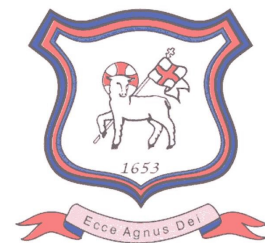


# Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School Newsletter

11th December 2020



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

*It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! As we approach our last week before the holidays, I would just like to take the time to thank you for your support and understanding as we have navigated our way through the Autumn term. Staff have worked hard to maximise learning and enjoyment whilst juggling the COVID guidance and risk assessments—trying to keep themselves and your children well. We feel that we are approaching a new year with an increasing feeling of hope for the future.*

### Christmas Plans

Today, we are holding our Christmas Fair. Not quite what we held last year which was fantastic, but Year 6 have worked hard to offer fun games for the children in school to enjoy. Thank you for donations and supporting this.

Next Tuesday (15/12) we will be holding a lovely Story Time or Film Night in class bubbles. If your child would like to attend, please email the school office on [bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk) so we can get the snacks ready. Sessions will be separated and times will be as follows due to maintaining class bubbles:

**Class 1 (Rec/Y1):** 5:40pm – 6:25pm in Class 1

**Class 2 (Y2/Y3):** 6:35pm-7:25pm in Class 2

**Class 3 (Y4/5) :** 5.50 – 7.30pm in School Hall

**Class 4 (Y6):** 5.50 – 7.30pm in The HUB room

If we can ask you to arrive/collect promptly at the above times for each class.

### Raffle

Thank you to those who have bought raffle numbers already. We are grateful for your support and the prizes look amazing. We would typically sell the tickets at our Christmas productions but sadly not this year. The raffle has been drawn through a random number generator on Thursday by PTFA and staff ensuring accuracy of the prize winning numbers. The winners have been announced and the hampers are ready for collection from reception. Thank you to Captain Candy and Mrs Ashcroft who entered a competition for a prize for our raffle. This will make a good addition to the prize list.

### Our Christmas Production

Class 1 and 2 children have worked hard (separately but together) to put together a lovely Christmas around the World production. We are hoping to share the final show with you early next week. Please share with your family but in order to fulfil consent from all our families in Class 1 and 2, we would ask that you do not post the performance online. On that note, thank you to parents of children in Class 1 and 2 for their children's costumes— they looked amazing and learned their lines so well. Special thank you to the staff who made it possible in different circumstances and for Mrs Clarke for her fabulous film making skills—what memories.

### **PTFA Update**

*I know that it has been frustrating that the PTFA hasn't been able to host some of their fantastic events this year. They have been a great support to school and we look forward to the Spring term when we can meet— maybe virtually for our existing members and new ones to plan our post Covid events.*

*Thank you to Mrs Hudson who has been part of our PTFA for many, many years. Once a member—always a member!!*

*If you have any ideas, do not hesitate to contact Tasha Leach (Chair) with your ideas.*

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please can you pick up your children from the school playground if they are Class 2, 3 or Class 4. This aims to keep your children safe while we facilitate the one way system.

*Thank you for helping us keep your children safe*

### **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 — *Advent*

*Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Source: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Responsibility>

### Recent Government guidance regarding school openings 18 /12 /20

You may have seen or heard that the Government announced that schools could re-categorise the 18th December as a staff training day. This would mean that we would have to change one of our 2021 training days or extend the term in July next year. We feel that this would disrupt school and families more and so we will remain open and school will close as planned at 3.15pm Friday 18th December. They have requested that Head Teachers are available until 23rd December to respond to any positive Covid cases in contacting possible contacts for track and trace. I sincerely hope this will not be needed but if I could ask you to email [head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@bretherton.lancs.sch.uk) should you receive a positive Covid-19 test result so that this can be acted upon in a timely fashion. The bursar@bretherton email address will not be accessed until our return in January to facilitate our office staff having a well earned break.

### The HUB

Thank you for those families supporting our out of hours club—'The HUB'. It has been lovely to welcome Kelly and Elaine back and welcome Jo into the staff team. Please can I remind you that although we try and be as flexible as we can we do need at least 24 hours notice to cancel places without charge or to book children in (unless an unexpected emergency) so that we can plan staffing. This is so important at the moment as we try and limit bubble sizes and maximise space in The HUB room. Thank you in advance.

### 1 to 1 devices

After our initial set back, we are hoping to get the order placed this week for delivery in January. We are on track to purchase some additional devices for school. We appreciate financial pressures on families at the moment so we are hugely grateful for families who have felt able to support the scheme.

### Virtual Art Show

Thank you for supporting the Art show. We hope that you enjoy placing your children's art on your wall and enjoying it for years to come. Please note that there is a protective layer on the frame that you may wish to remove (if not already) to maximise the colours used. All your donations will go towards replenishing our art resources for next year including mod-rock, lino printing and sculpting equipment for all classes to use in their topics next year. Thank you for your support.

### School Vacancies

We still have a vacancy for a Welfare Assistant 12.00—1.00 Monday to Friday—in January. It's a great role in school as you get chance to chat and play with our fabulous children. If you are interested, please call Mrs Moxham.

### Covid Catch up funding

We have taken the term to settle our children back into school and assess them on their knowledge and understanding of previous learning as well as teach their new year group content. Our plans for the Covid catch up money provided by the Government (£8400) will mostly go on staff intervention support as our staff know our children best.

### Mrs Hudson— Goodbye

Next week will be our goodbye to Mrs Hudson who has been a huge character at Bretherton for over 15 years. She has had so many roles, and will be missed. Thank you for your laughter, fun and support of our children. Your colleagues and children will miss you and wish you all the best for the next stage in your life—adventures await!

### Carol Service

We are busy preparing our Carol service and will send this out for you to share with your child next week. This will be led as always by our fabulous Year 6 and it will include some great Christmas tunes—traditional and modern for you to join in with at home.

PTFA Gift room will be open Tuesday if your child has requested a gift to purchase. Joseph (Year 6 last year) once said that it was one of his favourite things to do at Christmas at school!

### Stories

Next Monday 14/12 we will be putting a story read by staff on the website each night for the week. Look at the *News* section to find the story the relax and enjoy.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Online safety

We would like to alert parents to the need to monitor their child's use of the internet and their contact with others out of school. We teach children about how to behave and keep safe online but statistics show that many children are accessing internet sites and games that are designed for older children. Last week, I sent a parents guide to **Tik Tok** as this is one of the safeguarding concerns highlighted by CEOP (Think you know internet safety platform). Children, if accessing it, may have access to video with inappropriate content and language. Please can we ask you to discuss the dangers with your children and monitor their content as we all want them to stay safe online and not be exposed to content which is far beyond their years.

In addition, we have worked with our older children this week on ensuring that all communication with friends online through gaming, must be as kind and thoughtful as face to face interaction is. We have asked children to communicate at home and/or school if they are upset by comments online and as part of our online safety policy/ bullying policy will gather the facts in order to support further education of how to be safe online.

### TikTok Update Parental Controls with Family Pairing Feature (SWGfL)

TikTok is used by many teenagers and sometimes children younger than 13 despite its terms and conditions. Using the new Family Pairing feature can allow parents to guide their child's TikTok experience in a safer way. Features include:

Search: Decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags, or sounds

- Screen Time Management: Sets how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day
- Discoverability: Decide on the account being private (you decide who can see their content) or public (anyone can search and view content)

To find out more information about TikTok's Family Pairing feature and to download a helpful poster to share with pupils and parents, go to: <https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-family-pairing-feature/>

### Ofsted letter

If you missed the Ofsted letter, you can find a copy on our website or on the OFSTED website. If you have any questions regarding the content of their letter—please let me know.

### Goodbye

So this term we say our 'Goodbye' to the MacPheat family (Joshua Year 2) as they are relocating to beautiful Scotland. We would like to wish them every happiness with their move and we hope that Joshua keeps a little of Bretherton with him as he journeys through his life.

### Thanks

We would like to thank Glenroyde Garden Nursery for the donation of our wonderful tree outside the school hall. We are so fortunate to have them as friends and thank you to Tasha and Naomi for climbing the tree to decorate it in lights. The tree looks amazing.

We are pleased to be able to support a local charity who supports families in need by providing Advent Calendars for the children.

### Bretherton WI

The WI have arranged for a wonderful walking Advent calendar set up with houses along South Road. They have posted the dates and themes on our railings along with other areas in Bretherton and it will be lovely to support it. I believe they are offering mince pies and mulled wine at various walking (not gathering) points at the weekend nearer Christmas but for further details, please contact the WI directly. We are proud to be part of our community and are Day 14 and have decorated our windows with snowmen- thank you to the children for helping.

### Impact of Brexit

We have been asked by Lancashire to advise our school community that if there are any parents living in the UK who are an EU citizen that they need to act. The UK's departure from the EU means that EEA citizens, and their family members, will no longer be able to rely on the right of free movement and will need to obtain immigration status to demonstrate their right to remain in the UK. It means that they can continue to be eligible for:

- Public services, such as healthcare and schools;
- Public funds and pensions;
- British citizenship, if they meet the requirements and want to apply.

The Scheme opened on 30 March 2019 and applications must be made by June 2021. It is free to make applications to the Scheme.

Full guidance on how to apply is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/eusetledstatus>