

Bretherton Endowed Primary School

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

Our Newsletter

DATE : 10th October 2017
No: 18



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Our Whole School Development Plan

Find attached a summary sheet of our whole school priorities along with this newsletter so that you can get a flavour of where our attention will be placed this year. We are already incredibly successful in maths and our progress and attainment is high but we wanted to focus particularly on maths reasoning to develop and encourage a high level of resilience and perseverance in 'unpicking' the problems. To ensure children can 'talk' maths reasoning so they can explain the strategies that they have used and which are the most efficient. We are really excited about our developments in social and emotional education too. Mrs Barratt, who has always worked hard to support our children in Class 1 will be working in the afternoons with children throughout school supporting their learning and we will be rolling out Peer Massage amongst other initiatives over the year. If you have any questions or can support us in any way, please do not hesitate to email or call in.

Volunteers in school

School runs at its most efficient when it can meet the needs of all its children and we would not be as successful as we are without the support from volunteers. Vacancies include:

Reading with children in class 1

Reading with children in class 2

Word reading in class 2

Working with individuals/ pairs in class 3 on spellings

Comprehension and reading with class 3

Photocopying/admin

If you can help in any way— from 1 hour to a full morning, please call the School Office.



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 AGM on **Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 7.00pm.**

It was great to see everyone at the last meeting I— remember the 'Facebook' page is a great way to get involved.

Fond Farwell

It is with a huge amount of love and best wishes that we say our farewells to Mrs Sheila Ashcroft at the end of this half term. Mrs Ashcroft joined Bretherton over 27 years ago as a Nursery Nurse and has had many different roles within school, not least working 2 mornings as Technology Support and Class 1 Teaching Assistant last year. She is a great asset to school and we are thrilled that she will continue in school as a Volunteer in Class 1 supporting reading and maths, but she would like more time to spend looking after her grandchildren.

We would all like to wish her well and know she'll enjoy her retirement.

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

CELEBRATING SCHOOL LIFE

School Games Award 2016/2017—WE GOT GOLD!

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. With almost every child competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school



sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Mrs Brindle, Mrs Glew and all staff and parents that supported coaching, supervising and transporting our children.

Statutory Assessments

IMPORTANT : It has now been confirmed by the DfE that our Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATS during the week beginning 14th May 2018.

Also, Key Stage 1 SATs (for our Year 2 children) will take place in May 2018 and the Phonics Assessment for Year 1 in June 2018.

We've booked meetings in for Year 2 and 6 parents after Christmas to give you all the up to date information.



Well Done Year 6 for completing your Bikeability course with Chorley Sports Partnership last week.

They commented on your excellent behaviour and positive attitude despite the wet weather.

Thank you to you and your parents for bringing your bikes into school and well done!

From our oldest children to our youngest, our Reception class will have their Balance Bike sessions later this year; we know they will love it!

Homework ideas and our trial

Thank you for your feedback on the 'choice' style of homework in Class 2 and Class 3. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as we try and balance the needs and expectations of all children and families. The teaching staff will need to work on 'tweeks' for after half term.

Mathletics

All children have been reminded about their Mathletics username and password and we would encourage children to access the resource 'little and often' as this can help consolidate their understanding. Lots of certificates to be earned.

Pupil Voice Teams

Thank you to all the children who applied to be part of our Pupil Voice Teams. We have representatives from Year 1-6 for School Council, Ethos, Eco and Year 3-6 for Fairtrade and Sports Leaders and Year 5 are our Peer Mediators.

We will be 'blogging' their activities and meetings so you can find out for yourself what they are all up to.

It is a great way for children to have a say about what goes on in school and they always demonstrate great organisational and communicational skills and work hard for their group to make school a better place.

DATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Congratulations

Congratulations to Red Admiral Music Academy (a local music group) who have been awarded £25000 grant to support music in our areas. Some of our pupils play alongside this great local group and if you are interested, I know they would love to hear from you.

Consent Forms/Data Collection Sheets

We have sent the Consent Forms and Data Collection Sheets out for your completion. It is vital that you update the forms with your correct e-mail address and telephone number as this is our preferred method of contact. Please return by **Friday 20th October 2017**.

New Reception Intake 2018 /2019

We are welcoming visits for children and parents who are looking to come to Bretherton in September 2018. They are most welcome and we would like to remind them about our Pre-School sessions which run on Thursday afternoons 1.30-3.10pm with Mrs Vincent.

Parent Forum Dates for Your Diary

I would like to invite you to our Parent Forum meetings on the following dates this year:

12th October 2017 9.00am

1st February 2018 9.00am

19th June 2018 9.00am

Topics for discussion to follow.



Welcome!

Congratulation to Mr & Mrs Duckworth on the birth of Hughie, a brother for Willow in Reception. He arrived last Wednesday 4/10 weighing 8lb 13oz.



THEME OF WORSHIP — Friendship

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

Car Parking

It is for everyone's safety that I remind anyone collecting or bringing children to school that the car park is for staff only and for parents using 'The Ark' then the car park is available from **7.45-8.30am & 3.30-6.00pm**

We really want to keep all our children and staff safe!

Thank you for your continued support

Dates for Diary this term

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

17th October—Harvest Lunch open to whole school.

20th October—Year 6 trip to Chorley Borough Council.

24th October—PTFA AGM—7.00pm

26th October—PTFA Disco
Infants 6-6.45pm, Juniors 7-8pm

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

Deadline 20/10/17—Reception, Year 1,2,3 & 4 Flu Vaccination Consent Forms, General Consent Forms and Data Collection Sheets to be returned to school.

Bretherton Cricket Club Annual Bonfire & Professional Fireworks Display—Friday 3rd November 2017. Contact Mrs Glew for bonfire night tickets & raffle tickets. Gate opens at 6.00pm

Please see attached a number of letters with this week's newsletter including Health Week, Relax Kids After School Club, Tommy Wilson 's 80th to name but a few.

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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