

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

20th February 2018

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Church Inspection

We have received the final report of our Church of England Church Inspection (SIAMS) and a letter will be sent out today to all our families. Just a thank you to our hardworking governors, staff and children for your huge contribution to our grade of 'Outstanding' and to you all for your support and feedback to school which helps us to continually move forward.

Swiss Students

It is that time of year again where I enquire whether any of our families or extended school community would be happy to host 2 student teachers from Switzerland. We hosted two young people last year and they were a huge asset to school and they felt they learned much about our education system. We were extremely grateful for the two families who welcomed them into their homes and they both felt it was a pleasure. If you feel that you would be able to provide a bedroom for the dates of 23rd June to the 6th July, you will receive £300 from the Swiss School to pay towards food and transport costs and they are fully CRB vetted. If you can help support this placement, please email the school office bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk and we will liaise with their lead teacher.

Congratulations—Sports Achievements

Well done to our Cricket team—they came a determined second in the Indoor Cricket Tournament and their 'Grit' and 'Passion' helped them succeed. Well Done to our super team and Mrs Glew and Mr Wilson for their expert coaching skills.

World Book Day 1st March

This year on 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day 2018. Throughout the day we will be celebrating stories and storytelling in each of our classes. Your child will receive a voucher for £1 to purchase a special World Book Day book or pay towards a book of their choice from a variety of retail outlets. Please see the flyer that comes home next week along with the voucher for more details. We are always looking to improve our reading resources at school but I am sure that you can appreciate how expensive this can be. If you have any stories that your children have read that you feel you could donate to our class libraries, we would be hugely appreciative. Stories from authors such as David Walliams, Michael Morpurgo, Jeremy Strong, Enid Blyton, Michael Rosen, Anthony Horowitz, Roald Dahl, Allan Ahlberg, Cressida Cowell, Dick King Smith, Phillipa Pearce, Philip Pullman, Jacqueline Wilson and many more.

If you would like to know more about the recommended reading lists for your child's age, please see the following website for a comprehensive list of quality texts.

KS2 lists: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

KS1: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/>

PTFA Update

20th February 2018 at 3.15 in Class 4 will be the next PTFA meeting. You are all most welcome to share your ideas and help us plan the next PTFA events.

If anyone still wants to submit their illustration/picture for our PTFA banner, please ensure that it is in school by Friday 23rd February (extended date). It will be great to have a child's artwork to celebrate the great work of our PTFA. Maybe they could include some of the great events that they host, or some of the items they have purchased.

Please Note : Payments for all PTFA Events e.g. Mother's Day Tea, Easter Bingo, etc. are NOT available to pay online via SchoolMoney. therefore payment needs to be returned with the relevant form to school for the attention of the PTFA.

Parent Forum

The Parent Forum that began when I commenced at Bretherton has been invaluable in ensuring that we are continually driving an excellent education and opportunities for our children. This year, I need the help of the forum to revisit our Mission Statement and Values to ensure we are working to the future with an agreed focus. We are incredibly pleased that our values were evident so passionately and clearly in our recent inspection, and although we have no reason to change or update, with our new team it is the right time to ensure they still serve us well.

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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

Extra Information

THEME OF WORSHIP — Humility

‘Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.’

Ephesians 4:2

PDSA visit into school this week

This week each class will receive a talk from vet professionals all about pets. Their workshops are delivered by a fantastic team of Community Education Vet Nurses and are based around 3 key areas.

The five welfare needs of what all animals need to be healthy and happy. Based on the care of dogs, cats and rabbits, it teaches children how to be responsible pet owners. **Canine Communication** - Teaches children how amazing dogs are, how to recognise what they're telling them through their body language and how to keep themselves safe. Recent alarming statistics state that hospital admissions for dog bite incidents has increased by 76% in the last 10 years, with most admissions being in children under 10. Our session, which was developed with dog behaviour experts, is aimed at tackling this problem. Finally, **Animal Heroes in War and Peace** - Looks at the heroic acts of animals in times of war and peace, PDSA's medal programme and its animal recipients. Also shares the amazing stories of PDSA's Pet Survivor awards. This will launch a whole school writing opportunity for our children to be creative and link areas of the curriculum together.

£10 note withdrawal

The Bank of England will withdraw the paper £10 note on Thursday 1st March 2018. After 1st March Businesses and the public no longer have to accept the £10 note as payment or in change. Please start banking all paper £10s now and stop re-issuing. The Bank of England will continue to exchange paper £10 notes for all time, as it would for any other Bank of England note which no longer has legal tender status. Please see below link for more information

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/paper-10-pound-note>

Update to our whole School Action Plan

I have enclosed with this newsletter an update on our whole School Development Plan. We are well on the way to meeting our priorities. If you have any comments or questions, please bring them to our next Parent Forum meeting which has been rescheduled to **Thursday 1st March 2018 at 9.00am in the Wilson Suite.**

Letter from Nick Gibb MP

We received a letter this week from Nick Gibb MP in relation to our KS2 results last year for writing and maths. It was pleasing to note that we are in a minority of schools who achieved 100% at the expected standard or above for year six. We congratulated our Year 6 pupils last year for their results, but this letter puts into perspective their hard work and determination and also the professionalism and dedication of all our staff.

Welcome to our new Parent Governor

I would like to welcome Mr Oliver Hill to our governing body as our newly appointed parent governor. We are fortunate to have a professional governing body and a high ratio of our governors are also parents. This is a great time to remind you of our Class governor lists.

Class Governors

Class 1 – Mrs A Berry

Class 2 – Mrs P Aspden

Class 3 – Mrs R Stanfield

Class 4 – Mrs Davidson

Class governors are there to engage with the staff and children within that class, monitor learning and learning opportunities and support school self-evaluation. If you have any questions about the role and responsibilities of our governors, all details are on the website or feel free to call in for a chat.



DATES AND REMINDERS

Tune into recycling Battery scheme

Just to advise you that the last date this school year for the battery collection scheme to collect our batteries will be after 19th February—20th March. So if you have any at home that you would like to recycle, please send them into school as soon as you can. Thank you for your support of this scheme—our ECO group feel passionately about all opportunities to recycle.

Peter Rabbit at Waterstones in Preston

We are passionate about reading and Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit is a classic text. To link the story books with the new film release, Peter Rabbit will be visiting Preston's Waterstones book store on Sunday 25th March at 11am, noon, 2pm, 5pm.

Tarleton Performing Arts Evening—Keep the date free

Class 2 will be performing their 'Healthy Humans' dance at **Tarleton's Performing Arts Evening on Wednesday 7th March 2018 starting at 6.00**. More details will follow but please keep the date free if you would like to get a ticket and join us. Letters outlining the costumes needed were sent before half term. It is always a great night, celebrating talents within our Cluster of schools.

SchoolMoney Changes

We have received the following message from SchoolMoney with regards to recent changes in paying online. If you experience any problems do not hesitate to contact the School Office :

You may have noticed that we have made a change to our SchoolMoney website. Now when parents go to www.schoolmoney.co.uk they will be redirected to the new eduspot website. <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney>

*To sign in, all parents need to do is select the Sign In button in the top right hand corner of the screen. A list will drop down and they need to select the **Parent Login option** at the bottom. This will then send them to the parent login screen as normal. Do not select SchoolMoney option as this will direct them to the school's login.*

If you have any questions about this new feature, please call our support line on 0845 388 5510.

You can also send us an email at support@schoolmoney.co.uk and we will contact you as soon as possible!

*Thank you,
SchoolMoney Team*

Reminders

PTFA Fashion Show—Wednesday 28th February 2018 7.00pm in School. Tickets available via form/payment sending into school or pay on the door £3. Thank you for your continued support.

On **Tuesday 27th February**, in Class 4 at 3.30pm, we will be holding our KS2 SATS Information Meeting for parents of Year 6 children.

On **Wednesday 28th February** at 3.30pm, in Class 2, we will be holding our KS1 SATS information meeting for parents of children in Year 2.

Our rescheduled Parent Forum Meeting will take place on **Thursday 1st March 2018 at 9.00am in the Wilson Suite**. Please feel free to join us if you can spare the time. This time we will have School Lunches, School Values and Sports Funding on our Agenda to discuss.

World Book Day Lunch—if your child would like to participate and do not already have school dinners please remember to complete the slip and return to school so that our kitchen are able to ensure there are sufficient provision to accommodate the additional orders. Payment can be made online in advance using the 'Top-Up' facility under the 'Dinners' option on the left hand side when you log in or pay after 1st March when this will appear on your account as payment due.

Remember to check the calendar and events page on the website for clubs and invitations to join us in school .

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