

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

18th December 2018

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Christmas Party Day—Tuesday 18th December

Today is our Christmas Party Day. Remember to look on the school website on the blogs to share the party photographs with your child.

Panto 'Aladdin' - Blackpool Tower Circus

We are getting ready for our Christmas Panto visit to Blackpool on Wednesday 20th December. We will be travelling within the school day and can't wait for the children to tell you all about it. You will receive a text some time day if your child has ordered a school packed lunch so remember not to send them in with one from home.

Santa Dash and brass concert— Thursday 20th December

We will be hosting our very first Bretherton Santa Dash. Children will celebrate our Bretherton Blast around school doing 3 laps in their Christmas hats .

At **2.30pm parents are invited into school for a Brass concert** performed by Class 3 and children who have private tuition and they are sure to get us in the festive spirit.

Carol Service

On the last day of term, our Carol Service will be held in St John's Church and the Ethos group and a couple of children from each class will retell the story of the first Christmas along with our carols and songs for Christmas. It will commence at **2.00pm on Friday 21st December** and end before the end of the school day. If you are able to walk down to Church with us, you are most welcome.

DFE League Tables

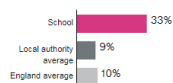
You may be aware that the Department for Education collate data for league tables in order to inform parents how their school is performing. It is linked to KS2 SATs attainment and progress and ours can be found using this link: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/119461/bretherton-endowed-church-of-england-voluntary-aided-primary-school>

I believe our school strengths are having high expectations whilst offering a well rounded curriculum and nurturing the individual child to be a citizen of the world, underpinned by the teachings of the Gospel and Christian values. Many of these areas cannot be measured in league tables. I am proud of our achievements and those of our children and staff and am pleased that the data represents this. We will continue to have high expectations and work hard for our children.

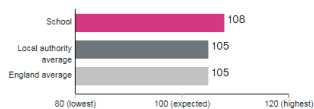
Pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths ?



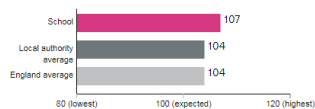
Pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths ?



Average score in reading ?



Average score in maths ?



PTFA Update

Congratulations to Tommy who won the 'Guess the Weight of the Cake'. Well Done!

The next PTFA newsletter is on it's way soon and we hope that you find it informative. It's a great way of finding out what events are coming up next, and how much we have raised.

Next year we have asked the PTFA to purchase 16 iPads and support some of the IT software that we need in order to support children's learning.

We really do appreciate your time and generosity as it funds not just luxuries but essential learning equipment as school budgets are tight.

TWITTER for school.

For those of you on Twitter, to keep you right up to date with the great learning and sporting opportunities we have at school account. Our twitter feed is @BrethertonEP We'd love you to follow our



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 — ADVENT

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 2:11

Reception Places for September 2019

We would like to remind everyone that application for Reception for September 2019 have to be completed online **Tuesday 15th January 2019** We have been welcoming families into school to look around and they always comment on how well behaved and warm our school feels. This is a due to our outstanding children and staff. If you know of anyone who may be interested in a place for next year, invite them to have a look around and pick up our prospectus from the school office.

Christmas Shop— last Friday

A special thank you to Christine Swarbrick and other volunteers who purchase items all year round to make our Christmas Shop so special each year. The joy on the children's faces as they choose and wrap their presents is wonderful and we hope that you enjoy the surprise on Christmas Day.

Reminder about Swimming

Swimming will continue to be on Monday afternoon and will start again after Christmas. Year 3 and 4 children will be continue to go.

Consultation on our Admission Arrangement

Each Voluntary Aided School has to agree its Admissions Arrangement through its Governing Board and the Diocesan Board of Education on an annual basis. We've been setting our admission arrangements each year and have not made any alterations. However, every seven years, it is good practice to consult on our arrangements so we have commenced this. If you would like more details about how to respond to our consultation, take a look at our website. www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/admission-consultation-2018-2019-/50195

Part of this consultation will be including it in the newsletter for the next 6 weeks. We would invite any comments on our Admission Arrangements be directed to Alison Moxham or to Mr Tommy Wilson, Chair of Governor C/O Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School, South Road, Bretherton. Lancs PR269AH.

Charity Ambassadors

Congratulations to Charlie Hunter for his courageous act of shaving off his hair for charity. We applaud our caring and thoughtful children who have empathy for those less fortunate both here and around the world.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations of shoe boxes for the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. We have received over 25 completed boxes and we have successfully handed them over to their representatives to take them abroad as part of over 60000 that will be travelling to Eastern Europe over the next couple of months.



It's A Party Infant Production

Thank you to Class 1 and 2 staff and children for entertaining us in our fantastic production 'It's a Party' last week. Such confidence in acting, singing and dancing was seen and we enjoyed every minute of it. Well Done to all involved.

Thank you for supporting our raffle at the productions, we raised over £310 which is a great amount and very generous. Thank you to all the staff for their donations—the hampers looked amazing.

Safety poster design—20 is Plenty

All children's posters for our Road Safety Campaign are to be in this week. Thank you for all children who have taken the time to design an A4 poster. The winners have been chosen and the banners will be printed over the holidays. Watch this space!



DATES AND REMINDERS

Lancashire County Council Local Offer for Children with Special Educational Needs.

Lancashire County Council are looking for parent feedback to re-development their Local Offer. The Local Offer is a commitment to the provision they would like to offer any child with Special Educational Needs. Your views will help shape the new design and all feedback to our project team is confidential. No personal data will be disclosed and we'll share the feedback with you in early 2019. We're also working with young people in Lancashire to create a new design.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdl6nHnGxMYZBvgDPeLwZkjuhCIWRCpx1smHDVBF0UVzyuM9Q/formResponse>

Reminders!

Wednesday 19th December	Aladdin Panto—Tower Circus, Blackpool
Thursday 20th December	Class 3 Brass Concert 2.30pm in Hall—parents welcome
Friday 21st December	Christmas Carol Service in St. John's Church 2.00pm School Closes 3.15pm
Monday 24th December	Christingle Service 4.00pm in St. John's Church—letter will be coming out to ask for children to help with the dressing of the altar with Nativity scene.
Monday 7th January	Back to School
Thursday 10th January	Pre-school recommences
Friday 11th January	Parent & Toddler recommences in Hall 9.15-11.00am

PRIVATE PROVIDER CLUB INFORMATION

Please note the restarting dates for clubs and contact details if you would like for your child to participate :

CLUB	Club Restarts	Contact Details
TENNIS	Tues 8/1/19	Stuart Grice—07709 816951
ART	Tues 8/1/19	Rosie Stanfield—01772 601410
SPANISH	Tues 8/1/19	Alison Powell—01772 616188
JUJITSU	Mon 7/1/19	Shaun McCabe—07808 536688



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