

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,

I can hardly believe we are already at the end of the first term. It seems like our year R children have only just started and we are already at the first break. The children will be tired come the half term as being at school is hard work. There is so much to take in with all the new routines and the new environment. It was lovely to see so many parents able to come and watch them in their first class led worship - didn't they do a super job too! They have settled into school life so well, but definitely need the break next week to recharge. We also have some very tired children further up the school too, you can see some of them flagging as the end of the week has drawn nearer!

The children have enjoyed being back at school and are definitely making the most of the outdoor area at lunchtime. Having visited several other schools over the past couple of weeks it has made me realise quite how lucky we are to have such a big outside area for our children to play. We are continuing to use the field, whatever the weather - only if it pours down will the children be inside for lunchtime. We encourage the children to play together and resolve any issues which arise between them, we want our children to develop into resilient adults who are able to understand the viewpoint of others and to be able to negotiate. Part of the children's play is also around teaching them how to risk manage which is also a very important skill. The children are thoroughly enjoying den building and active play at lunchtime. In order to make this more fun for the children, if you have any: wooden pallets, tarpaulin, planks, cable wheels etc at home or in workshops or garages we would be very grateful if you could donate them for the children to be able to use in their play. Do you know that approx. 1 and half years of a child's primary education is spent playing during their 7 years at primary school? This is why it is so important we get it right and develop and build on these important skills. It is lovely watching them engage in play so enthusiastically and with such enjoyment and enthusiasm

Thank you to all the parents who attended Pumpkin Morning and gave up their time to run and manage stalls, donate food and drinks and help set up and clear away after. It was a great success with £2353.83 being raised. This year we are aiming on spending the money raised by the FOBS events which take place over the year to purchase new laptops for the children - ideally we would like to be able to purchase 32 so every child in a classroom can use an individual laptop for their IT learning. We are also hoping to be able to take the children to the theatre to watch Sleeping Beauty at the Hazlitt at Christmas, the cost of this will be in excess of £25 with transport, FOBS have agreed to fund some of this which will make more affordable. The money raised by FOBS and the hard work by Karen Shepherd, Francessa Peters and the rest of the FOBS team really does benefit each and every child in our school. Thank you to the team for their hard work.

Thank you for your attendance at Parents Evenings this week. If you were unable to meet with your child's class teacher this week and would still like an appointment to discuss their learning please contact the school office on office@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk who will organise this for you. Thank you for the incredibly positive responses to our parent questionnaire, we will be letting you know the results of these next term and will inform you of any actions we have taken to address any areas which have come up as a result of these.

We had our first school council meeting this term. The meeting was very productive with the children raising issues they felt relevant to the school at this time. The children would like new playground equipment to be purchased as the equipment they have now is looking very tired. They also discussed school dinners, eating in the hall as well as the clubs on offer in school. As a result of this first meeting we will be ordering new equipment for lunchtime and looking at where to eat at lunchtime. The children were amazing at listening to each others point of view and thinking about what would work across the whole school. Our new school council for this year are: Lucas Knowles, Verity Bond, Isaac Jackson (note taker), Lois Agyekum (treasurer), Alice Murphy (Fir Tree rep), Milly Checkland (Forge rep), Dominic Carr, Millie Jeary and Luke Wallace.

As the children will be likely to be spending more time on technology over the next week, please can I take this opportunity to remind

A horizontal banner with a purple border. In the center, the text "Don't forget that Fireworks tickets are on sale for our display on Friday 11th November." is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. On either side of the text is a stylized illustration of three fireworks: a green one on the left, a blue one in the middle, and a purple one on the right. Each firework is depicted as a rocket with a long tail and a burst of colorful sparks at the top. The background of the banner is white.

October

24th –28th Half Term

31st Staff Development Day

November

1st Children return to school

10th New Parents Tour 9.45

11th Fireworks Display

18th New Parents Tour 11.15

24th New Parents Tour 9.45

December

1st Advent Event

2nd Whole School Panto—Hazlett Theatre

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

We are looking at improving our year R provision, starting with the home corner. If you have any of the following items which you no longer need we would love to use them to make our home corner more inviting. In the early years, dramatic play is closely connected to children's everyday lives. Children relive all of the situations that are familiar to them. They become mum or dad, a baby or older sibling, help with the washing, cleaning, cooking, as well as eat together, feed or bath the baby. Through using both real life and fantasy role play, children will develop social, emotional and language skills. They can then begin exploring feelings, understanding relationships and negotiating roles.

We are looking for:

- Picture frames
- Lamps
- Small 2 seater sofa or small arm chair
- Cushions
- Telephone
- Pots, pans, baking trays ... kitchen utensils and equipment
- Small table and chairs

