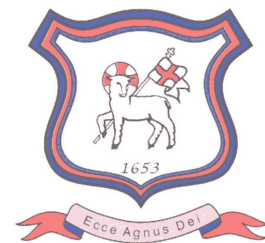


# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

9th October 2020



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Morning Routines

We are finding that opening doors at 8.40 in the morning for children in Class 2,3,4 is enabling a steady arrival of children in the morning and facilitating a lovely calm start to the day as the children access early morning work. Also thank you to Class 1 parents for operating the drop off at 8.45 at the hall door successfully. If I can remind you **to avoid exiting out of the car park gates** as I am concerned that this may be dangerous if a car attempts to enter the car park. Thank you for supporting this. Please could I ask you not to leave your child before 8.40 as the doors will not be open prior to this time to allow for lesson preparation and there is no staff supervision before this time.

If I can remind your child to **bring a labelled, warm, waterproof coat EVERYDAY** as we are out for playtime and lunch time wherever possible and some lessons will take place outside. Please could you ensure that your child has a **water bottle** every day too as we believe that children need to be hydrated to learn. We already have a high number of jumpers in lost property, so please could we ask you to **label your child's clothes** so we can return them to the right owner. As part of our risk assessment, we will be teaching with our windows open and where possible doors open to allow for ventilation. As the temperature is dropping we will need to review how to maintain this ventilation without the classrooms being unbearably cold. In the mean time, your child may wish to ensure they have their jumpers in school.

### The HUB

The risk assessment for The HUB has been updated as the numbers attending have settled into more of a routine. We are unable to keep children within their class groups (bubbles) at The HUB but we will try our best to keep KS1 and KS2 children separate where possible and not detrimental to children but the reality is that should there be a Covid incident with any child attending, the full register of children attending any sessions within 48 hours of the Covid positive case could be asked to self isolate. A copy of the revised risk assessment is on the website.

### 1 to 1 Devices

Thank you for your patience in awaiting information on our 1 to 1 technology opportunity. Further to your feedback and scrutinising the offers from different providers, we are hoping to outline the specification, costs and options on Chromebooks for children in Year 2 upwards before half term. We have been advised though, that the delivery time (due to unprecedented demand) is likely to be end of November. We are excited to get this moving in school. All children should now have a Google login to allow access to Google classroom for remote learning.

### **PTFA Update**

***Thank you to the PTFA for making their funds available for the purchase of a year group set of iPads for use in school. We will keep you updated as to when we can hope to receive them. We are planning how we can continue with activities and fundraising through this local lockdown in a safe way and will let you know in our next PTFA newsletter. If you have any ideas, do not hesitate to contact Tasha Woodman (Chair) or the school office with your ideas.***

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please can I remind everyone to park carefully at drop off and collection times of day. The school gates will be closed most times just available for parents using the Hub. **Careful parking means that you must not park on or opposite the yellow hazards outside school.**

***Please park responsibly***

### **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 — Responsibility**

*Ezra 10:4 'Arise! For this matter is your responsibility, but we will be with you; be courageous and act.'*

#### **Catch up and special educational needs**

Our staff meetings in September have been linked to children's wellbeing and learning needs. At Bretherton, we know that good teaching is good teaching and teaching children from where they are is everything in supporting the child's catch up. Any aspects of the curriculum identified will be addressed. With this personalised approach for all pupils, we will not be completing our Personal Development Plans for pupils with Special Educational Needs. This will enable all pupils including children with additional needs to have their own learning focus and allow teachers to move children on in their learning quicker. These areas of learning can be discussed at parents evening and progress discussed. We will resume the Personal Development Plans from January 2021.

By now you may have seen the letter advising you of Mrs Hudson's retirement from school to spend more time at home with her family. She has been a huge character in school for over 18 years and will be missed. As she will leave us at Christmas, we have time to secure replacement to work within Class 1 with our EYFS and Year 1 children.

#### **Christian Value—Responsibility**

Our Christian Value this half term is Responsibility. Children in classes have been looking at Bible stories that reflect on it and how we show responsibility today. We have attached the Value leaflet to use at home to discuss what it means in your home and how we can show responsibility towards others.

#### **Thank you—Financial support**

Thank you to the Women's Institute for supporting families in our area who have been struggling financially during the Covid crisis. In addition the Layfield Trust Charity has been accepting requests for help. If you feel that you would benefit from some support, please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence to discuss how the vouchers can help. Congratulations to Hayley Gaskell,, who throughout lockdown not only facilitated home learning for Emmie Lou and her sister but also completed an MSc in Psychology of Child Development. Her dissertation was awarded the School of Psychology prize for the best research project conducted on the course. This is a fabulous achievement and we are delighted to be able to share her success with you.

#### **Prevent agenda/safeguarding training**

This week staff have undergone their annual safeguarding training which will include identification of risks associated with the Government 'Prevent' agenda. If you have any questions relating to these areas, our policies are on the website and a parent brochure to explain what you can expect from us. Any specific concerns about a child, would need to be directed towards the Headteacher as Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Mrs Clarke, Mrs Williams as Deputy Safeguarding leads.

#### **Co-op Community Awards**

Could we ask for your help for a last push to raise donations through the Co-op Community Fund before 24th October 2020? Any Co-op members can download the app and select our school as a cause. If you could share on your social media sites to gather as much interest as we can that would be great. Last year the PTFA received over £1200 from this fund and it would be great to access this great community fund. Click this link to share details of the Co-op App <https://coop.uk/3cSPzcR>

#### **North West Ambulance Service & Lancashire Adult Learning event**

We would like to take part in a virtual event being run by North West Ambulance Service and Lancashire Adult Learning in relation to helping save lives. We will be participating in a zoom call with other schools on Friday 16th October for class 1 and 2 and 4. Children will take part in a virtual socially distanced first aid session as their aim is to train as many people as possible across Lancashire to 'Save a life and Restart a Heart'.

They are also offering adults the opportunity for a 'Restart a Heart' Zoom event on Thursday 16th October, 8pm-8:30pm and they have sent the following link for adults to use if you are interested in registering. [https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U\\_PublicCourseDetails?uio\\_id=9544](https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=9544)

## ADDITIONAL/CLUB INFORMATION

### Welcome to Bretherton

We have two new pupils in Year 5, Isaac and Eleanor have joined us and the children have given them a huge Bretherton welcome. We hope that you will have an enjoyable time at our school.

### Birthdays in local lockdown

We had our first class birthday parties last week and the classes had a great time and we even managed to get a party bag for the birthday children—we hope that they enjoyed them. We will hold our next one at the end of October. Feel free to bring your best birthday card to our Friday Celebration worship in the week of your birthday so we can share your celebrations every week. We will try and video Friday worship and send them to you although, as the days become colder, we may need to hold them via Google Meet.

### Phonics

Thank you Mrs Clarke for hosting a zoom parent meeting for Year 2 Phonics testing from the DFE this term. If you were unable to join us, please find the documents on their class page. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/class/class-2>

### Remote learning

So from now on, if your child is self isolating due to awaiting results, a positive result in the household and your child is well, they will be able to access their classwork through the Google classroom, learning platform. Staff will upload work and mark it in accordance with the remote learning policy available on our website. <http://www.brethertonschool.org.uk/page/policies/34931>

### World Mental Health day

It is **World Mental Health Day** on **10th October** and Lancashire libraries will be promoting *Reading Well* to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

In Lancashire libraries we promote a scheme created by the Reading Agency called *Reading Well*. Two of the book lists in particular support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. The 'Reading Well for Children' scheme is targeted at Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds and their parents/carers). The 'Shelf Help for Young People' scheme is targeted at teenagers (aged 13-18).

You can borrow any of these [books](#) for free at any of our reopened libraries. Alternatively, you can also access some of the titles on our [Borrow Box digital catalogue as eBooks](#). Attached is more information about the two schemes as well as digital copies of the posters which schools can print and display.

### JuJitsu

We are pleased to be able to welcome JuJitsu after school club on Mondays in the Hall. Their first session will be Monday 2nd November 2020. Contact details are below.

## CLUBS – 1st HALF AUTUMN TERM 2020

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
Spanish Club	Various	Tuesdays	3.20-4.20pm	15/9-20/10/20 (6 weeks)
Tennis Club	Years 1/2/3	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	15/9-20/10/20 (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
SPANISH	Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Alison Powell—07903 388433
JUJITSU	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	Katheryne Sharples—01772 497838/07861 391371