

# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

29th March 2019



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Gate and Car Parking

Thank you to all parents and families for supporting our increased safety in the car park. It is so important that children and adults are safe and you can really help by not parking in the school car park UNLESS picking up and dropping off children at The HUB. Also, please avoid walking through the car park gates at ANY time. To continue this focus on safety, after Easter we will be closing the gates so please park carefully and respectfully along the road or better still the car park areas near both Churches.



### Easter Worship and Class 1 Assembly

This year Class 1 will be leading our whole school Easter Worship on Thursday 3rd April at 9.05am. ALL parents are welcome to share in our Worship, but in particular Class 1 parents and relatives are warmly invited to attend. They have been working hard to prepare and I know that you're in for a lovely time.

### Sports Day change of date— NOW changed to Sports Day 2

I hope that you have found the calendar useful in helping you plan out your year, we have. However, we have 2 changes that I need to highlight so I would like to ask you to make these amendments to your copy.

**SPORTS DAY 1** and Summer Fair on Friday 24th May **WILL NOT** go ahead therefore **SPORTS DAY 2** and Summer Fair **will now be on Friday 21st June 2019.**

The two events have been successfully linked for many years at Bretherton, and they are both a fantastic way to celebrate our children's sporting skills, parents races and our brilliant Summer Fair straight after school which will boast lots of stalls, activities and events that go on into early evening. Unfortunately a large number of PTFA members and some staff are unavailable after school on the 24th May which is the reason we will plan (subject to weather) to hold it on 21st June (date 2) to minimise any inconvenience.



Also we have now have the KS2 football tournament dates in and they are the same as our PTFA Disco date 25th April therefore the Disco will have to be cancelled.

*Thank you for your flexibility*

**Congratulations** to Fred and Aaron for winning the GA Food competition after their visit to Plocks Farm, last month.

**Congratulations** to Bretherton's cross country runners for their excellent determination and team work. Well Done Matthew for coming 2nd and 3rd overall for our boy's team.

## *PTFA Update*

Thank you for your generous donations of chocolate for the Easter Bingo. It was a great event and I hope that you managed to join us on the night. Friday is our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, a lovely treat for mums, sisters, grans, nanas everywhere. I hope you have your table booked.

### WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Bretherton PTFA members are fantastic and work really hard but we always need more families to help organise, plan, bake, inspire and man the events so if you can help this brilliant team further— please don't be shy and 'friend' their facebook page to be kept up to date with meetings and events. Find them on : **Bretherton Endowed PTFA**

## **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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*THEME OF WORSHIP—Forgiveness*

**"When you call me, and come pray to me, I will listen to you."**

**Jeremiah 29:12"**

### Behaviour in school

This week we have been revisiting our behaviour for learning policy in school with children. Through our Personal Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning, our Christian Values, and modelling through our interactions with each other and our children, we are able to teach good choices, self regulate behaviour, kindness, empathy and compassion and a respect for school, staff, each other and themselves. We have high standards and expectations for behaviour both in and out of class which is evident at sporting events and out of school visits as our children are commended for their excellent behaviour.



### School Spider—Bretherton School website App

Thank you for applying online for your **Parents Evening** date and time. Parents Evening is on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 5.00-7.00pm and Thursday 4th April 3.30-5.30pm. We hope that you found it an easy way of securing your best time but would ask you to contact us if you have still to book, or if you are having any problems logging on.

### Young Carer's support

At Bretherton school, we are aware that children can occasionally be in a 'caring' role within the family, providing ongoing care and emotional support to a member of their family who is ill, registered disabled or whose mental health needs are such that the children are under increased stress than a children their age. Barnardo's have set up a system to support such individuals and families and I have attached the flyer to the newsletter. If you feel your child would benefit from this support in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

### Planning for Unexpected events

In school we plan for unexpected events so that our systems and policies are clear and easy to follow. We hold Fire Alarm practices so that children can exit the building quickly and calmly in the event of a fire and we risk assess activities both within and out of school to ensure we keep children and staff safe. These are practiced regularly, without creating anxiety, to ensure staff and children are confident. This term, we will be practicing collecting inside school if an unexpected event such as a storm or unsupervised animal in the grounds were to happen, so that everyone knows what to do. We have a different process for alerting staff and children and would like to practice this in a calm and purposeful way so that if it did ever happen, we could deal with it safely. The storm scenario will be shared with the children to provide a purpose for the practice and everyone will walk through the process to ensure it is clear to follow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know, however I can assure you that it will only be for a minute or so once this term in order to inform our future processes.

### CAN YOU HELP—Calling all TECH WHIZ Parents!

Bretherton school has been on a journey over the last couple of years to upgrade our server, wireless internet connection and coverage, software and hardware IT kit to support teaching and learning in school. We are now looking at creating a 'MDM' Apple manager to support our iPads and prospective iPads our PTFA are looking to fund and would love to be able to tap into any IT expertise in our 'school family' as we set this up. If you can help, please give me a ring on 01772 600431 to meet at your convenience. Thanks in advance.

***Remember all our lovely EASTER activities the last week of term***

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### Looking after our wonderful school

We are incredibly proud of our school, its history and the important position and connection with the village. Maintaining our school can be a challenge and a significant cost in times when school's budgets are being squeezed. We have been fortunate over the last couple of years to secure additional funding for essential developments, such as the Key Stage 2 toilet areas (over £,60000), creation of a reprographic room and more recently for our significant boiler repairs (over £5500). This next year we plan to use Diocesan funding to improve our Key Stage 1 toilets (£11000) and improve further our reception outside area. We couldn't have achieved any of these improvements without support from Bretherton Endowed School's Feoffees (Trustees). They are quiet, dedicated supporters of our school and have generously contributed each of the 10% school contributions towards all these capital funding bids. Quite simply, we would not have been able to complete these plans without their generous donations. A member of the Feoffees attends our Governor Buildings Committee meetings and we regularly welcome them into school. We want to recognise the important role they have played at Bretherton school, past, present and looking to the future, so we have plans this year to resurrect '**Feoffee Day**'. This will be a day of celebration and I will let you know the date and content of the day as soon as it is finalised. Watch this space!

Speaking of school funding as it is the time of year when we set our school budgets for the new financial year, I am certain that you may have heard in the national press of the many petitions by Primary and Secondary Headteachers regarding the reduction of money into school. Schools are facing unprecedented budget cuts and increasing costs and as a small school, creative and innovative financial planning has always been essential, but more so in current climates. We appreciate the work of the PTFA to pay for those areas that our budget cannot stretch to, such as ICT equipment, subsidised coach travel, trips, library books and some classroom resources. We are finding replacing items such as carpets, painting, classroom tables and chairs are being put on the back burner each year, so if you have the facility to use match funding through your employer, know of grants or income streams we could tap into or companies who could support or sponsor aspects of school, we would love to hear from you. In the mean time we will continue to offer a high standard of education with all the enrichment and creativity that you have been used to from our dedicated and hardworking staff. Those priorities will never change.

### The HUB—how are we doing?

We are at the end of our second term of 'The HUB' and would love feedback on how we are doing and what, if anything, we can do to improve the experience for your child/ren. There will be a suggestion box in the school office to collect your ideas, or you can email me on [head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk) or Kelly Quinn on [thehub@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:thehub@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk). We still have places for before and after school places, so if we can help you to start to use the facilities or increase your sessions, please let us know and we'll try our best.

In order to use our fabulous grounds more in The HUB sessions, we will be locking the school side gate at 3.30pm when everyone has left the playground so if you are collecting children from any sports clubs or The HUB after school, please ring the Hall door bell or use the office entrance.



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## **DATES FOR DIARY/CLUBS INFORMATION**

### **March**

Friday 29th Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (after school)

### **April**

Tuesday 2nd Parents Evening 5.30-7.00pm

Thursday 4th Bikeability—Year 5/6  
Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm

Friday 5th Egg Rolling  
Bikeability—Year 5/6  
Easter Lunch  
Easter Bonnet Parade  
School Closes 3.15pm

Tuesday 23rd School Re-opens

Wednesday 24th Class 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo

Thursday 25th CANCELLED—PTFA Disco

### **Additional Dates for Class Worship**

Thursday 4th April Class 1 Worship—9.05am

Thursday 27th June Class 2 Worship—9.05am

## **CLUBS – 2nd HALF SPRING TERM 2019**

<b>NAME OF CLUB</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Gardening Club	Year R/1/2	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	2/5-23/5/19 (4 weeks)

## **REGULAR PRIVATE PROVIDER CLUB INFORMATION**

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

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>
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	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	Shaun McCabe—07808 536688