

Bretherton Endowed Primary School

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

Our Newsletter

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Pupil Attitude Questionnaire

Thank you to Year 4 and Year 6 who completed the pupil attitude questionnaire in July. This really helps ensure that we are getting it right for children both in their learning and pastoral care.

In Year 4 (current Year 5) their answers were extremely positive with over 50% of questions being the highest possible score. Thank you to our class teachers for getting their experiences right. Some areas a few children felt could be developed were:

'Displays in my classroom help me learn' - a few felt they didn't

'Homework is interesting and useful' - so we will continue to develop this and evolve.

'Feeling left out' a few children felt this, and the vast majority of children felt they were hardly ever bullied in school. This is an area we are committed to continually improve. We are pleased our children feel able to talk openly about their experiences.

In year 6 last year, over 70% achieved the highest positive score which is fantastic. Areas a few children thought could be improved were:

'My school encourages me to think about the dangers of drinking alcohol and using drugs' and *'worrying when things go wrong'* as they didn't score as highly as others for either boys and girls and so we will ensure through our PHSE action plan this year (developing positive mindsets and teaching how to be a responsible citizen) , we will improve these areas for children in school now.

Overall a great positive result from our astute and articulate children. Thank you to everyone who has helped them feel safe, loved and valued.

A comprehensive report will be available on our new website.



PTFA Update

Our school is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard working PTFA. With many new and existing fun events in mind, we would warmly welcome everyone to our next meeting on **Thursday 28th September at 6.45pm.**

We would really benefit from your ideas, support in events and spending priorities so please join us. It's great to be part of .

Well Done and Thank You Everyone for last year!

Buddies—Reception and Year 5

We've got some very excited 'Buddies' in Year 5 ready for their new roles.

Buddy roles are hugely important in school as it offers support and guidance for our new reception children who are finding their feet in our routines and helps our older children develop their communication and organisation skills. They will write to our reception children soon to say hello and have a timetable of activities planned over the year, such as walking to Harvest together, Christmas party games, reading afternoons, Easter Egg hunt . A teddy bear's picnic and Sports Day race practices together. What Fun!

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

CELEBRATING SCHOOL LIFE

Tarleton Rugby Club request

Tarleton Rugby's foundations have been laid on a progressive coaching system of mini and junior rugby, dating back to 1990. Since that time, we have developed into a very successful community rugby club. However, without doubt, our success now and in the future relies on a good and positive working relationship with local junior schools.

In 2017, we find ourselves with a worrying gap in the two age groups. This is a position that we are very keen to address and resolve, hopefully with your help and cooperation. It follows, therefore, that the club is looking to recruit young players in both age groups i.e children aged 8 (at the 31st of August 2017) and children aged 9 (at the 31st of August 2017)

The club is also looking to recruit any parents of children in these age categories, who may be interested in coaching or taking a voluntary management role within these newly formed squads. The club would support any such individuals gain the requisite RFU coaching qualifications.

Hugh Paterson Chairman TRUFC

Music—additional lessons

Thank you for returning the forms for additional music lessons. We are now in a position to organise guitar lessons within school through Lancashire Music Service. Letters will follow soon with the full details about costs, times and provision of instruments. We are hoping that these can commence before the end of this half term

How exciting!

Lifesavers— Values Financial Planning Education for Children

LifeSavers aims to: “help children gain knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to manage money well now and in the future.” It is a collaborative partnership between Archbishop of Canterbury’s Just Finance Foundation and Young Enterprise, the UK’s leading charity that empowers young people to harness their personal and business skills and we will be weaving it into our PHSE curriculum over this year.



This is a great opportunity for us to develop children's understanding about money, where it comes from, how you can use it and linking all to our Christian Values means that our children will have a greater understanding of effect money in our society.

We are also fortunate to have Neville Norcross visiting school over the year who was involved in the creation of this resource so our children will be able to probe further some of the concepts.

'SchoolMoney' Cashless System

Thank you for your continued support with the online payments system which has been a great help to the School Office since going live back in June. We will be setting up online payments for School Trips as and when they arise so by the end of this academic year all parents will have paid by this method at some point. We would like to reiterate that if you do have any problems logging into your child's account there is a Helpline but we are also here if you would like to get in touch and we will help in any way we can.

Mrs Carlyon & Mrs Mitchell

Meet the Teacher

Thank you for coming to our meet the teacher session. The class routines, class list and curriculum overviews have been sent home if you couldn't make it so you're kept up to date with homework days etc. Homework is being trialled differently this half term. Please remember that reading daily is the most important, working on the key words and then children to fulfil a task at their ability.

DATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Parental Attitude Questionnaires

That time of year again where we would ask you to spare your time to complete our Parental Questionnaire. Letters have gone out this week and we would encourage all families to respond so we have comprehensive feedback that will feed into our School Development Planning.

Return before 2nd October please

Early Years Quality Mark

I would like to congratulate the Class 1 team and in particular Mrs Williams who have worked hard to be awarded the Early Years Quality Mark Award for Excellence.

Basic Skills Quality Mark

We have applied for renewal of our Basic skills quality mark also for all classes and are confident that this too will be successful. Thanks to our excellent staff for their commitment to excellent teaching and learning opportunities offering firm foundations for all.

'The Layfield Charity'

Applications are invited for grants from persons resident in the villages of Bispham, Bretherton, Croston, Hesketh Bank, Rufford, Mawdesley, Tarleton, Ulnes Walton—see attachment to this newsletter for further details.

THEME OF WORSHIP — Friendship

'Do to others as you would have them do to you' Luke 6:31

Dates for Diary this term:

26th September—Individual School Photographs to be taken in school.

28th September
Reading & Phonics Meeting—
Reception Parents 6.00pm

PTFA Meeting –6.45pm

28th & 29th September
Bikeability—Year 6. Please bring bikes each day.

2nd October—Harvest Assembly in Church 9.00am—Parents Welcome.

12th October—Parent Forum Meeting 9.00am in Wilson Suite. Parents Welcome

27th October -
Health Week Assembly—2.30pm.
Parents Welcome.

School finishes for half term holiday at normal time 3.15pm.

****31st October—Deadline
Secondary School Applications****

REMINDERS

Could every child bring a coat with a hood please as we try and go outside wherever possible for playtime and lunch time.

There are spaces available for Music Tuition (Flute/Keyboard) with Mr Heptinstall—please phone 07460 116716 for more details.

Water bottles are now available to purchase from the School Office priced at £1 each. We are still awaiting delivery of some more school bags so will text when they are in stock. If you would like to pre-pay for a bag you can do so by sending in £5 in an envelope marked with your child's name & 'payment for school bag'. As soon as they are in we can distribute this to your child.

Reception Class Photograph (Chorley Guardian) - If you would like to order a copy please return form/payment to school by **Friday 13th October 2017**.

CLUBS

1st HALF AUTUMN TERM 2017

DAY OF THE WEEK	TIME	CLUB	START AND END DATE	YEAR GROUPS
Monday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Netball	18/9/17 – 24/10/17	Years 3,4,5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 – 4.20pm	Spanish	12/9/17 - ongoing *	All Years
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Art	5/9/17 - ongoing *	All Years
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Tennis	12/9/17 – 17/10/17 *	Years 1 - 3
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Football	19/9/17 – 24/10/17	Years 4,5 & 6
Thursday	LUNCHTIME	Rounders	14/9/17 – 26/10/17	Years 3 - 6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Sewing	11/9/17 - ongoing	Year 6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Rugby League	21/9/17 – 26/10/17	Years 3,4,5 & 6

*** Contact details if you would like your child to participate in these Clubs :**

Spanish : Mrs Alison Powell - 01772 816951

Art : Mrs Rosie Stanfield - 01772 601410

Tennis : Stuart Grice - 07709 816951



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ADDITIONAL NEWS!

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

There is an opportunity for a child in our school to receive a voucher for a free term of drama classes at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. This is open to those who are not currently a member of the Academy or who have not already received a voucher of this type. If you would like your child to be considered please let the School Office know by email on bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk and if we have more than one reply names will be put in a hat to be drawn.

Robinwood—A Great Adventure...a taste of our week

