

## BRETHERTON ENDOWED C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Learning together, growing together, achieving together, caring together  
within our Christian family.*



**5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,**



Welcome back! I hope that you have enjoyed our sunshine summer break and are relaxed and ready for the new school year. Mr Ward and the staff have asked me to say thank you for the lovely cards and best wishes at the end of the summer term. I know he will take Bretherton families and pupils in his heart as he embarks on his new adventure. I am looking forward to my first term and together can continue to build on the success of our school into the future; I know we will have a great year. Already, I can see that Bretherton is a special place, full of thriving children, talented and enthusiastic teachers and forward thinking and motivated leadership team including our dedicated and hands on school governors.

Our school has been built on a partnership between parents and staff and your support is valued. I welcome your comments and suggestions throughout the year. In order for me to meet you and outline my vision for the school. To find out what you love about Bretherton; what we do well and any areas that you feel we could improve on, I will be holding a couple of short 'Meet the Headteacher' sessions this week. They will be as follows:

Session 1: This Wednesday 9.00 in the school hall

Session 2: This Wednesday 2.30 in the school hall

If you cannot attend, please feel free to contact me direct.

### **Welcome**

A warm welcome to all our new Reception pupils and their families, who will be joining us on Wednesday. Welcome to Jake, Harry, Alexander, Huw, Nancy, Matthew, Oscar, Harris, Nathaniel, Grace, Jack, Lucy, Zarina, Harris, Isabella and Holly and Isabella Stanbury who are also new to Bretherton School. We are all really looking forward to getting to know you all and hope you enjoy becoming part of our school family.

### **Christian Values and Worship**

Our school Christian values are Friendship, Respect, Compassion, Hope, Thankfulness, Courage, Humility and Truthfulness. Please remember that on a Monday morning we have a special celebration assembly, where we celebrate team points, birthdays and children's achievements in and out of school. You are all very welcome to join us for this special worship time. If your child would like to share any of their outside school achievements they can bring in any certificates, medals or trophies they receive. This takes place every Monday morning from 9:05 until 9:30am. Feel free to

join us for a catch-up! **Please note there will be no Celebration Worship next Monday (12<sup>th</sup>) due to the hall being needed in preparation for our older children going to Robinwood.**

#### **Amazing Results**

Once again, we were absolutely delighted with the children's achievements this summer and the progress they make in our school. Our published data will be incredibly positive.

<b>End of KS1 Expected Standard</b>	<b>Greater Depth</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	93%	27%
<b>Writing</b>	87%	20%
<b>Maths</b>	93%	27%

Our end of KS2 results were equally excellent, with a high percentage of children meeting the expected standard at the end of year six even with a challenging assessment of the new curriculum, with results higher than National figures.

<b>End of KS2</b>	<b>% of children Meeting the Expected Standard</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>Reading</b>	94%	66%
<b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b>	100%	72%
<b>Maths</b>	88%	70%
<b>Writing</b>	100%	74%
<b>Reading Writing and Maths combined</b>	82%	53%

The expectations from this year have been raised considerably, including the difficulty and accessibility of the tests. These results are a testament to our fantastic staff and volunteers, hardworking children and extremely supportive parents. Thank you. We will continue to navigate the ever changing and challenging curriculum and statutory testing in order to help our pupils shine. At Bretherton however, our children are much more than statistics and we will continue to provide them with enriching opportunities so that they continue to enjoy excellent provision.

#### **New Reception Parents Meeting**

We will be having the second part of our Induction Meeting on **Monday 26th September**, at **6:00pm** for the parents of our new Reception children. This will last approximately 30 minutes. We hope to see you there.

#### **Robinwood**

Our Y5 and Y6 children are getting excited about their forthcoming residential to Robinwood Dobroyd Castle next Monday to Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>). I'm sure they will have a brilliant time. Please remember the information meeting is **tomorrow** (Tuesday) in Class 4 at 6:00pm. On **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** we will be having a 'Robinwood Celebration Presentation' in school from **6:00pm to 7:00pm**. All the children who went to Robinwood will be involved and it will be a chance for parents to see photos and hear all about the residential. You are very welcome to come along. Class 2 will be covered by Mrs Boyes, Mrs Vincent & Mrs Alison Williams on Monday & Tuesday and Mrs Hymers on Wednesday. Mr Brindle will be back in class Thursday.

### Parent and Toddlers

You are all welcome to come to our parent and toddler mornings each Friday in the hall from 9:15 - 11:15am. These are run by Mrs Hudson and her volunteers and costs £2 per family, which includes refreshments. All children, from babies up to school age are able to come along. The first session will be **9<sup>th</sup> September**. We hope to see you there.

### Pre-School

Pre-School will begin this week on **24<sup>th</sup> September** for all children whose parents have expressed an interest for them to join us in September 2015. Attendance is free and the sessions are run by Mrs Vincent. Please note, attendance has **no** impact on a Reception place being offered. The sessions run from 1:30-3:10pm. If you would like any additional information or know any families who are interested in a place then please ask.

### Extra-Curriculum Activities

Art club will be starting tomorrow, **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 3:15-4:30**. Places are available for children in Y1 - Y6. Further details to follow.

### A Note from Rev. Michael Woods

**Welcome back services** will be held on Sunday 11th September at the following times:

9:15 am Croston - St. Michaels

11 am at Bretherton St. John the Baptist

11 am Mawdesley with Bispham St. Peters

It will be an enjoyable experience for all.

Also there is a **Family Social Evening** of Food and fun on Saturday 24th Sept. 7 p.m. at Mawdesley Village Hall. It will be a get together to meet new people from across the 3 churches, and schools. Cost £6 each or £20 family ticket. (Tickets will be on sale at school from next week)

### And Finally....

I decided it was only fitting for the first newsletter of the year to have one of my jokes.

**Q. Why did the pencil not like school?**

**A. It didn't get the point!**

I promise that will be the first and last one from me..... I look forward to receiving 'side splitting' jokes from our children for the next ones.

Best Wishes,

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