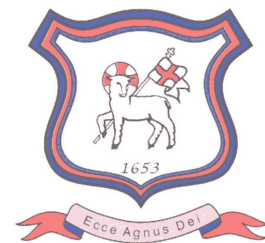


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

13th November 2020



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Remembrance Day Worship

It was fabulous to work with Year 6 on planning our Remembrance Day assembly that we held together in our classes through Google Meet. Year 6 recorded their commentary and it was very moving and special. Class 2 performed our song with BSL wonderfully and we were delighted to join in with them. Thanks in particular to Joseph G for his brilliant performance of the 'Last Post' on his cornet, stood in the school corridor for all to hear. I hope that you enjoy watching it with your child. In addition, a special thanks to Ryan in Year 5, Aaron and Fred in Year 6 for their creativity in writing their poems and prayers.

School Vacancies

Our closing date for the Welfare position has passed but we are still looking for our out of school club assistant 3.15—6.00 for 2-5 nights a week depending on candidate availability. Please contact the bursar if you may be interested. Apprentice Teaching Assistant 30 Hours in Class 1 will be advertised in the next couple of weeks.

Robinwood—Year 6

We are in communication with Robinwood who is keeping us updated with Government advice on overnight stays for educational visits. They have asked that no overnight visits happen in the Autumn term and they are due to make a decision on Spring within the next couple of weeks. We hope to be able to make a decision before any further monies are due to be paid. If overnight stays are not permitted, we will arrange a number of alternative experiences for Year 6 so they don't miss those team building adventures and our outdoor pursuits curriculum.

Hothersall Lodge

Year 4/5 were due to attend Hothersall Lodge in Longridge. They are due to advise us soon regarding the opportunity for their overnight stay in Spring soon. If they cannot accommodate us overnight due to Government guidance, we will continue to attend for the two days so they can continue to provide the Geography, PE and PHSE focused work.

Trips

Although we are in lockdown, we are planning day trips with our classes to support and enrich their learning as soon as we can. We will keep you informed as to the transport guidance and may require parent helpers to come with us on the day for the groups. We look forward to your support.

PTFA Update

Thank you to the PTFA for your continued support. We are planning our 'Covid won't stop Christmas' activities and if you feel you have ideas or can help, please contact Tasha Leach (chair) or the school office. We were fortunate to raise a further £1900 from the Co-op community fund and we would like to thank you to voting for us via twitter and face book. This coupled with their previous donation to school will be used to plan a Daily mile track around our field. Any ideas that could help us would be welcome.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Thank you to our parents for wearing face coverings at start and end of school. We hope this helps keep our community safe.

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

THEME OF WORSHIP — *Gratitude*

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

1 to 1 devices

Thank you to parents who have replied already and those who attended our Zoom Q and A this week. I hope that I was able to answer your questions. Ordinarily, we would have held a parent meeting in school to outline the proposals, but without this opportunity, I hope that you feel fully informed as to how this will support your child's education and your commitment to it. I would be grateful if you could indicate whether you feel able to support this by returning the form before Monday next week (16/11) to bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk

A few questions asked are listed below and I would like to thank everyone for their questions.

What about online safety?

School would be administrators for the day to day operation of the Chromebooks but there will be options for parents to also control/restrict/add apps. We will continue to teach children about online safety and in particular through the use of these devices at school and home.

What apps would be available if touchscreen?

Google education offers a large number of apps that we can utilise within school for many curriculum areas (through their android stores) and touch screen will allow it to be used as a tablet as well as typical keyboard PC.

Can I use my own insurance and warranty if I buy the chromebook through school?

Sorry no. The package we have arranged has been researched from 4 different providers and we feel that in order to protect school and parents, we would require the insurance and extended warranty so we are dealing the same with all of the Chromebooks in school.

Can I buy it cheaper not through school and use in school?

The scheme has provided a competitive cost for the HP11 Chromebook and the school package includes this and a case, Google license, extended warranty, 3 years accident and theft insurance.

Can I use my own Chromebook in school?

Unfortunately not. It would be hard for our teachers to facilitate learning in class with a number of different devices and it could take away from teaching time. In addition, without the same insurance and warranty, we would be concerned for those own devices in school.

My child has one at home, so do I have to buy another?

We are offering this package for families to purchase a device that can be used in school and facilitate learning whilst also allowing your child the opportunity to take it home and use there to provide the best value of money. If purchasing another one isn't right for your family, please say no to the programme and we will endeavour to provide technology for your child to use/share in school but won't be able to take home.

Do they need to take them home as not sure they would be able to bring to and from school?

The other schools who have been working this way already, reported that all children took home and brought back each day successfully. The case would fit into back pack and it would become normal from Class 2 upwards for this to happen.

Will you be teaching childrenand parents how to utilise it?

Yes, we will be ensuring that our children can confidently use them and this will be part of our computing curriculum going forward. We would love to offer support/training sessions for parents 1 to 1 virtually or in small groups face to face when we can.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Safe travelling to and from school

With darker nights here, please can you ensure that you can be seen, whether walking or cycling to and from school. Cycles should have lights so they are visible and bright colours and reflectors are useful if walking.

Parents Evening

If you missed our parent/teacher meetings before the holiday, please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a convenient time to speak to your child's class teacher.

Uniform

I am certain you have heard that Favourites have given notice to close their store and this will impact on the sale of our Uniform. We have been discussing options with a couple of providers and are hoping to be able to share the decision with you soon. We are looking to offer a provider who is local and who offers good value for money. In the interim, if you need any uniform, please contact Favourites and they may have the stock to be able to sell now. The plan is to have the new supplier ready to provide our uniform from January 2021. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please let school know.

Feoffee Bursary Fund

Our Trustees offer a Bursary Cash Fund to promote the education of any person who attended/attends Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School, are under 25 and who has complete an application form. If you would like further information, please email rickguinness@gmail.com or ring 01772 600957.

Bikeability– West Lancs Sports Partnership

We are arranging our Year 5 and catch up Year 6 Bikeability session later this term or soon into the new year. This is where children practice their cycling in the playground and then on the road with expert coaches. They will need to bring their own cycle and helmet into school for the sessions. If your child doesn't have one, please don't go out and buy specially, just contact the school office in advance and we will try and provide one to use.

Virtual Art show

We can't wait to invite you to our Virtual Art Show. Children in every class are creating wonderful art with Miss Hymers and they will be framed and displayed in the hall. You will be invited to our virtual Art Gallery and will have the option to purchase their work—You will love their creativity and their work will make excellent Christmas presents for your family members. We hope that you will enjoy sharing it with your child.

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)

**** to be confirmed if resuming after lockdown 2/12/20**

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