threadworms at school. We have attached a letter which provides information as to the symptoms and how to prevent them.

#### Swimming

West Lancashire Sports Partnership\Endeavour Learning are trying hard to find solutions so that our children in Class 2 can commence swimming lessons mid November. A letter will come out on our return as soon as we receive their risk assessment for the changing rooms and transport.

#### First Aid in school

Last week we hosted a virtual 'Restart a heart' for Class 1,2 and 4. Thanks to @lancashirelearning. Following on from the coverage in schools, they would love to get lots of parents/carers involved in developing their first aid skills too and have a number of short courses available over the coming weeks. Please see the link below to help them get hundreds more Lifesavers trained across the county! <https://www.lal.ac.uk/what-we-do/health-and-safety/first-aid/>

#### The HUB

Thank you for resuming bookings at The HUB as it is a resource that we want to be able to continue to offer. I would like to thank Lewis Townley (an ex pupil for those who don't know) for agreeing to work with children at The HUB on a Wednesday afternoon on football skills and facilitating a game. This will be available for any KS2 children attending The HUB on Wednesdays. We are looking at facilitating a dance club through The HUB on another evening and will keep you informed.

#### Remembrance Day

We are always heavily involved in the Remembrance Day commemorations at Bretherton but we believe this year that Lancashire is asking local areas to avoid gatherings. We have attached a flyer from Rev Michael regarding Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November but as we cannot gather at the memorial, we will not be gathering as a school. So we will walk to the War Memorial during that week with each class separately to reflect on the impact of war and share in prayers of peace. Two of our Year 6 children will lay our Poppy wreath at the memorial and share our hope for peace in the world. We will continue to support the Royal British Legion in the selling of poppies and other poppy themed items. The price list and objects that may be available (subject to stock) from Monday 2nd November until 11th November. Please could your child bring the correct change in a named envelope labelled RBL so staff know it is for the shop. Unlike other years, our pupil voice groups will be unable to plan and host the stalls but we are pleased we can support a worthwhile cause. If you would like to be involved, we are hoping to place decorated stones at the memorial as we walk down so after our visit, please go to the memorial with your child and share their creativity with them.

Also, the Royal British Legion are asking everyone to put coloured pictures of poppies in the windows of their homes and as a show of respect and gratitude this would be something, as a school, we could all get involved in. I have attached their template for your use should you wish to use it.

Also we will be holding our virtual Remembrance Day worship on 11th November 2020 involving all classes and we will record it so you too can share in our commemorations.

#### 1 to 1 devices

This week we wrote to you with the outline plan for the 1 to 1 touchscreen chrome book device with specification and costs to participate. We understand that this may not be a good time financially for families and we will try and work with you for an affordable option. The main aim of this scheme is to facilitate computing equipment that we have been unable to provide in school (despite attempts in fundraising and falling school budgets) so that Year 2,3,4,5 have access to a device in order to facilitate learning within class and in light of the current situation, it will also maximise learning opportunities at home. We have not included Year 6 in the roll out scheme as we appreciate that they have less than a year in school and we were fortunate to have some chromebooks donated 3 years ago that are now exclusively being used in Year 6 class.

We have opted not to include children in Class 1 in the scheme at the moment and will seek to offer it at a later date as they move through school. I will however, be surveying Class 1 parents in the next couple of weeks to establish who may not have access to a device at home, should their child be at home.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DATES FOR DIARY/CLUB INFORMATION

### **C'est Madame Russell, your French Teacher**

*I have been so very pleased to meet your children and we are well under way with our weekly French lessons! They have impressed me with their knowledge already and the priority is to create a spark for languages in our activities. We have had quite a bit of fun already discovering France with beautiful clips of villages and towns!*

*In Years Quatre et Cinq (Year 4 and 5), we welcomed the children with a return to French school song, for which we practised the words carefully, looking for similarities in both our languages. We watched aliens going back to school, listening and reading familiar words but using our detective skills to find the meaning of new words. We did some gymnastics with our jaws, practising all the sounds combinations that we find in French words, while revising numbers and colours. For the Day of Languages, we greeted each other with hellos in many languages, memorising flags too. We looked at the map of Europe and discovered what Euros look like. We started to practise questions and answers with information about our name, age and where we live, which we will record in writing for our first full conversation in French.*

*In Class 4 (Year 6), we started with the words to a return to school poem with actions, focusing on familiar words and finding cognates. We continued with a bit of 'Histoire de France', explaining the French flag, finding out what it looked like at the time of Kings and Emperors in France. We spotted the Lily flower as the Royal symbol in their everyday life and were able to explain briefly what happened during the French Revolution. For our celebration of the Day of Languages, Y6 explored the map of Europe and the words to a song in 5 languages! They were also offered fun facts brochures all about the EU and its languages. We carried on with a little 'géographie', asking and answering where we live in French in partners and completed our first set of written activities. We will next use cardinal points to describe the precise location of French cities in full sentences!*

*Keep Calm and Speak more French!*

*Merci beaucoup. Madam Russell*

### **Safe travelling to and from school**

With darker nights approaching and clocks changing during the half term holidays, Please see the links below for some information to support road safety at this time of year. We will discuss the risks within our Road safety programme and PHSE in school too.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Road safety teaching resources for children <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Be Bright, Be Seen Poster [https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be\\_Bright\\_Be\\_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf](https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be_Bright_Be_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf)

### **JuJitsu**

We are pleased to be able to welcome JuJitsu after school club on Mondays in the Hall. Their first session will be Monday 2nd November 2020. Contact details are below as well as a letter which is attached.

### **CLUBS – 2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM 2020**

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
JuJitsu Club	Whole School	Mondays	3.30-4.30pm	2/11/20—ongoing
Spanish Club	Various	Tuesdays	3.20-4.20pm	3/11-8/12/20 (6 weeks)
Tennis Club	Years 1/2/3	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	3/11-8/12/20 (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—07903 388433
JUJITSU	Monday	3.30-4.30pm	Katheryne Sharples—01772 497838/07861 391371