

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

6th March 2018



Our school Maths Focus update

This year, we have been looking at developing our children's opportunities for reasoning and problem solving in maths. We are excited to see the children engaged and motivated to 'get stuck in' and use mathematical language to reason through the problems. Using equipment, we are supporting children to really understand mathematical concepts moving from concrete—pictures—abstract calculations. This will provide greater depth of understanding and ensure that when they leave Bretherton, they are ready for the world of maths at High School and beyond. Our maths page on the website is full of our calculation policies, active maths resources and a list of websites that you can access at home. In particular, there are many on times tables. Times Tables have been in the press recently as the Government has launched a new times table test in year 4. This will **NOT happen** this year, while they trial them but schools will be expected to administer the tests to their year 4 pupils from 2019-20. Why not use a few of the links and let me know what you think.

Congratulations—Sports Achievements

Well done the boys and girls who attended the Penalty Shoot Out at PNE last Saturday. They won their heat 4:1 (well done Charlie for great saves) and this score looks like it will be enough to move us up to the semi finals in May. We'll keep you posted.

Parents Evening letters return

Parents Evening letters went out this week for you to book in for your 5 minute meeting with your child's teacher. We will be providing an overview of progress report at this meeting along with an opportunity to view their books and chat with the class staff. If you feel that you need more than 5 minutes, please arrange a mutually convenient time with the class teacher. We look forward to sharing your children's successes with you.

Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you for all who attended our forum last week. Your feedback is hugely important. Discussions were around school dinner choices, homework, spellings, swimming, website and our Values and Mission Statement. The minutes are on the website under Parents Forum link under 'Info' and 'Parents Involvement in learning'. A top tip is to add the word to the 'SEARCH' area at the top of the home page and you will be directed straight away to the area you are looking for.

Wear It Red Day

Following our 'Wear It Red Day' last week we raised a terrific £163.21 to go towards the Heartbeat Charity. We have posted off a cheque to them today and would like to thank you for your contributions to this very worthy cause.

PTFA Update

Fashion Show was a great success despite the weather. Thanks to all our fabulous children and adult models and Christine and Mrs Hudson for your hard work in bringing it all together. It raised over £350 which is a great achievement.

The next meeting will be held in Class 4 on TUESDAY 17th APRIL. We would love to see families from KS1 represented so we can ensure we can gather your ideas and improve communication about events.

PTFA Facebook Page

Just a note to remind you that the PTFA have a Facebook page that will keep you up to date with all the fantastic events and dates of our PTFA.

Where possible, it will remind you about meeting dates and times, event times and also 'shout out' for support for specific events or ideas.

If you have any questions about school events unrelated to the PTFA, or any other queries please feel free to contact school via telephone **01772 600431** or **bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk** during the school day or **head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk** if out of hours and we will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

We hope this helps keep you updated.

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

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. James 3:13

Calendar—how to find out what is happening in school

At the bottom of our website is our Events page and contains details of whole school events, clubs, trips, PTFA events and special activities such as tuck shops and special lunches. If the event is a school trip, it will show the letter that was sent out for it. If it is a club provided by an external provider, the link will provide their contact details. Please note: if you had previously downloaded the google calendar link from the website, this account will be deleted at the end of March and you will need to add/follow the live calendar that is now linked to the website.

Bottles for Dog mess—What a great idea!

Thank you to the children and Mrs Hudson for their great idea to prevent/minimise the amount of fouling near our school. They are hoping to extend the idea a little further around the village.

Lenten journey with 3 Churches Together

#LiveLent - Let Your Light Shine takes you on a six week discipleship journey in 2018 through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness. For each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day there is a short reading, a pause for reflection and prayer, and an idea for a simple action that will enable the light of Jesus to shine through our everyday lives. You can register for emails or SMS messages at <https://www.churchofengland.org/lent>

Win a Rugby Training session

Win a training session for your child's year group with Harlequins and England rugby professional Rachael Burford! We love inspiring kids to eat well and get active, so to celebrate the Six Nations and our brand new Fruitivator Harlequins and England rugby professional Rachael Burford, we are giving your child's year group the chance to be coached by Rachael herself! That's not all, along with the training session you will also win Fruit Bowl snacks for each student, AND a signed rugby ball for your child! Please register at www.fruit-bowl.com/win-training-session/

Teddies to donate for Syria

Rev Janet came in to tell us about a request for teddies that her granddaughter is trying to collect for a charity to help children who are suffering in places of conflict, in particular in Syria. If you have any teddies in good condition to donate to Syria, please bring them in and place in the collection box in the corridor. Many Thanks

Using our website

If you've not had chance, please take a look at the Gallery and Class Pages of the website as they are updated a couple of times a week with examples of the great learning that is going on in school. Gone are the days where you need to ask 'What have you done today?' only to hear 'nothing really!' because you can go on and share the experiences with your child. In addition the curriculum areas will outline the school's policy, coverage and will direct you to websites that may help your children in those areas. Any parent meetings will be added to class pages so you never need to worry about missing them and our newsletters are archived to help you find out anything you may need. We know that it can take time to get used to anything new but we are pleased to say that in the month of February, we have had over 130 regular viewers to our site, half using a mobile device, half using a desktop and the vast majority accessed our class pages, blogs and events. A free downloadable app is available on apple or android which helps you keep updated on the move.



DATES AND REMINDERS

Text message service in school

To enhance security, the company who provides us with text messaging will provide a link at the end of the message so you can verify them as the sender. We have not had a concern in the past regarding the source of emails sent to our parents but this will act as a welcome measure if you can have confidence in knowing that we have sent the message. We have been advised that it will not affect the system in any other way.

Swimming

A letter has gone out last week outlining our swimming provision after Easter. If you haven't seen it, a copy is on the website under news and Headteacher letters.

Volunteers for Reading with children

If you feel that you can spare any time in school to read with children, please contact Mrs Carlyon in the School Office. We really appreciate all the volunteers who work in school and they really do make a difference to our children.

Reminders—Coming up soon!

- Class 2 will be performing their 'Healthy Humans' dance at Tarleton's Performing Arts Evening on **Wednesday 7th March 2018 starting at 6.00pm**. Tickets have already been sold and I'm sure that it'll be a great night, celebrating talents within our Cluster of schools.
- Mothers Day Class 1 assembly on **Thursday 8th March at 9.00.am** All families welcome but in particular Class 1 parents and family.
- Mother's Day afternoon tea is a wonderful event and is on **Friday 9th March 2018 3.15-5.30pm**. Please bring along anyone who deserves a treat of a lovely afternoon tea. Tickets available from school in advance please.
- **Mothering Sunday Service on 11th March 2018 at St John's is at 11.00am**.
- Neville Norcross will be leading Worship on **Monday 12th March 2018 at 9.05am**. All welcome to share a wonderful worship with a special friend of school.
- **Class 1** Tatton Park visit on Tuesday 13th March 2018. They're sure to have a great day.
- **Year 5 visit to Croston Methodist** on the Easter Hope journey on Wednesday 14th March 2018 in the morning.
- **Parents Evening on 19th and 21st March 2018**. Confirmation of dates will be sent within the week prior.
- **20th March 2018 Fair Trade Tuckshop** at lunchtime. Items to purchase, recommended maximum money of £2.
- **Wednesday 21st March 2018 9.05am, Bishop Phillip visit to Bretherton** to lead Worship. All families welcome.
- **Thursday 22nd March 2018 Easter Bingo—6.30pm Eyes Down!**
- **Friday 23rd March 2018- Easter Service in St John's Church at 2.00pm**. All welcome. End of school

Looking forward to the Summer Term 2018

Remember to check the calendar page on the website for clubs, up and coming events together with invitations to join us in school .



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