



# Brereton C of E (A) Primary School Newsletter



Spring Term  
Friday 16th February 2018

## Dear Parents,

I hope that you all have a lovely, restful half term. Please remember that we have an Inset day on Monday 26th February so pupils will return to school on Tuesday 27th February.

## Newsletters

After half term we will be moving to one newsletter per month. Most of the information that they contain is on the school website and sent out to you in other forms.

## Fairtrade

At Brereton, we're already getting excited about Fairtrade Fortnight 2018. The dates are 26th February - 11th March and the theme will be 'Come on in.'



We would love it if you could and join us for a Fairtrade breakfast in school. Children are welcome to attend alone or with their families. Breakfast will include Fairtrade fruit, cereals, toast and Fairtrade preserves including chocolate spread, Fairtrade juices, tea and coffee. Our Fairtrade breakfast will be served from 8-8.45am on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, in the school hall. Breakfasts will cost £2 each to be paid on arrival.

In addition, we shall have a Traidcraft stall available during and after breakfast selling Fairtrade products.

## Academy Conversion

A great deal of work is continuing behind the scenes in order for us to complete our conversion to academy status with Chester Diocese Academy Trust at the beginning of next half term. There are no major changes planned in terms of uniform or school name. Outwardly you will see very few changes but we are very excited to be working with CDAT and look forward to our future.



We will be introducing a new parent payment system after our Easter holiday. We aim for the system to go live on 1st April. We will no longer be dealing with Cheshire East for our payments from 1st March.



## Nuts

Please can we remind you not to send nuts in to school as part of your child's packed lunch. We have pupils who are allergic to nuts and wish to be proactive in avoiding any allergic reactions.

## Midday playleader

We are still searching for a new playleader to join our super team of middays. If you are interested in working with our children between 12-1pm each day, call in at the office for more details.



Today we celebrate our super Governing Body. A team of dedicated people who want to make a difference to Brereton CE Primary School.

We currently have two vacancies for Foundation Governors; people who would uphold the Christian Distinctiveness of our school through effective governance.

If you are interested in joining our team please speak to our Chair of Governors, Nick Mathers, father of Sammy, Leo and Sienna.





# Brereton C of E (A) Primary School Newsletter



Spring Term  
Friday 16th February 2018

## BBC Own it

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

This is a new website set up by the BBC to help with keeping children safe online.

## Dog Fouling

We are fortunate to be in the lovely village of Brereton. One of the drawbacks of living in this countryside location is that it is very popular with dog walkers and the inevitable happens: dogs foul the pavements. Cheshire East are stepping up their attempt to tackle this problem locally. Please note the new signage that is being put up to encourage responsible dog ownership. If you walk your dog by the school or know a friend who does, please encourage them to clean up after their pets to ensure everyone's safety and well being.

## Digital Friendships Report

The report states that the "findings reveal how central technology is to young people's relationship and the many different platforms they are using to interact with each other. It also highlights both the positive and negative role that technology can play in young people's relationships and that whilst they are proactively helping to build a better internet, they also want support from the adults in their lives to do so".

The report identifies the positive effects of online relationships, with the majority of young people having positive experiences and interactions online:

- In the last year, more than four in five (83%) of 8-17s have experienced people being kind to them online
- 68% of young people said that chatting to their friends online cheers them up

The most popular platforms 8-17 year olds are using to chat to their friends on a daily basis are YouTube (41%), WhatsApp (32%), Snapchat (29%), Instagram (27%) and Facebook or Facebook Messenger (26%)

Young people aged 8-17 are using a variety of methods to express themselves online with emojis being the most popular (84%) followed by slang terms (72%), facial expressions in selfies (70%) and images (63%).

Encouragingly, In the last year, 88% respondents said they had sent a kind message online to a friend who was feeling upset.

However, the report also identifies the negative impact of online relationships with over half (54%) of respondents aged 8-17 saying that they would feel isolated if they couldn't talk to their friends via technology and two in five (40%) respondents stating that they feel left out when people post things they haven't been included in.

Over a third of young people (36%) say that they feel that other people's lives look more exciting than theirs on social media with girls more likely to feel this (40%) in comparison to boys (33%).

The report identifies the support that young people are seeking when it comes to online relationships with more than seven in ten (72%) of those surveyed wanting their school to teach them about cyberbullying and how to manage friendships online. However, almost three in five (58%) respondents aged 8-17 say that they feel that teachers don't always understand their online lives and 28% don't feel like their parents or carers do.

