

# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

1st NOVEMBER 2019



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

*Welcome back to our fantastically busy and fun Christmas half term.  
I hope that you enjoyed the half term break*

### Our Parent Evening Booking system

The parent evening booking system via our website will be open from Monday 4th November 9.00am until Friday 15th November at 5.00pm for you to use. See the letter in your child's bag to find out more. We will be asking our parents to complete a parent satisfaction questionnaire at Parents Evening so that we can gather your thoughts on all aspects of school provision and opportunities. We would be grateful if you could complete them as your views really do matter to us.

### Remembrance Day

You are all most welcome to join us for our Remembrance Day worship in school on Thursday 7th November at 9.05am. It will be planned and led by the Ethos group and all classes will share some of their work on this important time of year. You are all welcome to join us. Also, the Remembrance Service in Bretherton will be held at the Congregational Chapel at 10.15am on Sunday 10th November. Two of our Year 6 children will lay the Poppy Wreath on behalf of school and it is a moving ceremony to share together.

### Children in Need

The School Council are planning a competition to raise money for Children in Need. The colouring competition is 50p to enter with all the money going towards this worthwhile charity.

### Christmas Fair and Lights Switch on

We are really excited for our Christmas Fair and Light Switch On this year on 28th November 3.15—6.00pm. Our Christmas Fair is one of the highlights of our year with many stalls, carols and of course Santa visits. This year we have added an extra element in a Christmas Tree light switch on at 5.30pm with a Christmas Carol Sing Song just before. We are looking forward to the day when parents, children and local community come together for our Christmas festivities. The PTFA are looking for some help for stalls and other items and a newsletter from them will follow soon with more information.

### Communication

Communication is something we are always working hard to get right and because of the technical age we live in and our need to secure communication packages that offer good value for money, we often have a number of ways that we will message you. In order to provide you with clarity, I have sent a letter this week, explaining what the different methods are and how we are using them. If you have any questions about this or receiving the communications, please let me know.

### Shoe Box Appeal

Year 6 held a superb worship highlighting the need to support the Rotary Show Box Appeal. We are always blown away by the generosity of our families for such great causes and once we have them all returned to school, the Ethos group will arrange to drop them off at International Aid in Hoole.

### **PTFA Update**

Thank you to everyone who supported the school disco last term. It raised over £290 for the PTFA fundraising challenge and a great night was had by all! Thank you Joshua and Harriet for their great DJ skills.

We are well on our way with the Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Fair on Thursday 28th November 3.15-6.00pm. A separate newsletter will be coming home with all the details and we hope that you can help with some of the requests for help.

Please support this important group. All welcome. **Next meeting is Monday 11th November 7.00pm**

### **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

### THEME OF WORSHIP — *Compassion*

*When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Matthew 14:14*

#### **Reminder to Class 1 and Class 3 parents**

Please can your child have some track suit bottoms in school for PE every Tuesday as they are currently participating in Ourdoor pursuits with West Lancashire Sports Partnership and will be outside in most weathers.

#### **Firework safety**

Some safety information can be found at [www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/](http://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/) if you are hosting or visiting a bonfire or firework display this year.

#### **Bretherton Cricket Club Bonfire and Firework Display**

You are all invited to the Bretherton Cricket Club bonfire and professional firework display on Saturday 2nd November 2019 at 6.00pm. See the attached flyer for more information. It is always a great night.

#### **Excellent Behaviour**

After every holiday, we remind our children about what it is to be a Bretherton pupil. We look at our Bretherton Golden Rules and how we can make positive choices about our behaviour. We are fortunate to children who know how to be respectful and make those positive choices and this is promoted by a consistent and nurturing approach from staff who model the behaviour we are looking for from our children. All adults in school understand that as children develop their ability to self regulate their behaviour, they take more responsibility for their choices and by encouraging children on this journey, they will demonstrate respect, self control and self awareness all through their education. To create a harmonious and happy school, we have fun together, work hard in learning, walk calmly around school, are kind to others, look after resources and communicate respectfully with each other. I have attached our Golden rules to this newsletter so you are aware of our expectations and on Fridays for 30 minutes, children who have consistently displayed them will get their 'Golden Time'. If children have chosen not to follow them, they can lose some of their Golden Time and will reflect on their behaviour and make a plan for improvement the next week. To find out more about our full Behaviour for Learning Policy, have a look at our website : [http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/serve\\_file/286267](http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/serve_file/286267)

#### **Winter weather approaching**

With the frosty weather appearing this week, I would like to take the opportunity to inform you about our snow and gritting arrangements. Our school is on a 'primary gritting route' and so although roads in winter can be difficult to use (especially first thing in the morning), this should minimise this. If the weather is significantly bad around school, we will text as soon as practicable to advise you. If for any reason there is a risk that school cannot open, we will inform LCC, local radio and text and email parents as soon as practicable. This is an extreme situation and the decision would never be taken lightly. The safety of you, your children and staff will underpin such a decision.

#### **The Hub**

Thank you for supporting the Hub, we are fortunate to have Kelly and her team planning great activities and offering great care before and after school. If you need a session, please contact Kelly via her mobile 07957 302125 and where possible provide 24 hour notice to allow us to arrange staffing. For cancellations, please could you ensure that you inform Kelly the week before so that the places can be filled by others.

#### **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**

If you are a family in receipt of qualifying benefits, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals and an additional pupil premium grant of £1300 which is paid directly to school. If you receive any of the following benefits, you may qualify:

Income Support; Income Support Jobseekers Allowance; Income Related Employment and Support Allowance  
Support under part VI of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999; The guaranteed element of state pension credit  
Child tax credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have a gross income of less than £16190)  
Working Tax Credit run on—paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit  
Universal Credit; Children who get the above credits in their own right

There are also additional categories of pupil premium funding for children who are looked after by the local authority or who have been adopted, and children of service families. If you think you may be eligible, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **Fairtrade**

Thank you to Mrs Greenlees for spending the day in school teaching children about Fairtrade. Please ask your child about the importance of choosing Fairtrade products and the impact that can make on farmers around the Globe. Next time you're doing your food shop—look out for the waving man symbol.

### **Welcome Back!**

We would like to welcome back Amaani in Class 3. It is lovely to have you back within the Bretherton family.

### **Mr Whaite Charity collection**

Thank you to everyone who supported Mr Whaite's Charity by donating cleaning equipment. He was thrilled with them and told the children in Worship what a difference their support would make on families less fortunate in Preston.

### **Christmas cards**

Yes, I did say Christmas cards in November! This year, to support our ECO pledge, we would like to offer staff and children an alternative to writing Christmas cards. Of course, writing cards to their friends and posting them in our special postbox, that will be available from 1st December, is still an option, however we've had a request that instead could we spend that money on a sustainable project. So we have chosen 'Christianhope.org' This charity uses our donations to buy animals for communities abroad so that they can provide food for families all year round. Whichever you prefer to support, we are pleased to be able to offer these options. Any donations can be sent to the office in an envelope stating 'Christian Hope' donations' and any Christmas cards can be 'posted' with the recipient child's name and class written on the front.

### **Homework, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars**

We really appreciate the support that you offer your children in completing the homework tasks and 'practice' learning that Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars offer. By using technology in this way, our teachers plan the tasks specifically for their class and can track and measure progress. This personalised learning is an invaluable tool in helping children learn and by regularly revisiting it, they can secure it in their long term memory. We have seen children increase in confidence and ability by using the packages little and often and it would be great if this could be seen in all children from Year 2 and above. Thank you for supporting this at home.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you Mr & Mrs Wrennall for the donation of the pumpkins to school for the children to take and enjoy. It was amazing to see the 'sea' of pumpkins in the hall!

### **Great to see you**

It was great to see some of our past Year 6 children in school, requesting time to spend with children in school. They are a real credit to themselves and their families and were great role models. They were all thriving at High School and we are so pleased they have settled in so well.

# REMINDER DATES /CLUBS INFORMATION

## 2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 5th	Bonfire Night Lunch—may be ordered at registration time
Thursday 7th	Remembrance Day Service 9.05am
Sunday 10th	Remembrance Day Service 10.15am Bretherton Congregational Church
Monday 11th	PTFA Meeting 7.00pm
Friday 15th	Children In Need
Monday 18th	Parents Evening 5.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 20th	Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm
Friday 22nd	PTFA Non Uniform
Wednesday 27th	Lancashire Day Lunch
Thursday 28th	PTFA Christmas Fair & Christmas Lights Switch On 3.15-6.00pm

### DECEMBER

Friday 6th	PTFA Xmas Shop Last Parent & Toddler Group
Thursday 12th	Last Pre-School Session
Monday 16th	Infant Christmas Production—Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm
Tuesday 17th	Infant Christmas Production—Matinee 2.00pm Infant Christmas Production—Evening Performance 6.00pm
Thursday 19th	Christmas Party Day—Christmas Lunch open to whole school
Friday 20th	Carol Service in St. John's Church 9.30am School closes normal time 3.15pm

### JANUARY 2020

Monday 6th	School reopens
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## 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)
S7 Xmas Fun & Games Club*	Whole School	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15pm	6/13/27/11 & 4/12/19 (4 weeks)
Christmas Card	Class 1/2	Thursdays	3.15-4.15pm	5, 12 & 19/12/19 (3 weeks)

**\* Please note there will be no S7 Xmas Fun & Games Club on 20/11/19 due to Parents Evening \***

## 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