

# Bretherton Endowed Primary School

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



## Our Newsletter

February 2017  
No: 5

### World Book Day 2017 - proposed theme

On **Thursday 2 March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year we will be celebrating the spoken art of storytelling in school.

We would also like to challenge our children to take a photograph of themselves reading in 'unusual' or 'unexpected' places. If you are able to take a photograph like this, we would be grateful if you could bring them **in for Thursday 9th March** so that we can create a display in the hall, later to be positioned in the Wilson Suite library area.

How exciting!



### *PTFA Update*

DISCO at Bretherton

Thank you to those who children who supported the Disco. It was a great night—so many great outfits and dance moves!

Great lasers too!

**Next meeting is  
on 14/3/17 7.00**



### KS1 SATS meeting

We invited Year 2 parents to our KS1 SATs information meeting on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 3.15 in Class 2. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry, we will add the information and PowerPoint on to the Statutory information page of the website for you and copies will be sent home this week.

In KS1, the children will not realise that they are taking the tests as we treat them informally for the children- they are just an opportunity for them to show what they have been learning and 'Shine'. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a ring.

### Mothers Day Church Service in school

On Wednesday 22nd March, the Ethos group with Rev Michael will be holding a Mother's Day themed Church service in school. It will commence at 9.05 and you are all most welcome to join us. We have been learning new songs and the children have prepared the readings and prayers for the event. We all know how special our 'Mother's' are and this is a small way to celebrate how much they mean to us.

### Cultural Educ'Asian

Prags, a special friend to school, has been booked into school to work with all our classes on **28th March**. Throughout her work in school, children will learn much about other world faiths and have the opportunity to ask her lots of questions about her culture and faith.

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

### A message from the school office

Thank you for supporting our cash system. Pupils are responding well to their increased responsibility and are getting used to handing in the envelopes in the morning to their teachers. Just to recap, if you are paying for weekly lunches or trips, we would be grateful if you could send a cheque into school in an envelope with details of what the payment is for and your child's name clearly written on the front. A text receipt will be sent after the payment has been processed. If a cheque is not possible, you can pay in cash in the same way. However please note that the envelope should contain the exact money along with the details of the payment and child's name on the front. If on the rare occasion you don't have a cheque or exact change, write on the front of the envelope, how much is contained, how much you wish to pay and the change will be returned to your child in a sealed envelope and a text to you advising you of when it was given. We hope that you will agree, this ensures accurate accounting for everyone and will help the smooth running of the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Reception Parents Questionnaire—Please could we ask that you complete and return your questionnaires this week. It is vital we hear your voice on your experience of school. We value your feedback and support in shaping our future**

### School Council Charity of the Term- Rainbow House

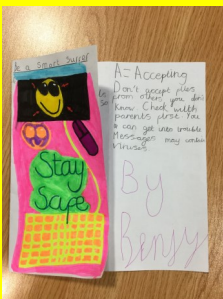
Later this term, our School Council will be organising some fund raising events in order to raise money to support this great local cause. Hopefully some children will also be able to visit them and see how they will spend our donations. If you would like to know more about this charity, please see <http://thelegacy-rainbowhouse.com/> Watch this space!



### **Online Safety Day**

We hope that you learned all about how to keep safe online from our Online Safety Assembly before the holidays. Your child should have brought home a Digital Magazine and sheet with many useful links and support websites for parents. The children worked hard to demonstrate their learning and we would like to thank you if you were able to join us. From Superheroes to penguins..... Only at Bretherton can our children be so imaginative!

We are creating a display in the corridor linked to our learning, please come and have a look.



### **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 and remember grandmothers, sisters and aunts as well.



### Parents Evening

#### Advance Notice of Dates

Our Spring term parents consultation evenings will be on

**Monday 27th March 3.30-7.00**

and

**Wednesday 29th March 3.30 - 5.00.**

A letter with all the details of how to book will be sent out soon. We hope that you will be able to make one of those dates ( whichever is the most convenient to you). However, if you have any problems, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for a mutually convenient time.

### Sainsbury's vouchers

We are welcoming any and all vouchers for schools, in particular the Sainsbury Vouchers 'Active Kids'.

These initiatives can really help purchase additional resources, in particular we are looking to replenish lunch time games equipment so children are keeping active. Keep those vouchers coming in- every little helps ( oops that's the other supermarket!)

### Easter Hope Journey

Year 5 have been chosen to attend our Easter Hope Journey, this year at Ormskirk Methodist where they will have the chance to experience Easter as they have never before. We know they will thoroughly enjoy it. This is a free outing with the transport being paid for out of school funds.

### Swimming in class 3

Just a reminder for all Class 3 to bring their swimming kit( including a swim hat) every Monday. It is a fantastic opportunity to be able to go swimming for both school years - year 4 and year 5 at a considerable cost to school but we do feel that learning to swim and being confident in life preserving techniques is really important so it is a shame if anyone misses it, even for 1 week. If you feel your child is unable to participate, please send in a note for the class teacher, otherwise, they will be expected to have their kit in school.

Everyone is progressing really well and I would like to thank the children for their super participation and determination in the pool.



### **WELL DONE and THANK YOU**

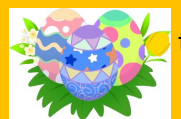
Thank you for all your donations of clothes for FOMO. They have now been safely packed up and passed to the charity to be sent overseas for children who need them. Great effort to all but especially Class 3 for driving the initiative and communicating the needs of the charity so well in their class assembly before the holidays. Thank you to year 6 boys for helping to pack the car up.



### Easter events coming up

Just to let you know of our traditional fun event—Easter eggtravaganza coming up in this half term. We would like to organise our annual Egg Rolling competition on 31st March where all the children need to bring in a hard -boiled egg ( normal sized! No ostrich or dinosaur eggs!) on the day which can be decorated if they wish. Children will then compete against children in their year group to see how far their egg rolls. The winning egg 'owner' will win a small prize.

We will also be arranging an Easter Raffle—information to follow next

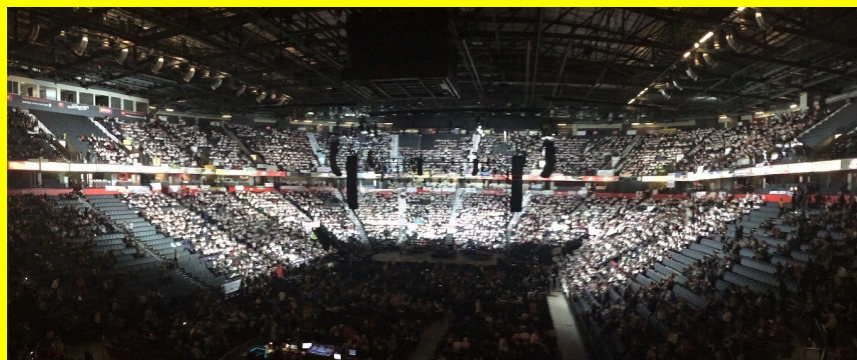


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In order to minimise the risk of head lice, could we encourage children to ensure their hair is tied back when they are in school if it is shoulder length or longer. Thank you, remember head lice like clean hair! If you need any further information regarding how to check, this NHS link should help.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Diagnosis.aspx>

Young Voices -Just a quick mention to say a HUGE WELL DONE to all the children and staff for their dedication and performance at Young Voices. The children were a credit to themselves , their parents and school with outstanding behaviour and fantastic attitudes. Thank you also to parents who came and supported them on a wintery Friday night on the last day of term. They children took part in a singing performance along with over 8000 other primary school children and were able to watch renown Beat Box company and street dancers. It was a truly memorable experience for all and I'm sure they will hold onto memories of their night for many years to come.



### THEME OF WORSHIP —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....

22nd March—Mother's Day Church Service in school 9.05am

27th March—Parent Evening 3.30—7.00pm

29th March—Parent Evening 3.30—5.00pm

#### Reminders

**World Book Day 2nd March 2017— special lunch available and reading photograph competition.**

**28th February is our Pancake Day lunch—Let us know if you would like your child to take part.**

**8th March 9.05 Class 2 worship—parents invited**

**16th March Class 2 trip to Liverpool ( letter out soon)**

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
Monday	3.15-4.30	Sewing Club	9/1/17-Ongoing	Year 6
	3.15-4.15	Games Club	20/2-27/3/17	Years 2 & 3
	Lunchtime	Cross Country	21/2/17 – 14/3/17	Years 4,5,6
Tuesday	12.30 – 1.00	Sign Language	21/2/17- 30/3/17	Years 5 & 6
	3.20 - 4.20	Spanish	9/1/17-Ongoing	All Years
	3.15 – 4.30	Art	9/1/17-Ongoing	All Years
	3.15 – 4.30	Tennis	21/2-28/3/17	Years 1/2/3
Wednesday	12.30 – 1.00	Sewing Club	22/1/17 – 29/3/17	Years 1 & 2
Thursday	3.15 -4.15	Netball	2/3/17 – 31/3/17	Years 5, 6
	12.30-1.00	Computer Coding	12/1-Ongoing	Years 4/5
	12.30 – 1.00	Table Tennis	23/2/17 - Ongoing	Year 6
	3.15 – 4.15	Baking Club	2/3/17 – 30/3/17	Years 4 & 5
Friday	Lunchtime	Lego	24/2/17 – 31/3/17	Years 5 & 6



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