

# 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 are now at the end of Term 4 and what a busy term it has been! This term we taken part in several sporting events: the cross country league, where Mikel Sage won the league for year 5 boys for the whole of Medway, the junior football team played several league games and were unfortunately knocked out of the league, we had some friendly football matches and our infant team finally played their match against Allington winning 4-1, with Harper Horton scoring 3 goals and Freddie Benton scoring 1. They also played against Snodland this week drawing 3-3. Mr Peters said they were incredibly unlucky not to win but they all played brilliantly. We also had the gymnastics display earlier in the term where children were chosen to show their gymnastics skills. The rugby team took part in the Mini Youth Games tag rugby competition on Thursday this week losing 1 game, drawing 1 game and winning 6 games. The children all took part in an Irish dancing workshop on Wednesday.

As well as all the sports this term we have had visits and events in school. Our year 6 children went to St. Matthew's church for the Experience Easter workshops, we visited Rochester Cathedral, castle and the museum having taken part in the Diocese peace project. We celebrated World Book Day, with the children and staff dressing as an array of different characters from the books they have read. We had a charity cake sale raising £115.58 for My Shining Stars and took part in Red Nose Day raising £94.50. Several children took part in our annual talent competition, where the talent we have in our small school literally blew us away. I am aiming to put the videos of the children who took part on our YouTube channel over the Easter break. The choir sang at The Central Theatre in the Medway Schools Choir. The children who have been taking part in Rock, Steady had the opportunity to perform in front of their parents. We finished a very busy term with a wonderful Easter service, led very well by our year 6 children. Fir Tree class finished the service with their song 'Spring Chicken'. The term ended with our Easter Egg Hunt, which so many parents came to join us for and we even had a visit from the Easter Bunny! Thank you to Mrs Adamson who organised the hunt making all the clues and buying the stickers etc.

I think all the children deserve a much needed rest after such a busy term!

The current topic learning has now been completed and every class will begin new topics next term. I have been particularly impressed with some of the art work around school this term. Fir Tree made some beautifully detailed clay dinosaurs, Forge class produced wonderful pirate ship pictures using a variety of techniques and skills and Oakwood class produced some careful art work in the style of Henry Moore. Our new topics are:

Fir Tree class will start their topic Splish, Splash, Splosh! Where they will be learning about the weather and looking at the impact some weathers have on our world. They are going to monitor and check the weather patterns in the UK with their own handmade gauges and create their own weather stations. Look out for some budding weather presenters!

In Forge class the children will begin their topic, Bredhurst V Peru, by watching The Story of Paddington Bear. Paddington is from Peru, a country located in South America; it is this country, and then more specifically a small area within it, that they will explore the human and physical geographical features of. They will compare and contrast these features to our locality of Bredhurst and see whether these places are similar or different. They will be developing their knowledge of these two specific locations using maps, images and non-fiction texts.

Hurstwood class will be learning about how over 130 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt, the largest of which weighs as much as 16 Empire State buildings! In this topic they will learn about where Ancient Egypt fits with other early civilisations and events in Britain at the same time. They will learn about changes in how the country was ruled and how society developed over time looking at pyramid building, trade, conflict and daily life. Their English will be linked to the topic by reading Cinderella of the Nile.

Kemsley class are starting their new topic of Ancient Benin- A lost Kingdom. There have been many discoveries of lost kingdoms throughout the world and Ancient Benin in West Africa is one of them. In their learning, they will discover what their civilisation was like and how they grew together to become an important and powerful empire, known throughout the medieval world. They will link and contrast the events in this part of the world, to their previous learning about Anglo-Saxons and Viking settling in Britain. In addition, they will consider how and why the empire came to an end. They will ask questions about the sources of evidence that we use and learn about traditions, religion and customs. They will be using The White Giraffe, set in South Africa, by Lauren St John as their novel and a stimulus for some writing as well as learning the art of traditional oral storytelling to pass on stories and rhymes and songs.

Oakwood class are starting their new topic of European Mountains, using Frankenstein as their starting point to learn about some of the famous mountains and mountain ranges of Europe. They will understand how these natural structures form and what actually constitutes a mountain. They will undertake a regional study of a chosen European mountain environment and consider how it plays an important role in the environment and economic process of the planet. They will learn about both the physical and human geography of this environment and how mountains have a profound influence on not only their local climate but also areas hundreds and, sometimes, even thousands of miles away.

#### Next term:

We are aiming for swimming to start at the beginning of May, depending on the weather - it needs to warm up significantly before the children start to swim! A timetable will be sent out nearer the time, your child will come into school in their PE kits on their swimming day. Parent helpers will also be needed!

Next term is always a short term, especially as we have SATs for years 2 and year 6 in the middle of the term. This term we also have an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the King's Coronation.

Some of the events we have planned for next term include:

- A maths workshop for parents, where we will be demonstrating and explaining how we teach the children the four operations: addition, subtraction, division and multiplication from years 3 –6. This will take place in the school hall from 5.00 - 6.15. **No children please.**
- We will be holding a stay and learn session where each class will be inviting their parents/grandparents to join us for an afternoon, where each class will be making something related to the coronation.

**Tuesday 2nd May:            Fir Tree class**

**Wednesday 3rd May:       Hurstwood class**

**Thursday 4th May:         Kemsley class**

**Friday 5th May:            Forge class**

**Oakwood class will hold their session after the SATs week**

- King's Coronation Tea Party Friday 5th April at approx. 2.15pm. Parents/grandparents will be invited to join us to celebrate the coronation on this day.
- Our year 6 children will be sitting their SATs tests on the week commencing Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May.
- Year 2 SATS week will begin the following week, Monday 15th May.
- May Day will take place on Saturday 20th May 11.00 - 1.00. **All children will be expected to be in school on that day.** A letter will be sent home next term with further details.
- Year 6 will be beginning their first water sports session on Monday 22nd May with a kayaking lesson.
- Netball Mini Youth Games Thursday 27th April.

Have a wonderful Easter break and a much needed rest,

Michelle Cox

### Attendance Date for this Term

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised	Lates
Fir Tree	94.3	1.03	19
Forge	95.8	0.81	168
Hurstwood	95.9	1.09	63
Kemsley	94.8	0.44	57
Oakwood	90.7	0.72	187

Our overall attendance has fallen and the lateness is a great concern especially in Forge and 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.

### Notice from DfE Attendance Officer

The school's Attendance is closely monitored by the DfE's Attendance Officer who paid us a visit last term 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.

### **175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR**

**175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments**

<b>190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>  190 days for your child's education	<b>5 days absence over a school year</b>	<b>10 days absence over a school year</b>	<b>19 days absence over a school year</b>	<b>More than 19 days absence over a school year</b>
<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>  Below 90% = persistent absentee	<b>Less than 90%</b>  <b>Below 50% = Severely Absent</b>
<b>Good</b>  Best chance of success.  Gets your child off to a flying start		<b>Worrying</b>  Less chance of success.  Makes it harder to make progress		<b>Serious Concern</b>  Not fair on your child.  Possible court action!



## KS1 Football Team

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## Selection of Irish Dancing



### Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Elijah Snowden
Forge	Betsy Parker
Hurstwood	Jessica CC, Joseph L, Alexis Mc.
Kemsley	Holly Holder
Oakwood	Lola Deakin

### Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Jessica Hayes
Forge	Oscar Fleming
Hurstwood	Marcell Ward
Kemsley	Luke Wallace
Oakwood	No Writer this week.



### Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Darcey H + Violet D
Forge	Jonah Blackman
Hurstwood	Cameron Poole
Kemsley	Alba-Lily Peters
Oakwood	Lola Deakin



#### **April**

3rd -14th Easter Holidays  
 17th St Patricks Tag Day —Winning House Team  
 21st St Georges House Tag Day  
 26th FOBS Sweet Tag Day (for May Day)  
 27th MYG Netball Team Rainham Girls School

#### **May**

3rd FOBS Child's Tag Day (for May Day)  
 4th Yr 3 +4 Living Land Detling  
 8th Bank Holiday  
 9th—11th KS2 SATs Week  
 20th May Day (All children are expected to attend)  
 22nd Yr 6 Kayaking + Team Building  
 25th MYG Kwik Cricket Team High Halstow  
 29th—2nd June Half Term

#### **June**

5th Staff Development day  
 6th Children return to School  
 7th Yr 6 Sailing  
 8th MYG Football Team Anchorians FC  
 12th—16th Yr 6 PGL  
 16th Father's Day Gift Sale  
 19th Yr 6 Raft Building & Racing  
 22nd Sports Day  
 26th Yr 6 Canoe to Millenium Park  
 26th—28th Field Work Week  
 29th Staff development day  
 30th Day in lieu of May day

#### **July**

3rd Yr 6 Police open day  
 4th Yr 6 Paddle boarding  
 4th MYG Athletics Team Med way 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