

# BRETHERTON ENDOWED C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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



**24<sup>th</sup> October 2016**



**Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,**

### **Dates for Your Diary.**

#### **October**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>                      PTFA Disco's  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup>                        School Closes normal time  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup>                      **Closing date** for Year 6 secondary places

#### **November**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>                        School reopens  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>                        PTFA AGM 6.30-8.00pm - discussing Christmas fair after AGM  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup>                        Film Show - Bridge of Spies Cert PG £4.00, doors open 7.00pm  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>                      Christmas Fair

### **After School Clubs**

**Mondays**                      Zumba 7.30-8.30pm  
**Tuesdays**                    Tennis 3.15-4.30  
                                        Spanish Club 3.20-4.20  
                                        Art Club 3.15-4.30pm  
                                        Adult Art Class 7.00-9.00pm

### **Extra Curriculum Activities (First Half of Autumn Term)**

#### **Monday**

School Council	Lunchtime	
Football Club	3.15-4.30	Y4, 5 & 6
Games Club	3.15-4.15	Y1 & 2
Sewing Club	3.15-4.30	Y6

#### **Tuesday**

Young Voices	Lunchtime	Y5 & 6
Ethos Group	Lunchtime	
Spanish Club	3:20-4:20	All Years
Tennis	3:30-4:30	All Years

#### **Wednesday**

Rounder's Club	3.15-4.30	Y5 & 6
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#### **Thursday**

Baking Club	3.15-4.15	
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#### **Friday**

Maths Club	Lunchtime	Y2 & 3
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As the last newsletter of this half term, I would like to say thank you for your warm welcome this half term. The sun has been shining on us and we have enjoyed a super start to the year, both in learning and experiences.

### **Summary report 2015 2016**

Our Local Authority advisor has written a summary report for last year and I would like to share the highlights with you. I am sure that you will agree, Bretherton is in a strong position to continue to offer an enriching curriculum and lead others in the ever changing educational landscape.

*'The consistently high standards and outstanding progress made by pupils in all key stages are strong evidence of the high standards of teaching across the school. A number of strengths include excellent teacher knowledge, high expectations, appropriate pace, motivational and enthusiastic approaches, and excellent use of assessment for learning including generally high quality marking and well differentiated and targeted learning activities. Adviser and headteacher observations have evidenced that questioning is highly effective and demonstrates an understanding of the ways pupils think about subject content, including in English and mathematics.'*

*'The broad and balanced curriculum inspires pupils to learn and achieve. Equality of opportunity and diversity are promoted very well. All pupils make very good progress from their starting points; many make outstanding progress. Behaviour, including behaviour for learning, is outstanding. Teachers and support staff work well together to closely monitor the progress of pupils, and tracking systems are excellent and very effective, with individual pupil expectations being challenging and aspirational.'*

### **Thank you and Farewell**

Today is Jane Tyrer's last day in the office. She advised Mr Ward that she wanted to leave in the summer but very kindly, agreed to continue in post until this half term. We really do appreciate the time and support she has provided in the office and will miss her cheery manner. She is pursuing more family time and travel in those days and we would like to wish her all our love and best wishes for the future. We are in the process of recruiting for her replacement and are fortunate that in the interim, Mrs Carlyon will work Monday and Friday mornings for a short time after half term. Mr Tommy Wilson will support on some afternoons too which should minimise any disruption. We will keep you informed using the text service if there are any changes.

### **Parents Questionnaire**

Thank you once again for taking the time to complete the parental attitude questionnaires. We have received over a third already but if you haven't handed them in yet, **don't worry, you still have until Friday** so we can send them off to be analysed by the Local Authority.

We really do appreciate your comments. We are so pleased that so many of you are happy with our school and many questions have been answered with 'strongly agree' - A Huge Thanks. We are all motivated to ensure that this doesn't change. Your suggestions were gratefully received too; we really do welcome your thoughts and am really happy that you have shared those with us. Please remember that the opportunity to provide feedback isn't merely on this form, feel free to have a chat with me anytime about your thoughts and feelings about our school- my door is always open. Thank you again for your lovely comments, thank you so much. Your views really do matter to us the most. In last year's questionnaires, the word 'Family' was commonly used. I am pleased to say that

this is still the case this year but what we have also noticed is how our Values 'shine' out for you. We will work hard to ensure these continue to underpin everything we do.

### **Croston Cricket Club**

Thank you for providing this information Mrs Glew, what a super opportunity for our pupils if you enjoy sport and in particular cricket. **Croston Cricket Club** are running a 6 week Cricket Coaching Programme **starting Thursday 17 November 2016 and running each Thursday until 22nd December**. It is open for players from year 4 through to year 7. Cost is £20 for the 6 weeks, time dependant on numbers will be either 6-7 or 7-8. If you are at all interested, boys/girls and all abilities are welcomed, please contact Dave on 07973 956797 to book your place.

### **Christmas Boxes**

We are once again taking part in the **Rotary Club 'Shoebbox Scheme'**. 'The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares.' If you would like to take part, shoeboxes are available from the school office, along with an information leaflet. If you would like to add your name on the lid of the box, first names only please. Can we please ask for completed shoeboxes to be returned into school no later than **8th November 2016**. Thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause.

### **Travelling Books**

What a success! Thank you so much for such generosity. We were very busy and will be advised on the amount of commission earned for school shortly. This allows us to buy additional books for each class in school. Thank you - we couldn't do it without your support. Thank you to our school staff who organised and manned the shop this year.

**Well done** Alex Kennedy for winning £25 worth of books in our Travelling Book Fair raffle. He was so excited to choose a couple of his favourite books. Happy Reading Alex.

Our **Fairtrade group** met for a quick planning meeting this week, I am pleased to announce that Noah, Charis, Isabella and Harriette are looking forward to organising many events such as Fairtrade tuck shops, awareness workshops and visits to/with other schools. I am sure you'll be great.

**Nippon Uk** came into school for a brilliant afternoon of Jujitsu. Each class got a taster session, demonstrating the fitness and discipline needed for martial arts, some of the key moves and even got to see some of their young leaders demonstrate some 'Black Belt' moves. It was very exciting. One of the leaders actually said that he didn't think he's been in a more polite school after having worked with our children. What a lovely comment and shows again how well our children behave and how well they get involved with new and exciting opportunities. They have brought a letter home about a class they hold at Croston on Saturday mornings in case anyone wants to try it some more.

Mrs Vincent wanted to say a huge thank you for Jessica and Charlotte in Year 6 for a super job in looking after Turbo in their new role this half term. It is always lovely to be recognised for taking responsibility (especially as it the value we are working on this half term). Well done girls and well done to all the Year six pupils who are working well in their monitoring roles.

I am very pleased to say that the Ethos group will be selling items for the **Royal British Legion** running up to Remembrance Day. I believe this is a really worthwhile cause and helps children

appreciate the sacrifice that servicemen and women have given and how their fundraising can support those still in need today. Items such as friendship bracelets, snap rulers and wristbands will be on sale from 50p-£1.00. The Ethos group will open the 'shop' each break time from Wednesday in the Wilson suite and children can visit the 'shop' through the outside door.

**Thanks to Rania in class 2** for a thoughtful suggestion in holding a 2 minute silence for the anniversary of Aberfan ( a Welsh mining village) and the devastating incident that resulted in the deaths of 116 children and 28 adults over 50 years ago. Rania took this information around the classes and asked if they could hold the 2 minutes silence and their prayers for those that had not survived and for those that had.

She has written for the newsletter, 'We are sorry for the people in Wales where a horrible thing happened over 50 years ago. People got killed because of a landslide which covered a school'.

Thank you Rania for being so thoughtful.

### **Toast - Class 1**

Letters will come out today to order toast for your child for the second half of the Autumn Term. Deadline to return the slip with payment, where necessary, will be **Thursday 27th October 2016**. Please remember to still complete the slip if your child does not require toast. Thank you.

### **Dinner Money**

For the half term ending Wednesday 21st December 2016 dinner money will be £72.60 (33 dinners). This is due when we return after half term, week commencing 7th November 2016. For those who would like to pay weekly the amount due, this Thursday (27/10), will be £11.00. Cheques should be made payable to *Lancashire County Council*.

**Lancashire County Council** have asked us to pass on the following information in our newsletter:

*'We provide catering services to over 500 schools across Lancashire serving over 60,000 school meals per day and we are looking for committed individuals to join the service.*

*You will work as part of a team in a school to provide a quality service providing healthy balanced meals for school children and students in Lancashire.*

*To find out more about the service and the jobs available please visit: <http://jobs.lancashire.gov.uk/> or telephone the Operations Team on: 07833 436653'*

Our school holidays for **2017 2018** school year will be available on the school website soon.

**The PTFA** have asked us to mention that if you know of anyone who has a business which would like to have a stall at our Christmas fair, to please contact the school office with details.

The joke this week has come from Lola and friends who did really well choosing one out a huge book of Jokes they brought in

*'Why did the lettuce blush?*

*'He saw the salad dressing!'*

That was super, who will provide our joke for the first newsletter after the holidays?

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you have a relaxing and fun half term holiday. We will be finishing at normal time this Friday and we'll see you on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 for the start of our busy and fun filled Christmas half term.

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