

Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School



Parents As Partners

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Church of England Vision for Education

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good.

John 10:10 "I came that you might have life, life in all its fullness".

Bredhurst Church of England Primary Vision:

To learn and grow through the guidance and love of God.

Self Control

Perseverance

Inclusion

Respect

Inspiration

Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of the term! It has certainly been a very busy and tiring one - we have VERY excited but VERY tired children. With finishing earlier this year, hopefully you will all be able to have a rest before the mayhem of Christmas Day!

Our junior children took part in the performance of 'Time for a Change; a retelling of the nativity story. It was a super performance, with the children having to learn so many lines for the parts they played. I loved the scene with the three wise men and their apprentices, they delivered their lines with great comic timing and great expressions. The evening performance was even regaled with an impromptu dance! The angels were particularly angelic, delivering their lines with such enthusiasm and energy, particularly Erin Charnock, Alexis McCaffery and Millie Jeary. The singing of on a starry night by Hurstwood with their actions and smiling faces was a joy to see. The singing in general was lovely, with the children again having to learn the words for so many songs. A stand out performance must be from Bella Thompson, who gave every song her absolute all and loved every second of it. Well done to all our children and staff; in particular Mrs Carey, for the hard work in adapting a script to ensure every child had a role, teaching all the songs and putting the play together and in making the performances go so well. I was very proud of every child; they performed so well and reminded us of the Christmas story and the events leading to the birth of Jesus in a very memorable way.

We had a very busy term with so many events and activities taking place: badminton competition, basket ball competition, cross country, rock steady concert, infant and junior nativity plays, the pantomime trip, the choir singing at the village hall and Hempstead Valley, friendship week, remembrance service, Christmas disco and the advent event. What a lot to have squeezed in!

The children have now finished their topic learning for this term and all classes will begin a new topic in the New Year.

Fir Tree: Famous Inventors and their Inventions

Forge: Amazing Animals and David Attenborough

Hurstwood: The Water Cycle

Kemsley: Ancient Greece

Oakwood: The Battle of Britain

The overviews of the learning are on the curriculum page on our school website. More information around each topic will be on the first newsletter in January.

Thank you to Ms Barton and Mrs Rosier for decorating our school making it look so festive for the last weeks of term and the run up to Christmas, the children love it when it is decorated. Thank you to Ms Barton for organising the Bethlehem walk, laying out the signs along our walk and for supplying every child with a lovely sweet treat as well as giving up her morning to do this for our children. Thank you to Mrs Knowles who helped her. The children finished the walk with a hot chocolate, marshmallows and a small packet of sweets!

We all went to the church after break time to sing carols together as a school and after lunchtime the children had a great time celebrating together at their Christmas parties and were delighted by a surprise visit from the man in red! What a lovely way to end the term!

As lots of children will no doubt be on technology much more over the holiday period and may well be receiving new gadgets over the Christmas period I must take this opportunity to ensure that you remember about keeping your child safe whilst online. Children are accessing online information from a much younger age and whilst this can be fantastic and certainly has its benefits, this can come with risks and children are often targeted through apps. I have attached a link from the NSPCC which is very useful about online safety and has information on:

- how to keep your child safe whilst online
- how to set up parental permissions
- what to do if your child has seen something upsetting online
- advice on how to start age appropriate conversations with your child about online safety

Please do have a look as it has some very useful and helpful advice and tips. [NSPCC on-line safety](#)

Don't forget to sign up for the Winter Mini Reading Challenge 2023. The Winter Mini Challenge is running from 1st December till 19 February as an online event. Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Just read at least three books of your choice between 1 December 2023 and 19 February 2024 and add them to your online profile at [wintermini.org.uk](#). Reaching your reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep. Don't forget to bring in your certificates to show us.

Please remember to send your child in with hats and gloves after we return from the Christmas break - the playground and field can be very cold, when the wind blows across! We will no doubt have cold weather on the way after Christmas.



Thank you very much to so many of you for the wonderful gifts and cards I received, it is very generous and thoughtful of you.

I wish you all a great Christmas celebrating with friends and families and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Have a wonderful break,

Michelle Cox



Notice from DfE Attendance Officer

The school's attendance is closely monitored by the DfE's Attendance Officer who paid us a visit last week, looking into persistent absentees and lateness.

This will now be a regular visit to our school and may result in a phone call home to yourselves or a visit from them.

Attendance Data for Term 2

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised	Lates
Fir Tree	98.6	0.11	0
Forge	98.43	0.28	52
Hurstwood	95.25	1.32	43
Kemsley	98.04	0.20	8
Oakwood	95.52	0.96	22

Although our overall attendance is good. The lateness is a great concern especially in **Forge** and **Hurstwood** where the **same** children are regularly late which is unfair on the rest of the class. Please ensure your child is in school by **9.00a.m.** This is when their lessons begin.

A huge Thank you to the staff who ran the disco on Wednesday evening and the FOBS team for organising. The children certainly enjoyed themselves! There was lots of dancing and fun, with children across all classes singing and dancing together. It was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves.

Thank you Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Sage for the Advent Calendar on our school website, we had over 70 children return their form and earn themselves a lovely Christmassy treat.

Thank you for the kind donations of toys that were collected by the Salvation Army today.

Don't forget we have pre-loved uniform for sale in the school office. If you have any jumpers or cardigans your child has grown out of we would warmly welcome them to be re-loved.



<u>Stars of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Ruby Fifield
Forge	Bluebell Thomas
Hurstwood	Tate Smith
Kemsley	Franca Baillie
Oakwood	Luca Suvari

<u>Writer of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Hettie Oxley
Forge	Leo Kirby
Hurstwood	Imisi Awofeko
Kemsley	Jessica Campbell-Carr
Oakwood	Ella Hyland



<u>Spirit of Bredhurst</u>	
Fir Tree	Milo Carr
Forge	Samuel Littler
Hurstwood	Connie Blackman
Kemsley	Ava Hands
Oakwood	Kian Rosier



December

18th – 1st January: Christmas Holiday

January

2nd Staff Development Day

3rd Children return to school

10th Cross Country—Capstone Park

11th New Parents Tour 9.45am

19th MYG Swimming Team Medway Park

February

1st NSPCC Numbers Day

2nd Captain Wonderweb!

5th Mental Health Week

6th Safer Internet Day

7th Parents Evening

8th Parents Evening

8th MYG Table Tennis—Medway Park

9th Pancake Races @2.30pm

21st Cross Country—Medway Park



The Choir at
Hempsted
Valley



Pictures from KS2 Nativity

