



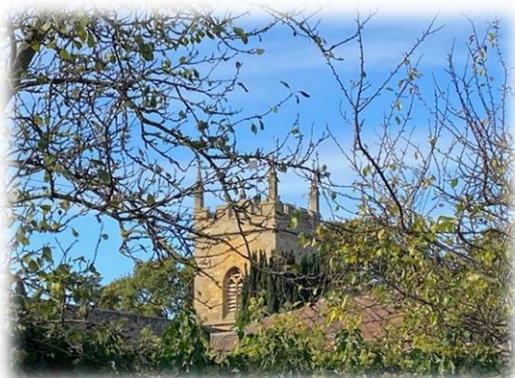
## *Newsletter 3*

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

As we head toward the close of the first half term, I thought it would be worth saying how impressed I am with the children over the past 7 weeks. They really have shown such amazing resilience and eagerness to learn. I have been amazed with how well they have returned to school and resumed their learning. Can I also say thank you to all the teaching and non-teaching staff for their hard work under very challenging circumstances for coping with everything that Covid has thrown at them and for keeping a smile on their face.

Thank you to all those parents who we were able to speak to in our telephone Parents' Evening consultations. We hope that it kept you informed while we are unable to invite you into school to see teachers in person. If you were unable to organise a phone call, please contact Mrs Eckersley in the school office and we can arrange a call.

As we approach the half-term break and the autumn well and truly takes hold, the environment around us becomes more and more stunning. We have, in the past, asked the children for photographs of the changing seasons around Bretforton and the surrounding area. It would be lovely if you could share any photographs that you take while out and about over the half-term holiday that we could share on our school website to show the beautiful village that our school is in. If you have any photos to share, please email them to [office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk) stating that we have permission to use your photograph on our website.





Without wanting to jump the gun too much, Christmas will soon be on the horizon and we are already thinking ahead to what we can do in school to ensure that we can be as festive as possible, given the current circumstances. Sadly, we are unlikely to be able to perform our traditional Nativity to parents this year but we are hoping to find a way to share a performance to you a different way. The Nativity is such an important part of school life for every generation, we don't want this year's cohorts to miss out on it. We'll keep you posted with our plans!

Our very busy *Friends of Bretforton Village School* have several ideas in the pipeline to ensure that they can continue to provide a wealth of additional opportunities for your children. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, we would like the children to come to school in their school uniform BUT to bring with them any Christmas jumpers, hats, antlers etc. for a special photoshoot we will be doing in school. The photos will be used to create some gifts that will be available to buy nearer to Christmas. Again, this may seem a little early but I'm sure you can appreciate that opportunities may be limited nearer to Christmas if lockdown rules change. We will remind you about this closer to the time but this may be the moment to dig out the festive clothing in readiness!



*Whilst on the subject of the Friends of Bretforton Village School, I felt that I couldn't let the moment pass without saying a huge thank you to Sally Clarke who has now stood down as Chair in order to focus on her work commitments. During her time as Chair, Sally has given a huge amount of her time to ensure that events were organised, volunteers were found and everyone had a wonderful time at everything that was arranged. Sally's drive and enthusiasm to ensure that all the children at Bretforton received a rich and varied range of activities has always impressed me. She will be sadly missed as part of the Friends committee, but I would like to thank her on your behalf for all she has done for the children and staff.*

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Tempest Photography will be taking the children's annual school photographs. Unfortunately, we cannot allow siblings who are not in school to be part of these photographs this year. Where brothers and sisters are in school, we will take individual and group photos.

## Diary Dates

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – End of autumn term 1*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – First day of term for children – autumn term 2*

*Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Photoshoot day*

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Individual School Photographs*