

Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

11th January 2019



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Wishing you a very happy and healthy start to 2019 and welcome back to school. I would like to thank you, on behalf of all staff, for the kind words and Christmas greetings and generous gifts. We love working with you and teaching your children.

We are Growing!

We have started the new term with a great focus and passion for learning. We have launched our next phase in supporting children's wellbeing by teaching about Growth Mindset. Have a look at our Growth Mindset page on our website and we will continually update it over the year. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/growth-mindset/51148>

Free Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult – build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

We held a meeting 2 years ago and parents who attended agreed it was really beneficial to helping them understand how to keep their child safe online. We will be holding another workshop on **Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 9:00am** for approximately an hour. Please, please don't miss out on this great opportunity! It is vital that we work in partnership on this. A letter will be coming out with more information.

Keeping everyone well

There are always coughs and colds at this time of year and we understand if you feel that your child needs medicine to help them. To keep everyone safe, please ensure that any medicine including Calpol or medicated lozengers are passed to the School Office and on completion of our medical instruction form, we will be happy to administer them in accordance with your wishes. It is important that children don't have any undisclosed medication in their bag, just in case used incorrectly. We want to minimise any sickness in school so all classes have been reminded of hand washing and general hygiene. Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school each day as if not, they may be tempted to share water or inadvertently use dirty cups or beakers. Please remember to prevent the spread of sickness, we would ask that your child returns to school 48 hours after the last sickness.

We also know that chicken pox is in the area so if your child hasn't yet had the infection, to watch out any signs.

Winter is here and children will be playing out as much as possible, Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, gloves and hat for this chilly season.

Preloved Uniform.

Attached to this newsletter is the poster for our new recycling uniform initiative designed to reduce waste and save money. If your child has outgrown their uniform, you can send it to school and place in the container in the entrance. This will be washed and ironed (by a laundry fairy). We will update a table on our website (under news – preloved) or available using this link <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/pre-loved-uniform/50196> If you would like any items listed, email uniform@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk and it will be placed in your child's bag. Please, please use this as it is a great initiative to make a difference.

PTFA Update

Please note that our next meeting is **Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7pm.** Please come along as it is a great meeting to look at future events and spending options in school. If you would like to be involved in our spending plans, it's a great time to share your ideas.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

In contrast to other schools, we don't lock our car park for the convenience of staff and visitors and parents using before and after school club. However, I have become increasingly concerned about safety as some parents and children are entering and exiting the school grounds through the open gates. In order to keep everyone safe, may I remind you to ONLY use the pedestrian gate when dropping

off or collecting your children when on foot. .

Working together will ensure a safer school—thank you for your support.



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

or 01772 600431 to arrange a chat

EXTRA INFORMATION

THEME OF WORSHIP — THANKFULNESS

*“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name” Psalm 100:4*

Keep the date free – Parent Reading Workshop Wednesday 13th March

As part of our whole school focus on English, we would love to invite you to attend a Reading Workshop for parents on Wednesday 13th March 2019 where we will show you our new home and reading book schemes, provide you with lots of resources to help you support your child in reading and comprehension at home and then visit your child’s classroom for the last 15/20 minutes to share a story or guided reading session with them.

Could you host a Swiss student this summer on a two week placement

Two years ago, we hosted 2 students from Switzerland in school for two weeks and it was a huge success. We were fortunate to have two of our families to host them and this enabled the student teachers to get a feel for both British life and our education system. They proved a huge asset in school and taught our children about the education system and opportunities in Switzerland.

The Swiss school has asked if we could host a couple of students again for two weeks Sunday 23rd June to Saturday 6th July. If you can help, they pay £300 to the host families to contribute to food and lodging costs. If you think that you would be in a position to host a student, please email bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk. It would be great if we could repeat this again this year.

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 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.

Welcome

I would like to welcome Natalie Fisher, a new Teaching Assistant who will be supporting Mrs Smith until June and Danielle Harrison a 1st Year teaching student at Edge Hill who will be working with Class 2.

Amazing Tea Towels

Our fantastic tea towels are still available at the very reasonable price of £5.00 if you would like to stock up for early Mother’s day present!

New PE Shirts

A reminder that the new PE shirts will be available to purchase from Favourite’s of Croston from 30th January 2019. They have been chosen as they offer a more comfortable and flexible fabric which will have a longer life and store well within PE bags. Please remember that you don’t need to go out and buy these straight away, only when your child has out grown theirs, thinking by September this year, we will all be sporting our great new look.

Healthy Snacks

Thank you for sending your children to school with a healthy snack. We know it is important to you to reduce sugar in children's daily diet and we hope this helps educate children about making healthy choices. By moving away from white bread, and encouraging low sugar snacks, we are taking steps to support this.

What a great opportunity

Having started The HUB we are thrilled with the provision and with Kelly's lead, we will continue to offer great opportunities. One such idea was to offer some support for parents in school holidays so that families can plan childcare and holidays easier. We are offering a Holiday Club for 2 days in February Half term Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th February - 8.00am to 4.30pm and on these days we have planned an exciting Lego Coding and Construction session and other great activities. If you or anyone from our neighbouring schools would like to book a place, the cost is £20 per day and places can be booked by texting Kelly on 07957 302125 or emailing thehub@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk A flyer will be emailed soon so please look out for this.

We are also hoping to offer sessions in the Easter holidays too.

Vacancy

There is an opening for a General Assistant in the School Kitchen which would involve general support for 2 hours a day 5 days a week. 11.30am-1.30pm each day. Further details can be found on the Lancashire County Council website under School Jobs.



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COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

I fully appreciate how important it is in our busy lives that information about school is available to you through different channels. The School Office works hard to ensure that you are kept informed and the introduction of our pre planned calendar at the start of the school year, we hope has helped you plan. I would like to use the start of the new year to remind you where you will find any information about school life.

Newsletter– emailed fortnightly

This contains any news or information about school life and curriculum events. It will offer reminders and explanations of school events. This can be emailed to anyone who needs to keep up to date, for example parents, grandparents, childcare providers. Just let the School Office know if you would like to receive a copy and we will add you to our list. The delivery date will be fortnightly on Fridays from this term.

Website

Our website aims to fulfil two aims. First is to provide an online reference point for school documents, such as policies, copies of letters and newsletters, lunch options and can keep you up to date with PTFA and The HUB events. There is a copy of the planned calendar, news and school performance data.

Schools have a responsibility to have statutory items on their website but we hope that these do not detract from you finding the information that is relevant to you.

The second is to help you engage with your child's learning. The blogs, news and gallery. Each class will post photographs and children's work a couple of times each week using our blogs and we hope to involve our children further in writing blogs in the future. Our gallery contains a whole host of school events and learning, from curriculum subjects, videos, performances, and sporting events. They usually hold more photographs than the blogs and are categorised so can be easier to search.

Twitter

We also add small celebrations or updates to our Twitter feed. If you are not on twitter, feel free to follow us using the website as they are detailed on the first page.

We will work hard to ensure all these mediums are updated and complemented by our text service. If you feel you are not receiving these updates, please contact the School Office to ensure that we hold the correct contact information.

DATES FOR DIARY/CLUBS INFORMATION

January 2019

Wednesday 16th Year 5 Visit to GA Pet Foods

February 2019

Tuesday 5th 9-10.00am Safer Internet Day & E-Safety Briefing for Parents

Monday 11th Young Voices—Manchester Arena

Wednesday 13th Year 4 Visit to GA Pet Foods
1.30pm Reading Workshop for Parents in Hall

Friday 15th School Closes 3.15pm

Tuesday 18th The HUB Holiday Club 8.00am-4.30pm

Wednesday 19th The HUB Holiday Club 8.00am-4.30pm

Monday 25th School Re-opens

CLUBS – 1st HALF SPRING TERM 2019

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
S7 Olympic Club	Whole School	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15pm	16/1-13/2/19 (5 wks)
STEM Science	1/2/3	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	24 & 31/1/19 (2 wks)
Film Club	Whole School	Thursdays	3.15-5.15pm	24/1-14/2/19 (4 wks)
Sewing (Ongoing)	Year 6	Mondays	3.15-4.15pm	Ongoing
Choir	3/4/5/6	Thursdays	8.10-8.50am	Ongoing

REGULAR PRIVATE PROVIDER CLUB INFORMATION

Contact details if you would like for your child to participate :

CLUB	DAY	TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
TENNIS	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Stuart Grice—07709 816951
ART	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Rosie Stanfield—01772 601410
SPANISH	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Alison Powell—01772 616188
JUJITSU	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Shaun McCabe—07808 536688