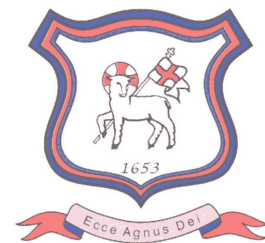


# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

8th October 2021



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Last week we were lucky enough to have Initiate Theatre in school with their performance of 'Alice in Wonderland'. This was rescheduled from July due to Covid and it was brilliant to be able to have them in school. The children watched intensely and asked some insightful questions of the actors at the end. Thank you to the PTFA for providing this enrichment to support drama, speaking and listening opportunities and writing.

- This year we are to pursue two independent awards to celebrate our curriculum. We will be working towards the 'Arts Mark' under the inspirational eye of Miss Hymers and our staff are looking forward to enhancing and celebrating our curriculum offer of drama, performance, music, public speaking, art, digital art, design, creativity and dance.
- In addition, we will be working towards the Lancashire Equality and Diversity Mark in order to ensure our children have a greater understanding of diversity. There are six badges for us to work towards.

Some of our staff are going to be working towards the Google educator qualifications as well, to celebrate our commitment to digital education.

### Change of Date

Unfortunately, I need to change a date on the whole school calendar. The Production for Class 1 and 2 will be held at **2.00pm on Tuesday 14th December 2021** and at **6.00pm on Wednesday 15th December**. We will hold our Dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon (13/12)

### Communication

We continually strive to ensure that we communicate effectively with you but currently we have 3 different platforms that we use for messages. An outline of how we communicate with you for different things is on the letter attached, however we would love to ask you what you feel you need from us so we can continue to develop our contact with you. We will be sending out a Google form before half term to gather your views. Please complete it as we want to get our home school communication right for you.

### Pre School and new Reception children for September 2022

Our Pre school session has started on Thursdays 1.30—3.00 and we were delighted to meet our new Bretherton members. We are welcoming prospective parents of Reception 2022 into school so please pass this information on to any family in our community who this may apply to. Just call the school office to arrange a time and date. We look forward to seeing new and existing parents.

## PTFA

The PTFA resumed their role in school of organising brilliant social events and fundraising at our AGM and meeting this Tuesday.

Thank you for joining us. If you were unable to make it, we will share the minutes with you and feel free to email the PTFA with any ideas or comments.

If you use Amazon, please specify our PTFA fund raising page for cashback for our school. Every little helps.

**We need you!**

**[ptfa@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk)**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Please continue to leave from the front gate near the entrance to school rather than the car park as it is dangerous as cars are accessing throughout the start and end of day.**

**Car park is for staff and volunteers only please. However, if you have any specific needs, come and speak to us about it.**

## 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 our twitter feed @BrethertonEP



**Remember our door is always open— contact us on [bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk)**

**or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

"Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up."

*Galations 6:9*

### Parents Evening

We will be opening our Parent Evening booking system next week through School Spider (through their app or website online) who host our website. Last year, our Parents Evening appointments were conducted remotely and many parents felt it worked better for them to enable both parents to attend and it balanced work and childcare commitments. So this year we will be offering a hybrid model. A letter will be coming out at the start of next week along with further information. PLEASE can all parents ensure that they have their school Spider account ready (app or via our website) as bookings will be using this platform. Please note the flyer attached to this newsletter.

### Parent Questionnaire

It is usual at our parent evening sessions in Autumn that we ask our parents to complete a parent questionnaire to gather your feedback and views on aspects of school. We will be providing paper copies for you to complete on the night, but for convenience, we will also offer it as a Google form for parents who would rather complete it on their mobile devices. Please can we ask you to complete it in either format as your feedback really does help us get it right. If you have any comments, not covered in the questions, please contact the school office for an informal chat.

### Morrisons—Make it Grow

If you shop at Morrisons, please download their app and choose Bretherton Endowed as the recipient for the Make it Grow vouchers and we get loads of great gardening equipment for school. It's so easy to do, thank you in advance for helping. **Please can you pass this onto family and friends so we can maximise our opportunity to get free resources.**

### Confident parenting and Growth Mindset for children

Sadly we had to cancel our Confident me workshop for parents this week. It has been rescheduled for February and I will advise you nearer the time. If you would like to discuss growth mindset or the confident me programme that we run in school, please do not hesitate to contact school.

### Parking considerably

If I could ask parents and relatives to park carefully on South Road. Please avoid parking on the pavements as it makes it difficult for families to get past.

### Prevent Initiative

We would just like to remind parents of our commitment to the Prevent Initiative. Our website contains details and a brochure for parents. Please take time to have a look. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/prevent-agenda/37327>

### Keeping Children Safe in Education

We have updated our Safeguarding Policy in light of the changes in Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2021. It has been added to our school website. It highlights the importance of reporting anything, however small that is a concern about any adults, living or working with children. If you have any concerns about the safeguarding of any child, please do not hesitate to contact school or the appropriate bodies. It is everybody's responsibility.

### High school places

If we could just remind parents of children in Year 6, the high school places must be completed online by **31st October 2021**

### PTFA meeting this week

The PTFA met this week for the first time in 16 months and it was great to outline the next few events. We will be holding a Disco on Thursday 21st October 6.00—6.45 for Class 1 and 2; and 7.00—8.00 for Class 3 and 4. Year 3 can choose which disco they attend. It will be a cost of £2.50 which is paid on the door. As many children haven't had the chance to attend a school disco before we are asking for parent volunteers to stay at each of the discos. If you can, please contact Tasha on the PTFA facebook page or any PTFA members in the playground. We would love to involve new families in our planning this year so thank you in advance for supporting this.