

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,

Welcome back! Thank you so much for the lovely, thoughtful gifts I received for Christmas, they are very much appreciated. I hope you all had a restful Christmas, although I have heard that so many families have continued to be unwell, so perhaps not quite the break so many of us were looking forward to. I hope you all found the time to relax and celebrate with family and friends despite the viruses continuing to go around.

We returned to school on Tuesday with the children all looking very smart and ready for the new term. Please don't worry if your child was a little anxious about returning to school it is normal for children to be anxious about coming back, especially after a break like Christmas where there is lots going on for them. They soon settle back to the routines of school life (and getting up early - which always seems so much harder when it is dark outside). Christmas is a tricky break as the children don't really get the rest they need due to busyness of the holiday. We also still have lingering viruses and covid is once again reported to being on the rise. Please remember, children do not need to test for covid. If they do have a cough and high temperature they can return to school once their temperature has returned to normal, or after 3 days of a positive test should you chose to test them.

Below is the latest advice from NHS:

- If a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.
- If an adult tests positive for covid, they can pass on the virus to other people for up to 10 days from when the infection starts. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days.

Therefore you should:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after testing positive

This term, every class will be starting a new topic. The curriculum maps for the topics are on our website on our curriculum page. We are currently in Year A . Your child should also have come out of school with a paper copy of the curriculum map for their class today, should you not have received this please ask at the office and they will print one for you.

Fir Tree class are learning about princes and princesses. During this topic they will be learning traditional stories involving Princes and Princesses as well as exploring the lives of a real Royal family and the impact they have as well as the changes that have taken place. They will be setting up a castle based role-play area and exploring how to use mechanisms such as levers, sliders and pulleys; to make a drawbridge for their castle.

Forge class topic is Dungeons and Dragons. They will be using some wonderful texts in English to delve into the world of dragons and castles throughout history. They will gain an understanding of the purpose and role of castles - learning about the history of Rochester Castle; when it was built and how and what it has been used for in the past. In art they will carefully observe the shape, colour and patterns of dragon eyes and design and make their own dragon eye with clay.

Hurstwood class are learning about The Amazon Rainforest and finding out about the physical and human geography of Brazil and the importance of the rainforest as a natural and human environment as well as understanding how rainforests are part of the Earth's key

physical processes. They will learn about how rainforests are threatened and how this can affect us all. Their English will be linked to the topic by reading The Great Kapok Tree.

Kemsley class are starting the topic of the UK and it's environment. They will be studying the four countries of the United Kingdom: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. They will compare the physical and human geography of each country including their key topographical features. They will be looking at the how each country is similar and dissimilar to each other using maps, photographs and other sources of information. They will be reading the book 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgewick as their inspiration for their writing in English learning. In Art, they will focus on developing their sketching skills. They will be making observational drawings of the local environments of the different countries of the UK.

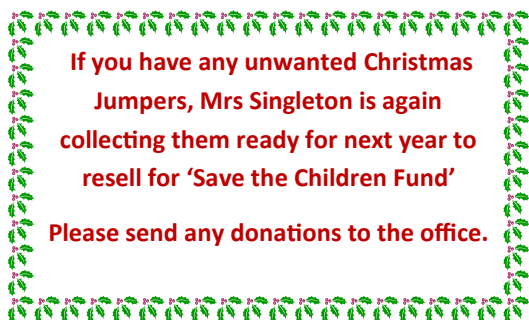
Oakwood class are learning about why the Battle of Britain was such a significant turning point in British history. They will be looking at the impact it had on life in Britain and how this has affected social change in Britain today. They will be finding out about the reasons for and the main events of WW2. They will be reading the text 'Letters from the Lighthouse' to contextualise their learning. In art they will be focusing on Henry Moore, a war sculptor, and analysing and evaluating his work as well as using a variety of media to recreate his style of art. In DT they will be designing and making their own air raid shelters. In music they will be listening to the music of Glen Miller and learning about his life and career, as well as composing their own music, focusing on beat, rhythm and ostinato.

Some of the events for this term will be:

- Mini Youth Games swimming competition for years 5 and 6 Friday 20th January
- NSPCC Numbers Day, on Friday 3rd February, where the children will be able to wear a customised numbered top in support of the NSPCC
- Safer Internet Day, will take place on Tuesday 7th February. The theme this year 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online
- Parent's Consultation Evenings, these will take place on Tuesday 7th February and Wednesday 8th February - a letter will follow nearer the date
- 'Bredhurst's Got Talent' - our annual talent completion where any child can share any talent they would like to with the rest of the school. It can be any talent they have (or not have...!) in the past we have had magic shows, comedy acts, singing and dancing. They will have 2 minutes to perform their act and the children can perform on their own or in a group. The date for this will follow.

Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Cox



We will be supporting **Number Day** again at Bredhurst!
This will be on Friday February 3rd 2023.



The children will be encouraged to wear a t-shirt on this day that has a number on it. This could be one they have designed themselves but they will need to be able to talk about their number and why they chose it! During the day the children will take part in quizzes and games linked to a 'Number theme'.
We will be raising money on the day for the NSPCC Charity so any small donations will be gratefully received. Thank you!

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At Bredhurst, we have thought through carefully as a whole school community:

- Who we are
- Why we are here
- How, therefore, we live

As a result, we have a Christian vision that states-

Our loving and nurturing school enables all to grow and learn. To flourish and become the better person that God guides us to be. To be inspired and to inspire others. To prepare us for the life that lies ahead, teaching tolerance and kindness and to value all of God's creation.

Our understanding of this vision and values comes from the way that Jesus as an adult shared his messages through the use of Parables. Jesus knew that learning through stories was a strong way to share and teach important messages such as trust and inclusion.

With this in mind we are asking if any parents/ families could you spare some time to help us? We are looking for a small group of people from across our school community to help answer some questions about our school: how we work together and what our school is all about. It would mean answering some questions, which could be done face to face or online, if you would prefer. We expect it should only take about an hour of your time and would give us vital information about our strengths and areas for development as a school.

If you would like to be part of this group please contact either the office or Mrs Place directly.

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<u>Stars of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Lincoln Chandler
Forge	Thea Clarke
Hurstwood	Mia Jones
Kemsley	Finley Singleton
Oakwood	Mia Rosier

<u>Writer of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	
Forge	
Hurstwood	NO WRITERS
Kemsley	THIS WEEK
Oakwood	



<u>Spirit of Bredhurst</u>	
Fir Tree	Roseanna Lauri
Forge	Archie Axton
Hurstwood	Jessica Campbell-Carr
Kemsley	Holly Holder
Oakwood	James Tupper + Alice Murphy



January

- 11th Cross Country—Brompton Westbook
- 11th New Parents Tour 9.45
- 17th KS1 Football v Allington
- 20th MYG Swimming Team Medway Park
- 26th KS2 Football v Greenfields

February

- 2nd KS2 Football v The Oaks
- 3rd Numbers Day
- 7th Safer Internet Day
- 7th Parents Evening
- 8th Parents Evening

9th MYG Table Tennis Team Medway Park

13th—17th Half Term

21st Pancake Races @ 2.30p.m. parents invited to watch.

March

- 1st Cross Country—St Mary's Island
- 8th Cross Country—Medway Park
- 27th Rocksteady Concert @ 2.30p.m. parents invited.
- 29th Yr 6 Experience Easter
- 30th MYG Tag Rugby Team
- 31st Easter Egg Hunt 2.30p.m. parents invited to join us.

April

3rd -14th Easter Holidays

27th MYG Netball Team Rainham Girls School

May

8th Bank Holiday

9th—11th KS2 SATs Week

20th May Day

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

26th—28th Field Work Week

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

19th Leavers Disco

20th Leavers Pool Party

21st Leavers service @11 a.m.

21st Last Day of Term