

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,

It is with great sadness that I begin this newsletter and the new school year with the news of the death of Her Majesty, The Queen. This morning during worship we spent time discussing the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and celebrating her life. We looked at the impact her death will have on countries and people across the world. The children watched a Newsround Special: Our Queen, where her life was celebrated and the next procedures for the country were explained. Should you wish to watch this with your children (or on your own - it was very informative!) The address is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/61665004> There will be a further update today on BBC iPlayer at 4.30. Newsround is specifically aimed at primary aged children and deals with the event in a very informative, clear and sensitive manner.

Well done to all our new reception children (and parents). We only had tears on the first few days from a couple of children. They have managed the transition into school amazingly! It is a very emotional time for parents, seeing your little ones start at their primary school, they always seem so tiny, especially compared to the eldest children in the school! We have all been so impressed with them - and you - for being so calm and prepared. Although it is really hard to leave them, especially if they are crying it is the best thing you can do. A reassuring hug and kiss and hand them over to Mrs Harvey and Mrs Abdey! They always calm down very quickly once you have left them. They will all be tired by the end of today, so do prepare yourselves for tired, emotional children. Even though they may have been at nursery prior to starting school, being in the school environment with the new routines and new experiences they will be encountering is very tiring for them. All the children across the school look like they are ready for the weekend; coming back for 5 days after such a long break does seem to have really hit them! **Next week the reception children will be joining us for lunch time.**

Well done to our year 6 children who sat their Kent Test in school yesterday - it was a very long morning for them. They all managed very well and kept their nerves. As I say so often to the children: this one test is only a snapshot of them at that moment in time, as long as they work hard and persevere they can all achieve whatever they want to in life. It is daunting for children however, as they all want to achieve well and they feel such bitter disappointment if things do not go their way. We keep our fingers crossed for them all. Several of them have the Medway Test to sit next week too - just do your best year 6. We are all proud of you regardless of how the tests go. You have made a super transition into year 6 and are already rising to the challenge of being the top of the school. Next week will be House Captain and School Council speeches and votes. Year 6 children will have brought home a letter regarding CAT testing this week. These CAT tests take place on a laptop and are based around reasoning type questions. These are not for the children to feel daunted about! They are really only to help should we need to go to appeal for a grammar school place!

The children have all begun this term's learning with such enthusiasm - it has been a joy to see!

In Fir Tree class the children have started to the topic 'This is Me!'. They will be learning about how they have changed since they were born, using a timeline to record these changes. They will be exploring through music and art their differences and similarities and celebrating what it is that makes it great to be them!

In Forge class the children will be starting the topic 'Superheroes'. In history they will be learning about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and understanding the impact their work had on hospitals and healthcare. In DT and art they will be designing, making and evaluating their own super hero capes!

Hurstwood children will be learning about how life in Britain was changed by the Roman invasion and the function of the Roman Army. They will be looking at Roman artefacts from Wessex Archaeology and will be using their DT skills to plan, draw and evaluate a shoe; fit for a Roman soldier!



September

- 12th Rocksteady Starts
- 15th PGL Meeting 3.00p.m.
- 20th New Parents Tour 9.45
- 22nd Forge Worship – Parents welcome
- 22nd Yr 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting 2.45p.m
- 29th Kemsley Worship – Parents Welcome
- 29th New Parents Tour 9.45
- 30th Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

- 6th Hurstwood Worship – Parents welcome
- 7th Individual Photographs
- 10th Harvest Celebrations
- 11th New Parents Tour 9.45 + 11.15
- 13th Oakwood Worship – Parents welcome
- 15th Pumpkin Morning 11a.m. -1p.m.
- 18th Winning house team **St Davis's Tag Day**
- 18th Parents Evening
- 19th Parents Evening
- 20th Fir Tree Worship – Parents welcome
- 20th New Parents Tour 9.45
- 24th –28th Half Term
- 31st Staff Development Day

November

- 1st Children return to school
- 10th New Parents Tour 11.15
- 11th Fireworks Display
- 18th New Parents Tour 11.15
- 24th New Parents Tour 9.45

December

- 1st Advent Event
- 2nd New Parents Tour 10.00
- 6th Infant Nativity - 2.30p.m.
- 7th Infant Nativity – 4.00p.m.
- 7th Year 6 Experience Christmas
- 13th KS2 Nativity (TBC)
- 16th Christmas Parties
- 19th –30th Christmas Holiday

January

- 3rd Children return to school
- 10th New Parents Tour 9.45
- 11th New Parents Tour 9.45

February

- 13th –17th Half Term
- 21st Pancake races 2.30p.m.

March

- 29th Yr 6 Experience Easter
- 31st Easter Egg Hunt 2.30p.m.

April

3rd -14th Easter Holidays

May

- 8th—11th KS2 SATs Week
- 29th—2nd June Half Term

June

- 12th –16th Yr 6 PGL
- 22nd Sports Day
- 29th Staff development day
- 30th Day in lieu of May day

July

- 14th Whole School Trips TBC
- 21st Last Day of Term

Year R children have come home wearing a coloured badge.

This is their house team.

St Davids	-	Yellow
St Paricks	-	Green
St Andrews	-	Blue
St George	-	Red



Any children who did the Summer Reading Challenge please bring in your Certificates.

