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,

What a very wet and blustery start we have had to the new term. It has come as real shock after the mild weather we have been having. Please make sure your child comes into school with a coat every day as we do still take the children outside despite the rain. We only keep them inside when it is torrential rain.

School Jotter

You should have received a letter this week regarding school jotter 3. We have now reverted back to jotter 2!!!! You will need to delete the jotter 3 app off your mobile devices and re download jotter 2. You will need to find Bredhurst School once again to be able to access the messages and newsletters. I can only apologise for the inconvenience this has caused. Initially we were informed we would need to update to jotter 3 for our website and app as jotter 2 would no longer exist. However the person who told us this (who no longer works for the company!) was not truthful - jotter 2 is still available and will not be going. Jotter 3 was to be an improvement on the jotter 2. However it had clearly not been tested thoroughly before being marketed. We experienced so many glitches and issues with it that it made it impossible for us to continue using. The final straw was that despite being able to set up groups for messages in Jotter 3, the messages were sent without sound! This was not a feature they were going to change! An alert without sound to alert you that you have a message is pretty useless (in my opinion!) After an extensive amount of phone calls we were informed we could revert back to jotter 2 for our website and our app! Please can you let any family members who were using the app prior to the change over to re-download the app and all should work as it did previously! Our website now needs updating once again as the updated information was put on the jotter 3 platform - we are updating pages with the information for this school year as quickly as we are able.

The children have returned after the Autumn break ready to start the next part of their learning. Our infant children have begin their new topics this term.

Fir Tree class have started the topic 'Let's Go For a Ride!' where they are learning about different modes of transport and will be exploring journeys they have taken. They will look at road, rail and sea modes of travel. They we will be learning about significant people from the past and finding out who invented the car, plane and train and how this changed lives.

Forge class have begun their new topic of 'London's Burning!' They will be reading some fantastic books which delve into the fire from different character's perspectives to help understand what lots of people thought about the fire and what they experienced. They will be exploring the role Samuel Pepys had in The Great Fire of London and how, because of the event, life changed in London after much of it was devastated by the catastrophic fire. As part of their PHSE curriculum on being safe Forge class are learning the pants rule and the names for body parts - do not be alarmed if they come out with the correct name for parts of their anatomy! For more information on this please look at the NSPCC website: Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC

Our Junior children will continue with their current topics until Christmas. For more information on our curriculum don't forget to look on our website under the curriculum page. Here you can find out what each class learn each term through their curriculum maps and how we teach each subject.

As we are about to entering the colder part of the school year we have gone to a new dinner menu. You will find this on the parent page of the website under the tab 'school meals'. We are to start week 2 on Monday.

We have added some dates to our list of diary dates. The dates for class led Worships have been added, as has the date for the Christmas Jumper Appeal. Mrs Singleton will be selling preloved Christmas jumpers on Monday 5th December. If you have a Christmas jumper your child has grown out of please drop off to the school office so we can recycle them amongst our school community for a very small cost which goes to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal.

Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Don't forget we have our annual firework display on Friday 11th November.

The village hall car park will be out of use that evening as there is a function taking place there the same evening. Please be mindful where you park or walk if you can. The entrance will be via the bottom gate on The Street. If you do know any local pet owners, including the horse owners, in the village please can you notify them we will having fireworks going off from 7pm.

Don't forget to keep reading to your children, the book case outside Fir Tree classroom is available at both the beginning and end of the school day. You can also visit the book case in your child's class if they are in the Junior classes or your child can select the book they would like you to read to them. Reading to children is such an important part of the journey of learning to read and loving books. If your child comes how wearing a sticker with a grapheme on it please ask them what it says as this is the grapheme they may have found tricky at school. All adults around school are asking the children what the grapheme is if they have a sticker. The aim is to commit these to the children's long term memories and repetition helps with this. We can see a real improvement in children's phonic knowledge and understanding already since beginning the Little Wandle scheme.

Thank you for your support and hard work with this. It is paying off!

On Tuesday we were visited by the Maidstone Lions Rotary Club who have presented the school with a Automated External Defibrillator. This is an excellent donation to our school for the safety of our children we are very grateful indeed. This will be placed in the school hall and every member of staff will have training.

Have a lovely weekend, Michelle Cox

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Sienna Wright
Forge	Tate Smith
Hurstwood	Fern Grant
Kemsley	William larkin-Puttock
Oakwood	Lila Deakin

Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Name Witheld
Forge	Lily Avis
Hurstwood	Addilyn Brown
Kemsley	Thomas Newell
Oakwood	Tilly Barrow

Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Leo Kirby
Forge	Toby Hayter
Hurstwood	Holly Abdey
Kemsley	Jarin Gurney
Oakwood	Lois Agyekum

Anti-Bullying week –14th—18th November

The theme this year is Reach Out. The Anti Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop resources to help you support your child:

https://antibullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullingweek/parents-and-carer

We would also like to use this opportunity to build our children's resilience and the children will be having Life skills/PSHE lessons and activities during the week about emotions and how to build resilience.

Anti-bullying week—children can wear odd socks on Monday 14th to show their support!

The winning houses for last term were:

St. Andrew's and St. David's, both houses will be able to come to school in their house colours on Monday 7th November. Well done!

November

10th New Parents Tour 9.45
10th MYG Basketball Team Medway Park
10th Kemsley Class AOW
11th Tag Day wear red for the Poppy Appeal
11th Fireworks Display
14th Odd Socks Day—Anti Bullying Week
17th Forge Class AOW
18th Tag Day for Children in Need
18th New Parents Tour 11.15
24th Fir Tree Class AOW
25th Flu Immunization
29th New Parents Tour 9.45

December

1st Hurstwood Class AOW
1st MYG Badminton Team Medway Park
1st Advent Event
2nd Whole School Pantomime Hazlett Theatre
5th Christmas Jumper Sale
6th Infant Nativity - 2.30p.m.
7th Infant Nativity – 4.00p.m.
7th Year 6 Experience Christmas
8th Oakwood AOW
8th New Parent Tour 9.45
12th Rocksteady Concert
13th KS2 Nativity (TBC)
14th Christmas Dinner
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
20th MYG Swimming Team Medway Park

February

9th MYG Table Tennis Team Medway Park
13th –17th Half Term
21st Pancake races 2.30p.m.

March

27th Rocksteady Concert
29th Yr 6 Experience Easter
30th MYG Tag Rugby Team
31st Easter Egg Hunt 2.30p.m.

April

3rd -14th Easter Holidays
27th MYG Netball Team Rainham Girls Sch

May

8th—11th KS2 SATs Week
25th MYG Kwik Cricket Team High Halstow
29th—2nd June Half Term

June

8th MYG Football Team Anchorians FC
12th –16th Yr 6 PGL
22nd Sports Day
29th Staff development day
30th Day in lieu of May day

July

4th MYG Athletics Team Medway Park
14th Whole School Trips TBC
17th Rocksteady Concert
21st Last Day of Term

Friday 11th November will be a Tag Day for all the children who may come to school wearing something RED for a donation (£1) towards the

British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Poppies, wristbands and other items will be on sale on the playground all next week.

No fixed price just donations to the appeal.