

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! What an exhausting term it has been - we have VERY excited but VERY tired children. This term is always a tiring one but this year it seems to have hit the children (and staff) more than ever. We have had some nasty viruses, followed by the snow, ice and freezing temperatures. Hopefully you will all be able to have a rest now before the mayhem of Christmas Day!

Our junior children took part in the performance of 'The Perfect Gift'; a retelling of the nativity story. It was a super performance, considering we had to change venue after the weather on Monday and had so many children who either had been, or were still off ill. So many children had to have more than 1 part or learn lines and take on new parts at the last minute. I was so proud of how they managed and persevered with these roles, knowing if they did not step up the play would not be able to go ahead. I was impressed with the singing from all the children. A couple of highlights for me were: Hurstwood, in their angel and animal outfits singing 'Midnight', they sang with beautiful smiles and looked so cute and happy! Mia Rosier, as Mary, not only remembered all her lines, but delivered them extremely well, with great expression and spoke so clearly. April Grant, did a fantastic job as the angel Gabriel and bravely overcame her stage fright, going without a script, despite only being given the part on Tuesday afternoon. The narrators read very clearly, particularly Ella who delivered her lines with great prosody. The children on props were very efficient, Thomas Newell made us laugh as Herod, I also saw a very different side to him! The final song of 'We saw 3 ships' finished the performance beautifully, despite the internet dropping out in the afternoon performance! Well done to all our children and staff, but in particular Mrs Carey, for the hard work in making the performance go so well. I was very proud of them all; they 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: football matches, badminton competition, cross country, music morning, rock steady concert, infant and junior nativity plays, the pantomime trip, the choir attending the carol concert at Rochester Cathedral, friendship week, remembrance service and the advent event. What a lot to have squeezed in as well as all the Christmas activities this past week.

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: Princes and Princesses

Forge: Dungeons and Dragons

Hurstwood: Brazil and Amazon Rainforest

Kemsley: UK and it's Environment

Oakwood : Battle of Britain

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

Thank you to Ms Barton for the beautiful signs for our Bethlehem walk, for laying out the signs along our walk and for supplying every child with a lovely sweet treat and giving up her morning to do this for our children. Unfortunately due to the weather our walk was much shorter than usual as the roads and pathways were just too slippery and icy. The children finished the walk with a hot chocolate and marshmallows, supplied by Mrs Hewitt. After lunchtime the children all enjoyed 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 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 on line, how to set up parental permissions, what to do if your child has seen something upsetting online as well as 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](#)

Please do 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, as we have found out this week!

Good bye and good luck to Miss Spain who will be starting her new job at the City of Rochester Independent School after the Christmas break, you will be missed!



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 month, 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 Date for Term 2

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised	Lates
Fir Tree	94.15%	0.57%	10
Forge	95%	0.68%	66
Hurstwood	95%	1.03%	36
Kemsley	96.41%	0.10%	30
Oakwood	92.02%	0.28%	106

Although our overall attendance is good. The lateness is a great concern especially in **Oakwood** where a few children are regularly late which is unfair on the rest of the class. Please ensure your child is in class by **8.55a.m.**

This is when their lessons begin.

House points for Term 2:

4th	St. George's	795
3rd	St. David's	849
2nd	St. Andrew's	896
1st	St. Patrick's	903

St Patrick's house may wear their own clothes in their house colours on Thursday 5th January.

Change to PE days:

Kemsley:	Monday
Oakwood:	Friday

A huge Thank you to the FOBS team who organised and ran the disco on Wednesday evening. 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 75 children return their form and have a lovely Christ-massy treat.

Raffle winners:

Childs hamper: Mrs Beck

Adults Hamper: Mrs Deakin

Thank you Mrs Sullivan for making these for us once again.



Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Charlie Hall
Forge	Freddie Benton
Hurstwood	Mia Watson
Kemsley	April Grant
Oakwood	Verity Bond



Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Ellis Tickner
Forge	Bluebell Thomas
Hurstwood	Dominic Carr
Kemsley	Liam Masih
Oakwood	Oliver Steeden



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Teddie Debona
Forge	Harry Stewart
Hurstwood	Mia Watson
Kemsley	Kian Rosier
Oakwood	Miss Spain



January

3rd Children return to school
 11th New Parents Tour 9.45
 20th MYG Swimming Team Medway Park



February

9th MYG Table Tennis Team Medway Park
 13th –17th Half Term

March

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



Let it snow! let it snow!

Let t snow!!!

Fun was had by all!!!



School Disco



Music Morning



Key Stage 2
Nativity

