# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

#### 4th October 2019

## **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

#### Christmas Fair and proposed Bretherton Light switch on

This year we are hoping that our PTFA Christmas Fair will be bigger and better than before as we add a community light 'switch on' on the same night. We are proposing to invite many outside craft and produce stalls to join us, Christmas games, food stalls and Santa at the event which will culminate with our Choir leading us all in Carols outside as Christmas lights are switched on. We are hoping to work closely with our Bretherton community and Parish Council to make it a collaborative event. If you have any ideas, know of any external stalls who may wish to join us or are aware of any outside Christmas lights etc. that can help, please do not hesitate to contact our PTFA. It won't be long until it's here—Thursday November 28th 2019– keep the date free for you and all your friends and family. All welcome.

#### The HUB—Please help us plan staffing

We have tried hard to preserve the flexibility of the Club, so that it can adapt to your changing needs. However, we must ask that **you give a weeks notice of any changes in days, especially cancellations** so that we can plan staffing, activities and snacks appropriately. Although we understand emergencies may crop up, we really need you to let us know a week in advance if you want to cancel your place otherwise we may have to review our charging policy for late cancellations or no shows. I am certain you will appreciate that your child's safety is paramount and so having an accurate list of children attending the Club is vital. Thank you for your support – any questions, **contact Kelly on 07957 302125** 

#### **Helpers in school**

It is at this time of year we always say a huge thank you to our parents, grandparents and friends of school who give up their time to volunteer in school. From reading, practicing spellings and phonics, to times tables and photocopying we have something that is suited to anyone who can give us some of their time. We are incredibly lucky to have such amazing help but are always looking for more. If you can support school and our children by giving up an hour, afternoon or day, please contact the School Office and Mrs Clarke will co ordinate with you and our classes to find the best match. We need you—thank you in advance!

#### **Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars**

At Bretherton we are passionate about the fundamental skills in English and Maths. Along with reading, we know that children's ability to recall spellings and times tables can unlock their learning and ability to apply their learning to many situations. Your child will have a log in for the two online packages and we would like to encourage your child to access them little and often. We appreciate the importance of not increasing screen time, but we feel that these packages will significantly impact on your child's learning. If you have any questions about either, please speak to your child's class teacher.

#### Parent Data Collection sheets

Please could we encourage parents to return your Data Collection Sheets updated with any changes by **Friday 11th October 2019**. We will presume that if we haven't received anything that there are no changes. It is important that our school information management system is kept up to date.



# PTFA Update

Thank you to our members and new parents who attended our meeting last week. Your ideas are welcome and we cannot wait to let you know of some of the plans for this year.

Note: Change of date for the AGM. Moved from October 31st to October 29th October 6.00 in school. All Welcome.

Please remember to make the change on your calendar.

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

I am still concerned with parents and family members parking opposite the yellow hazards in front of school and in the school car park. Please ensure anyone dropping off or collecting your child knows the safe places to park. Working together we can 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

## FURTHER 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

#### **Donations for Wet Play**

As the winter weather sets in and you have a clear out of board games and books ready for Christmas, could we ask you to consider donating them to school for wet play and to boost our general library. Any items donated that we cannot use or which are duplicates, we will add to a toy and book stall at our Christmas Fair but I am confident that the majority of items will be warmly received by children in each class.

#### **Reading Meeting for Class 1**

Thank you to Class one parents who attended our Reading and Phonics meeting last week. We hope that you found it useful and we look forward to working with you further in our scheduled personalised reading sessions. If you require any further information, Class 1 team will happily help.

#### Online Safety—Keeping Children Under 5 Safe Online

We would like to direct our parents to the recommendations contained within this article on how to keep your children (under 5) safe online. If you need any help in this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/

#### How your child will develop within Early Years

For our new parents, I would like to draw your attention to the following publication which explains in detail the developmental matters of children in Early Years. Click on the link to find out more. It is also available on our website. <u>https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/what-to-expect-when-1.pdf?</u> <u>utm\_campaign=836415\_Foundation%20Years%20Newsletter%</u> <u>20December&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=dotmailer&dm\_i=3WYE,HXDR,4VYRWP,1XX02,1</u>

#### **The School Spider APP**

Despite the poor weather cancelling some of our sporting events this week, we have begun using the website app and login to message parents about their child's involvement. We would like to thank you for being patient as this is rolled out and ask you to contact the school office, should you need any additional help. A couple of points that are worth raising are:

- 1) If you have the school spider APP on your smart phone, remember to log in to the parent area otherwise you will just see the general website information rather than your child's information.
- 2) If you have any problems logging in, please contact the school office. Both parents can have their own access if they would like. If you have more than 1 child in school, both can be accessed through the same login.
- 3) By logging into the website on a computer/laptop or tablet, you can complete the online consent forms and download the letter attached to inform you of the facts of the sporting event.



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# REMINDER DATES /CLUBS INFORMATION

## **1st HALF AUTUMN TERM**

#### <u>OCTOBER</u>

Wednesday 9th	KS1 Maths Workshop 2.15pm
Friday 11th	Book Fair in school 3.15-4.00pm
Monday 14th	Book Fair in school 3 15-4.00pm
Wednesday 16th	KS2 Maths Workshop 2.15pm
Thursday 17th	PTFA Disco Infants 6.00-6.45pm, Juniors 7.00-8.00pm
	Remember you can pay on the door (£2) Snacks & toys will be available. Class 1 parents are
	welcome to stay with their child. Year 3 can either go to the earlier or later disco.
Friday 18th	Fun Sponsorship Event—more details to follow
	School Closes for Half Term Holiday 3.15pm
Monday 28th	School reopens

## CLUBS – 1st HALF AUTUMN TERM 2019

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Brass Band Club (Ongoing)	Class 3 + Private Tuition Pupils	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	10/9-15/10/19 (6 weeks)
Science Club	Year 2/3/4	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15pm	25/9-16/10/19 (4 weeks)
Netball Club	Netball Club Year 5/6		3.15-4.15pm	2/10-6/11/19 (5 weeks)
French Club	Year 6	Fridays	8.00-8.50am	20/9-18/10/19 (5 weeks)

## UP & COMING CLUBS—2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM 2019

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Brass Band Club (Ongoing)	Class 3 + Private Tuition Pupils	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	29/10-17/12/19 (8 weeks)
Mad Science	Years 1-6	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15pm	30/10-4/12/19 (6 weeks)

## **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	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	Shaun McCabe—07808 536688