

# 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 hope you all had a much needed rest over the Easter holidays. The children were very tired before we broke up but do seem to have come back with renewed energy ready for the term ahead.

As always we have a busy term, with lots of learning and activities to try to squeeze in. This term is particularly challenging as it is the term where children across the school have to sit national assessments. Year 1 will be sitting their phonics assessments on the week beginning 12th June as well as those year 2 who did not pass the screening last year. Year 2 and 6 will both be sitting the SATs tests, hopefully this will be the last year that year 2 children have to sit SATs tests as the government are changing the way they measure progress of children and taking them from their starting point (year R) as opposed to using the end of their infant learning as a starting point to measure from. Our year 2 testing will take place on the week commencing 15th May. Our year 6 testing has to take place during the week starting Tuesday 9th May, this is the week for all schools nationwide, the timetable for year 6 is as follows:

- Tuesday 9th May - spelling, grammar and punctuation test
- Wednesday 10th May - Reading test
- Thursday 11th May - Maths Paper A (Arithmetic paper) and Paper B (Reasoning paper)
- Friday 12th May - Maths Paper C (Reasoning paper)

Please ensure your year 6 child arrives promptly to school during this week. There will be a breakfast of fruit, cereal bars and yogurts provided to them prior to the testing. All year 6 children should arrive between 8.30 and 8.45 to ensure a smooth, calm and prompt start to the testing.

Year 4 children will be sitting their multiplication test during the week commencing 13th June.

Due to the business of this term with the national testing, additional bank holiday and May Day, we will not be holding class led worships this term, each class will lead a worship in term 6.

Your child should have come home with a club letter this week. We will be starting clubs this coming Monday, a week earlier than stated on the club letter. All after school clubs finish at 4.15. Please look on the notice board by Oakwood class for the new club list.

We are aiming for swimming to start at as soon as the weather warms up, we are looking for volunteers to help during our swimming sessions, if you think this is something you may be able to support us with please contact Mrs Sage in the school office and she will arrange for your DBS to be carried out. A timetable will be sent out once the weather has improved and we can actually begin swimming!



We will need Volunteers on:- **Monday 1.30—3.20** **Tuesday 1.30—3.20**  
**Thursday 9.00— 10.30** **Thursday 11.00—12.30** **Friday 1.30—3.20**

As a result of the recent parents surveys we will be holding both a stay and learn session and a Key Stage 2 (junior age) 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 on Wednesday 26th April. **No children please. If you do arrive with children unfortunately we will ask that you leave so as not to disrupt the session for other parents.** This will be an opportunity for you to be shown how your child is taught the four number operations, for you to ask any questions and also to have a go yourself (if you would like to!)

For the stay and learn sessions, we are inviting parents/grandparents to join us for an afternoon, each class will be making something related to the coronation.

- **Tuesday 2nd May:                Fir Tree class @ 2.30pm**
- **Wednesday 3rd May:        Hurstwood class and Kemsley class @ 2.30 pm**
- **Please note the change of date for Kemsley class - should you have children in both of these classes you will be able to work with them together in the school hall.**
- **Friday 5th May:                Forge class @ 9.00 am**
- **Be prepared to colour, cut, glue and get creative! Younger siblings are welcome to join in!**
- **Oakwood class will hold their session after the SATs week**



On Friday 5th May we will be holding a King's Coronation Tea Party Friday where parents/grandparents will be invited to join us to celebrate the coronation on this day. We will also be holding a collective worship prior to the tea party which parents/grandparents are invited to join us for. We will be asking for donations of cakes/savoury snacks for the Tea Party. If you wish to join us for worship it will take place in the school hall at approx. 1.45, it will be standing room only however! Should you wish to join us for just the Tea Party please enter the school via side gate at 2.15. We look forward to celebrating the day with you all.



Your child may have mentioned a change to the school dinners this week. We continue to have a contract with Chartwells, but the meals are no longer being cooked at Fairview School, they are now coming from Walderslade. There are teething problems whilst they get used to catering for another school from their kitchen - hopefully next week the teething problems will have been rectified and the meals will be the same as the menu on our website. It has been mainly the puddings which have been affected. The good news is that the portion sizes have greatly improved with seconds available each day this week! You can certainly tell they are used to catering for much larger children! Several of the children have also commented on how much tastier the meals are too!

Do make sure you keep an eye on the dates section of the newsletter as we do update the dates regularly.

Dates added:

- Tuesday 25th April - Mini Youth Games Netball Competition (Changed from Thursday 27th April)
- Wednesday 26th April - Tag day. Your child may come to school in their own clothes in return for a donation of wrapped sweets for the sweet tombola
- Wednesday 26th April - Maths Workshop for parents 5.00pm - 6.15pm
- Wednesday 3rd May - Your child may come to school in their own clothes in return for a donation of a small gift for the children's tombola
- Thursday 4th May - Years 3 and 4 Living Land Event
- Friday 5th May - King's Coronation Tea Party and worship
- Friday 26th May - Parents invited to join us for Celebration Worship @ 9.05a.m.

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 week with more details.



Each class has now finished their last terms topic and have begun their new topics learning this week, just a reminder of this term's learning:

**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 the areas. 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 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.

Don't forget to look on our school website under the curriculum pages for the curriculum overview for each class.

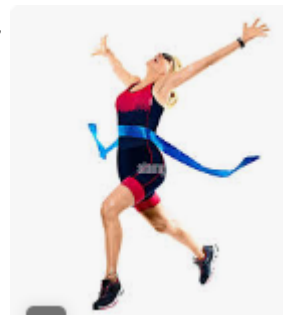
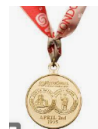
We welcome Amalie back to school after breaking her leg, she is now in full plaster and can navigate the school with care. Next Tuesday Leo will be returning on a part time basis as he has been very ill and has currently lost his hearing, all the children have been told to be very patient with Leo and face him when talking to him. We wish both children a speedy recovery and are delighted both are able to return back to school.

Ms Duffree will be running in the **London Marathon** this Sunday—She is running in aid of Stroke Association, if anyone would like to donate towards this worthy cause the link is; [duffree.co.uk](http://duffree.co.uk)



The whole school is behind her wishing her success to the finish line.

**YOU CAN DO IT Ms DUFFREE !!**



Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Cox

### Stars of the Week

<b>Fir Tree</b>	<b>Roseanna Lauri</b>
<b>Forge</b>	<b>Zach Collins</b>
<b>Hurstwood</b>	<b>Addilyn Brown</b>
<b>Kemsley</b>	<b>Ella Hyland</b>
<b>Oakwood</b>	<b>Hettie Salmon</b>

### Writer of the Week

<b>Fir Tree</b>	<b>Edward Arnold</b>
<b>Forge</b>	<b>No Writer</b>
<b>Hurstwood</b>	<b>No Writer</b>
<b>Kemsley</b>	<b>Mikel Sage</b>
<b>Oakwood</b>	<b>No Writer</b>



### Spirit of Bredhurst

<b>Fir Tree</b>	<b>Darcey Huddleston</b>
<b>Forge</b>	<b>Imisi Awofeko</b>
<b>Hurstwood</b>	<b>Alannah Coles</b>
<b>Kemsley</b>	<b>Eden Brunger</b>
<b>Oakwood</b>	<b>Alice Murphy</b>



#### **April**

- 25th** MYG Netball Team Rainham Girls School
- 26th** FOBS Sweet Tag Day (for May Day)

#### **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

#### **June**

- 29th** Staff development day
- 30th** Day in lieu of May day

#### **July**

- 3rd** Yr 6 Police open day
- 4th** MYG Athletics Team Medway Park
- 5th** Yr 6 Paddle boarding
- 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