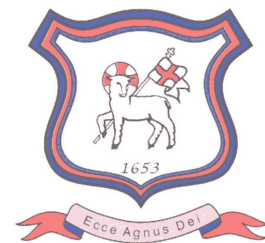


Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

27th November 2020



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Well let's hope that we have some news next week that will signpost how we can celebrate Christmas in a safe and careful way. We outlined our plans with restrictions in mind and so will continually review them as guidance changes and keep you updated. Thank you to children who have come in non uniform today in return for donating chocolate to make lovely chocolate hampers for our Christmas Raffle. Thank you to staff for donating items for two huge festive hampers—they look amazing. The raffle tickets will go on sale next week and I will share some photographs for you of the prizes to wet your appetite. Thank you in advance for supporting this.

Welcome

I would like to welcome Miss Stringfellow (Poppy's mum) to our After school club staff team. She is really looking forward to working with your children at the Hub. Thank you to parents for using it and for keeping us updated with the sessions you need. It really helps.

Remote learning

I will be offering a training session for parents on using Google for education for remote learning on Thursday 3rd December at 9.30am or 6.30pm. Link will be sent out via Google Meet at the beginning of next week. This will be an opportunity for me to show you some of the features that we will be teaching your children for learning on their chromebooks/computers in school and to help provide an overview of how they access their learning and upload it back to the teachers should we have to learn at home. If after the session you feel that you require any additional assistance please do hesitate to contact me for a session on a 1to1 basis.

School Vacancies

Welfare Assistant 12.00—1.00 Monday to Friday—Readvertised
Apprentice Teaching Assistant 30 Hours in Class 1

Ofsted Interim Visit

We have received a copy of the Interim OFSTED letter after their virtual visit last week. We were happy to be able to share the great work going on in school and the topic of discussions was led by them wanting to know how schools, and particular Bretherton, were adapting our curriculum, meeting any gaps in learning and how impacted we had been during the Covid pandemic. I will share this with you as soon as it has been made public.

Christmas Plans

I hope that you have had time to review our Christmas plans. It is always a busy time in school and although we cannot share as much with you, our children will continue to prepare for this special time of year.

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.

Thank you to the PTFA for organising some of our Christmas events. We hope to have a virtual meeting soon to discuss activities for the new year.

If you have any ideas, do not hesitate to contact Tasha Leach (Chair) or the school office with your ideas.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please can I ask Class 1 parents and carers to enter and exit through the gate in front of school and not enter or exit through the car park gates for your safety.

Thank you

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

THEME OF WORSHIP — *Advent*

The Hub

Thank you for resuming bookings at The HUB as it is a resource that we want to be able to continue to offer. I would like to thank Lewis Townley (an ex pupil for those who don't know) for agreeing to work with children at The HUB on a Wednesday afternoon on football skills and facilitating a game. This will be available for any KS2 children attending The HUB on Wednesdays. We are looking at facilitating a dance club through The HUB on another evening and will keep you informed.

1 to 1 devices

We are in a position now to finalise the 1 to 1 chromebook devices. I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to consider the offer and although I appreciate it may not be suitable for all families, we are grateful for those families who are able to support it and we hope to be able to give you a delivery date soon. We have heard that we have been donated some money into school from local individual donors which is absolutely wonderful. They wish to remain anonymous but I cannot thank them enough for supporting us in our quest for excellence in the availability and use of technology to support our strong educational offer.

Virtual Art Gallery

A letter is attached to this news letter that explains the wonderful Virtual Art Gallery that Miss Hymers and the children have organised—just in time for Christmas. Each class has been creative and has shown wonderful skills in a unique piece of art work that will be displayed in the school hall for all children to see. We will add photographs to the blogs and this will allow you to peruse your child's work. If you would like to purchase your child's artwork please follow the instructions in the letter. Thank you for supporting this enterprise.

Dobroyd Castle trip—Year 6

Sadly, I was expecting notification of whether the overnight residential to Robinwood was happening in 2021 by now but I have been advised it is likely to come at the end of the month. If they cannot allow overnight stays, we will look to plan an alternative suite of events for year 6 and inform Class 4 parents. We will also involve children in the planning of any alternatives.

Hothersall Lodge

As this is later on in Spring, we are hoping this one night visit may still go ahead. We will be sending a letter out to Class 3 parents to explain the itinerary and costs. As this is a nearer location, there is an option to continue with day visits should an overnight stay not be available. I'll keep you updated.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Children in Need collection. We raised £102 which is a fabulous achievement.

Clothes collection for Woodlands Animal Sanctuary

If you are having a clear out before Christmas, Woodlands Animal Sanctuary are having a clothes drop on Saturday 5th December 11.00-4.00 to raise funds. If you have any clothes that you would like to recycle, please bring into school in a bin bag on Friday 4th December and Suzie Wood will happily take them to the sanctuary for them to use. We also plan for another clothes donation drop in January to raise school funds.

Pre loved uniform

We have some brilliant pre loved uniform on our new clothes rail in the school entrance area. If you would like to come and take some for your child's use, feel free. If we could just ask that you add your child's name before they use it so that it can be returned to them if misplaced. In addition, if you have any uniform at home that doesn't fit, please feel free to donate it into the box in the entrance area to be sorted.

We have managed to secure a new provider for our school uniform—**Sandra from Handprints** (based in Bretherton) will be offering our uniform along with some other local schools in her online shop after Favourites informed us that they were no longer able to continue. A separate letter will follow with details of how to log in and order. Items will be delivered to school.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DATES FOR DIARY/CLUB INFORMATION

Free Broadband

Vodafone are currently giving away up to 250,000 data SIMS with 30GB free connectivity for 90 days, to primary, secondary school children and young people this winter. We have applied for some, so please contact school if you feel you would benefit.

Online safety—Black Friday and Scam emails

This is a reminder that the 'Black Friday' periods sees the highest number of emails flying across the ether than at any other time of year. The means that not only are there millions of legitimate emails, but the scammers also send out their flurries too.

We are all vulnerable, but children, perhaps teenagers especially might be 'secretly' buying presents online for the first time. Reminders about safe buying online would be very timely.

The National Cybersecurity Centre has a Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) where you can send emails you are concerned about.

The message might be from a company you don't normally receive communications from, or someone you do not know. You may just have a hunch. If you are suspicious, you should report it. Your report of a phishing email will help us to act quickly, protecting many more people from being affected. Just forward the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk

You can find more advice about online security here:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/individuals-families>

Can you help? Do you want to build a snowman?

Is there anyone who can help me make a lifesize snowman (but not out of snow)? We are hoping to take part in the Bretherton Advent countdown to Christmas and we will be the 14th December where we will display snowmen in our window. As we are lighting our tree early December, I thought it may be nice to create a winter scene including a big snowman outside the front of school. I'm thinking chicken wire and a white sheet but those of you more creative, may have other ideas. If you can help, please let me know.

CLUBS – 2nd HALF AUTUMN TERM 2020

NAME OF CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
JuJitsu Club	Whole School	Mondays	3.30-4.30pm	2/11/20—ongoing
Spanish Club	Various	Tuesdays	3.20-4.20pm	3/11-8/12/20 (6 weeks)
Tennis Club	Years 1/2/3	Tuesdays	3.15-4.15pm	3/11-8/12/20 (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	3.30-4.30pm	Katheryne Sharples—01772 497838/07861 391371