

Bretherton Endowed Primary School

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



Our Newsletter

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Our Wonderful PTFA

Thank you to all who attended the PTFA meeting last week. Your support at meetings is greatly appreciated as it helps plan for future events, share ideas on any possible future events and evaluate and agree spending. This week, PTFA contributed the cost of our new WIFI system in school which provides us a consistent and future proof resource which is also allowing us to refine the ICT provision in school. They have committed to new playground marking and equipment for lunch times which children are already being consulted on via the school council. In addition, they are providing a 'DJ' deck and equipment for pupils to use to lead our future discos' parties and fairs. This is an exciting opportunity for our children and will develop many real life skills. If you would like to be involved in those decisions or have ideas how you can help or the next initiative, please feel free to come to our next PTFA meeting on 14/3/17 at 7.00 in school. If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the minutes emailing so you can contribute directly, please contact the school office and confirm you are happy to use your email for this and you will be added to the mailing list.

PTFA Update

Thank you for those who came to our PTFA Disco on Thursday night. There was a DJ and sweet stall available for both. Thank you to all those who were able to come and help. We loved seeing you in your best 'party' clothes and dancing and playing games.

AFTERNOON TEA

One exciting PTFA event to come is the much loved Mothers Day Afternoon Tea. I can't wait for this as I've seen the photographs from last year and it looks lovely. Tickets will be available soon but please put the afternoon of the 24th March in your diary

End of Half Term- As the mornings and evenings become lighter, it barely seems like 2 minutes since Christmas. Yet here we are at the end of a half term. School will close at normal time 3.15 on Friday. We would like to wish you all a relaxing and fun filled break and look forward to seeing you back at school **Monday 20th**

New Service at St John's : The dates are as follows: 4.30pm on **19th February; 5th March; 19th March ...more to follow**

We would like to say a huge thank you and good luck to Miss Jordanne Hart. She has been working in Class 3 since before Christmas on a PGCE placement and has been teaching them aspects of Maths (Data Handling) and History (The Romans). She has been a great asset to school and has demonstrated already an understanding of how children learn, a passion for education and a professional manner that will stand her in good stead as she continues her chosen career in teaching. All the best from our teaching team and children.

Parking Stands -As you may have noticed, we have some new 'A' frame parking hazard stands which are opposite school and near the school zig zags at the start and end of day. We feel that these will help support safety on our road and provide warning to all road users to slow down and take care when driving near school. Thank you to all our parents as we know you are always careful and considerate and hopefully now all visitors to school and our area will keep our children safe.

Remember our door is always open— contact us on bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

500 Words

Seven years ago, Chris Evans had a dream: to get children excited about reading and writing. All children, no matter what their ability. 500 Words is now one of the most popular story-writing competitions for kids in the world. Nearly half a million pupils have written a story for us; that's over 277 MILLION words! 500 Words is open to any child aged 5-13 on the 16th June 2017, the day of our 500 Words Final.

It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

Remember...we send all stories entered into 500 Words to our brainy buddies at Oxford University. They're doing a huge research project into children's language and their findings are fed back into the education system. So, if you're a teacher, remember it's super important to send in ALL stories from your class, not just those you consider the best...

And finally...don't get hung up on spelling and grammar! Our aim in this competition is to celebrate the wonderful imagination and creativity of children. It's a level playing field for anyone entering, as we anonymise the stories before they go off to be marked. Whether writing as part of a school project, club or from home, give 500 Words a go!

Competition entries for 2017 are open from 8.00am on Monday 16th January and close at 7.00pm sharp on Thursday 23rd February.

It would be great if over the weekend, children decided to channel their great imagination into a 500 word story. Good Luck Everyone!

Online Safety Day

We welcomed you to our Online Safety Assembly on Tuesday 7th February 2017 As Online Safety Day, our children presented what they have learned about keeping safe online and we sent a Digital Information brochure and some key referenced material for parents home with the children on Tuesday. We will also add links to useful, recommended websites on our school website. Thanks to Mrs Palmer Davies for her Tweet and support of our work.

Sports at Bretherton

Children from Year 5 and 6 represented Bretherton in an Under 11 indoor Cricket Competition at Albany High School On Saturday Morning. The children along with some classmates have been practicing each Friday with Tommy in the school hall and have shown great commitment and skills. On Saturday, the team arrived early for a competition against Chorley B and Mawdesley. The children produced some great results, but it wasn't to be.

Results of the matches:

Mawdesley 270-2 Bretherton 236-5

Bretherton 265-1 Chorley B 215-6

Chorley B 224-4 Mawdesley 253-1



Sadly, they didn't get through to the final but they worked well as a team, encouraged and motivated each other and were a credit to themselves, their parents and our school. Well Done all of you! A huge thanks also to Tommy and Mr Glew who helped to umpire and score and other parents who came to cheer the boys on .

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Mathletics and Spellodrome

As a school, we have subscribed to Mathletics and Spellodrome again for another year at a cost of £9 per child. Teachers will be looking at ways in which EVERY year group can maximise this resource and it would be great if you could support your child in using the resource at home. Mathletics is a popular national resource that support children's use and application of maths strategies. It offers children an engaging and safe learning experience which can be targeted to support their individual needs and is linked to all aspects of the National Curriculum. Teachers of each class will be looking to add assessment opportunities through Mathletics so children can review their own understanding.

Spellodrome offers a wide range of spelling games and activities based on a teacher- assigned word list. Children can develop their own spelling strategies through the recognition of letter patterns and word families. Although, not as many games opportunities as Mathletics, it really does offer children a structured program which when planned for by their teachers can support work in school with practice and consolidation at home. Our teachers will be reviewing how best to set challenges and will keep you informed. If your child doesn't have a log in for either of the above packages, please let the school office know and we'll have one assigned to them. You never know, we could have certificates on Monday's Celebration Assembly for all year groups- That would be GREAT!

Music Developments

At Bretherton school we are keen to develop children's talents and love of music. I am looking to create a 'music' group of children who play instruments who would like to be able to play their instruments in our whole school worship and special services. To facilitate that group, I would like to ask whether we have any parents, grandparents, friends of Bretherton who may also have a love of music and who can play an instrument/read music who may be able to give up an hour or two on a regular basis to develop this group further. Music is at the heart of learning and any school and this would be a huge asset to school and develop individual talents.

We also have a local club 'Red Admiral' wanting to create a band which will run at ssPeter & Paul Parish Centre Mawdsley on Friday—starter 5.15-5.45; beginners 6.00-6.45; Training 7.00-8.15. Contact Danny Brooks for information on 07725738616 or pick up a leaflet from the school office.



WELL DONE—CLASS 3

Last Thursday, Class 3 held their class worship. It was a lovely event, underpinned by the idea 'Spread a little kindness'. Children, wrote and prepared the worship which included their work for FOMO, their role as Peer Mediators, the responsible position of Reception Buddies and how they spread kindness in their class. In using the Bible story of Jesus and the Lepers, they were able to show how Jesus' teaches us to be kind and love our neighbour and that message is as powerful today as it was in the Bible. Class 3 really let their 'little lights shine' and all the children and parents enjoyed it immensely. Well Done Class 3!

KS2 SATS meeting

We invited Year 6 parents to our KS2 SATs information meeting on Monday 6th February 2017 at 5.00 in Class 4. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry, as we will add the information and powerpoint on to the Statutory information page of the website for you. We will do everything possible to ensure your children are not worried or anxious about these tests as they are just an opportunity for them to show what they have been learning and 'Shine'. We hope that you agree that this is important. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Future sports

We have a strong sporting legacy at Bretherton and this is something we are keen to continue. Mrs Brindle is doing an excellent job at co ordinating the Chorley Sports Partnership fixtures and is ensuring all age groups are given great sporting opportunities. We have also had a huge and exciting offer from a volunteer who is able to lead our Football coaching sessions to support our football league fixtures along with some past pupils who are now at Bishop's. The aim is to support our pupils in 'coaching' techniques as well as football skills. In addition to this, Mr Palmer-Davies has (after much persuasion by Bill and Fred) agreed to plan a non contact Rugby after school club later this year. We are so fortunate to have such supportive and talented volunteers- Watch this space! If you ever feel that you can support sport or any other aspect of school life, please don't hesitate to drop me a line.

Young Voices -Just a quick mention for children who are travelling to Manchester for Young Voices today. The information letter has been added to the newsletter area of the website in case you need to refer to it or contact us on the night. Remember to collect your child/ children from the Manchester Arena at the end of the night as (as was previously advised) there is no coach for the return journey. I am positive they will all have a great night and look forward to their amazing performance. Thank you to parents who have bought tickets to come and support us, PTFA for their generous donation of T- Shirts and the Coach and Mrs Barratt, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Rowley and Mrs Pope for their hard work and commitment in preparing our children. Giving up their time to practice and organise the event is really generous and hugely appreciated. You are all, and our children, Bretherton Shining Stars!!



THEME OF WORSHIP next half term—Forgiveness

‘ Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you’

Some Dates we know for next half term....

Parents evening will be on :
Monday 27th March 2017 3.30-7.00

Wednesday 29th March 2017 3.30-5.00 (letters to follow after half term)

Class 2 trip to Liverpool (letter to follow soon) on 16/3/17 may be a late return—around 4.00-4.30

Reminders

I wonder if we may have a joke here next newsletter.....remember if you have a good one to let me know in plenty of time!

Wednesday Wishes and Friday Favourites letter have been sent out for for next term—Return the forms if you would like to have a school lunch on those days.

Some parents have asked that the current half term dates are listed each week for clubs and events and so we are happy to detail them below:

DAY OF THE WEEK	TIME	ACTIVITY	START AND END DATE	AVAILABLE YEAR GROUPS
Mon	3.15-4.30	Sewing Club	9/1/17– ongoing	Year 6
Mon	3.15-4.15	Games Club	20/2/17–27/3/17	Years 2 & 3
Tues	Lunchtime	Cross Country	21/2/17– 14/3/17	Years 4,5,6
Tues	12.30-1.00	Sign Language	21/2/17– 30/3/17	Years 5 & 6
Tues	3.20–4.20	Spanish	9/1/17– ongoing	All Years
Tues	3.15-4.30	Art	9/1/17 – ongoing	All Years
Tues	3.15– 4.30	Tennis	21/2/17– 28/3/17	Years 1,2 & 3
Wed	12.30–1.00	Sewing Club	22/1/17– 29/3/17	Years 1 & 2
Thur	3.15-4.15	Netball	23/2/17–30/3/17	Years 5 & 6
Thur	12.30–1.00	Computer Coding	12/1/17–ongoing	Years 4,5
Thur	12.30– 1.00	Table Tennis	23/2/17 –ongoing	Year 6
Thur	3.15– 4.15	Baking Club	2/3/17– 30/3/17	Years 4 & 5
Frii	Lunchtime	Lego	24/2/17– 31/3/17	Years 5 & 6



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Huge thank you to Jason Riley, (Grace's Dad) for his generous donation of 4 Chromebooks. This donation will really support the technology upgrade for pupils at Bretherton.

A Huge Thank You again for your support.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am starting a Cross Country running club after half term. The club is open to children from Y3-Y6 will take place on a Tuesday lunchtime. The club will run for 4 weeks (21st & 28th Feb, 7th & 14th March) from 12-12.30pm. It may still be very cold (and wet) so children will need to bring warm running clothes and footwear that they (and you) don't mind getting muddy.

Following the club, we will be selecting 12 children to represent the school at the Cluster Cross Country event on Thursday 16th March. We will inform you in plenty of time if your child has been selected.

If your child would like to participate, please just send them with the appropriate clothing on the first Tuesday back after half term.

Kind Regards

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