

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,

That was certainly an eventful end to the week! We managed to make it until lunchtime with the header tanks supplying the toilets and taps. Hopefully the water leak will be repaired and the water supply will be back on for Monday!!! At least it gave us the opportunity to try out the new app! We are aware that several parents had issues with receiving the notifications sent out today. If you are experiencing difficulties with the new app (which is now jotter 3) and have not already registered you need to register as a new user and ensure that your phone notifications are switched on. You will need to input the code emailed to you yesterday to receive the messages.

Hopefully you will have received this newsletter via the app. If you have; all has gone to plan! We have only been able to send you a code for the jotter app if we have your email registered with us. If another member of your family (which may include grandparents, especially if they are involved in the school run and school life) would also like to have the newsletter sent to them please could you ask them to send their name and email address to: linda.jarvis@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk so a code can be sent which will enable them to log into the app. Thank you to Mrs Jarvis who has organised and managed the transition to our new platform, she works away tirelessly in the background. This has been a very difficult job due to circumstances out side of our control; Mrs Jarvis has certainly shown our school values of perseverance and self control! Thank you for all your hard work! Hopefully you will now be able to receive messages once again too. It has been very frustrating not to be able to communicate with you all quickly and easily. We will try not to bombard you whilst we try it out! If your code does not work, which has been the case with a couple of parents so far, please contact Mrs Jarvis and she will generate you a new code. If at any time you do need to have something clarified do ask your child's teacher, the school office, myself or Mrs Place, at the beginning or end of the school day or you can email us on our usual email addresses.

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in Harvest donations. Please only send in something if you can afford to - we do know it is a difficult time for lots of families with the financial situation as it is. Our Harvest worship will be held in the school hall at approx. 9.10 - 9.50 on Monday. You are welcome to join us but please be aware there will be limited space so some of you may have to resort to standing room only. We will do our best to accommodate everyone who turns up to support the school with the Harvest Celebration. As soon as you drop your child off please make your way to the school hall; chairs will be laid out ready for you. Our food donations will be sent to the local food bank so will go directly back to local community where it is needed most.

Next week some of our junior children will be taking part in our first sporting fixtures for the school year. On Wednesday 12th October we will be playing in the Football Mini World Cup at the Gallagher Stadium, in Maidstone. We are team Canada! On Thursday 13th October some of our year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in the mini youth games hockey tournament. We look forward to hearing about how both teams get on.

Thursday 13th October is World Mental Health Day, we will be looking at taking part in some online workshops with our children from years 4 - 6 during this day. For the rest of the school, we will be reminding the children how we look after our minds as well as our bodies by: going out in the fresh air, looking at nature, drawing or colouring, listening to music, reading a book as well as other suggestions the children may have for how they like to relax.

As a school we have been looking at and learning about Black History as part of Black History Month. This takes place every October in the UK. This is a time to celebrate the contribution black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse country we have today. This year's theme is 'Sharing Journeys', exploring the lives and stories of the people who came to Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries and helped lay the foundations of today's diverse society. As a school Black History is an integral part of our curriculum as it is an integral part of our society. In Key Stage 1 we teach the children about the lives of key black historical figures such as Mary Seacole and in Key Stage 2 we choose to study the ancient Benin civilisation (West Africa) from 900-1300 AD. If you would like to discuss Black History Month or discuss heritage with your child there are some very useful websites and clips to share with your child such as: [Celebrating Black History Month on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](#) and [Black History Month 2022: What is it all about? - CBBC Newsround](#)

The **year 6** children and parents are now busy looking at secondary schools for next year. Parents, I am here should you need some advice on how to complete the application or you would just like some advice about the type of school we feel may suit your child. This is a big decision as this is where your child is likely to spend the next 7 years of their education and you want to choose the right environment for your child to flourish. **Year 5** parents, I will be holding a meeting next term regarding the Kent and Medway Tests and will give some tips on how to prepare your child for these.

Next week will be the final week of clubs due to parents evenings which will take place in the school hall on the final week before the half term. However there will also be **NO after school clubs on Wednesday or Thursday** of next week as Mr Peters will be at both the football and hockey tournaments with the children on those days. Clubs will recommence on Tuesday 1st November when the children return to school after the Autumn half term break.

Looking at the weather forecast for the last two weeks of the school term, it is likely next week will be the final week for swimming. We will keep you updated on this.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Michelle Cox

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Lucia Stageman
Forge	Harry Stewart
Hurstwood	Fern Grant
Kemsley	Thomas Newell
Oakwood	Lola Deakin

Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Elijah Snowden
Forge	Felicity Friday
Hurstwood	Dylan Deadmon
Kemsley	Eden Brunger
Oakwood	Milly Checkland



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Imini Awofeko
Forge	Charlie Hall
Hurstwood	Mia Watson
Kemsley	Finley Singleton
Oakwood	Mia Rosier



Don't forget Saturday 15th October is Pumpkin day 11 - 1. Bring along your pumpkin and take part in the stalls and activities which will be taking place.

There is a signing up board on the front playground for any donations and for volunteering with stalls on the day. We always need people to help set up and clear away after the event too!



October

- 3rd TAG DAY for Adult Tombola
- 6th Hurstwood Worship – Parents welcome
- 7th Individual Photographs
- 10th Harvest Celebrations—Parents welcome
- 11th New Parents Tour 9.45 + 11.15
- 12th Mini World Cup—Gallagher Stadium
- 13th Hockey Tournament Yr5+6 Holcolme
- 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
- 12th Rocksteady Concert
- 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

- 27th Rocksteady Concert
- 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
- 17th Rocksteady Concert
- 21st Last Day of Term



FOBS Mrs Relf has set up a new Facebook page for FOBS.

The group is going to be a private group so only parents/grandparents can join the group.

We are hoping it will create more interest in FOBS and hopefully more understanding in what we do.

We will of course post no pictures of children on the page.

The page is called **Friends Of Bredhurst School.**