

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 can hardly believe we are already at the end of the first term. It seems like our year R children have only just started and we are already at the first break. The children will be tired come the half term as being at school is hard work. There is so much to take in with all the new routines and the new environment. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents watching Fir Tree class in their first class led worship - didn't they do a super job too! They spoke so clearly and their song 'Little Red Hen' was adorable! Our year R children have settled into school life so well, but definitely need the break next week to recharge. We also have some very tired children further up the school too, you can see some of them flagging as the end of the term and the end of the week has drawn nearer!

The children have enjoyed being back at school and are definitely making the most of the outdoor area at lunchtime. Part of my job as a Headteacher includes visiting other schools and working alongside other Head Teachers. Having visited several other schools over this term it has made me realise quite how lucky we are to have such a big outside area for our children to play. We are continuing to use the field, whatever the weather - only if it pours down will the children be inside for lunchtime. The children will need to bring a pair of wellies into school if they wish to play on the field to prevent their school shoes and the school from becoming too muddy! We have been sorting out our wellies this week and do have some spare ones in school. We will need a couple of new boot racks again for the spare boots to live. If you or anyone you know has the time to make us some please do let us know. We do encourage our children to play together and resolve any issues which arise between them; we want our children to develop into resilient adults who are able to understand the viewpoint of others and to be able to negotiate, this and teaching children to risk manage is all a part of children's play and learning. Did you know that approx. one and half years of a child's primary education is spent playing during their seven years at primary school? This is why it is so important we get it right and develop and build on these important skills. It is lovely watching them engage in play so enthusiastically and with such enjoyment.



Thank you to all the parents who attended Pumpkin Morning and gave up their time to run and manage stalls, donate food and drinks and help set up and clear away after. It was a great success with £2473 being raised. Thank you to Hannah Jones, who did a fantastic job in running and managing her first event, it all went incredibly smoothly. This year we are planning on spending the money raised to purchase new laptops for the children and pay for any repairs to the swimming pool pump. We have also booked to watch Peter Pan at The Hazlitt Theatre at Christmas, the cost of this will be in excess of £25 with transport and at the last meeting FOBS agreed to fund some of this which will make this lovely experience affordable for everyone. (The cost of this will now be under £10). The money raised by FOBS and the hard work by Hannah Jones, Francessa Peters and the rest of the FOBS team really does benefit each and every child in our school. Thank you to everyone for the hard work and commitment to our school events.

Thank you for your attendance at Parents Evenings this week. If you were unable to meet with your child's class teacher this week and would still like an appointment to discuss their learning please contact the Mrs Sage on office@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk who will organise this for you for after the half term. Thank you for the incredibly positive responses to our parent questionnaire, we will be letting you know the results of these next term and will inform you of any actions we have taken to address any areas which have come up as a result of these. We will be looking at which were the most popular workshops and letting you know when we will be holding our first of these.

HOUSE POINTS Term 1 — 4th St Davids 828

3rd St Patricks 862

2nd St Andrews 875

1st St Georges 956



Winning House is **St. Georges** All children in **St Georges** House can come to school on **Friday 3rd November** in their own clothes. Well Done!

As the children are likely to be spending more time on technology over the next week, please can I take this opportunity to remind you about keeping them safe on line. Technology can be amazing and has certainly changed the world we live in, but it can also be a dangerous place for children. The following websites are brilliant for parents, with lots of great resources and tips:

Parents and Carers | [Safer Internet Centre](#)
Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | [NSPCC](#)

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online or who they might be speaking to. But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. It can help to:

- Reassure them that you're interested in their life, offline and online.
- Recognise that they'll be using the internet talk to their friends.
- Ask your child to show you what they enjoy doing online or apps they're using so you can understand them.
- Be positive but also open about anything you're worried about.
- You could say "I think this site's really good" or "I'm a little worried about things I've seen here."

Clubs will recommence on **Monday 6th November** as we have the cross country event during the first week back after the half term followed by the MYG Basketball Competition on **Tuesday 7th November** and Mr Peters will be accompanying the children at both of these events. **(NO club on Tuesday 7th November)** The clubs will remain the same until the end of term two. The final day for clubs will be Thursday 30th November due to all the events taking place in December. Should the weather be awful and your child's club be unable to take place we will notify you by via the app. Please remember clubs finish at 4.15.

The children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their normal PE days. Next term the PE lessons will be focusing on dance. PE days are as follows:

Fir Tree: Thursday

Forge: Thursday

Hurstwood: Friday

Kemsley: Monday

Oakwood: Friday



Attention:

Lunch Menu
Change

On the return to school, Tuesday 31st October, our caterers will be serving limited menu for the first 4 days, this will consist of:-

Jacket Potato, Tomato Pasta, Ham, Cheese or Tuna sandwich.

Please be aware this is the only choice your child will be offered.

Flu Immunisation for all the children will take place in school on Friday 24th November.

Bredhurst Christmas Fayre will be held on **Saturday 2nd December** at the village hall. The organisers have invited all the school children to visit 'Santa's Grotto on Friday 1st December for a small charge and the children will receive a gift. A letter will go home explaining this on our return to school.



Our Advent Event will also take place on Friday 1st December, where you are welcome to join us singing Carols on the playground. More information will follow.

Have a wonderful, restful break,
Michelle Cox



Don't forget that Fireworks tickets are on sale through the QR code, by BACS or through the school office for our display on Thursday 2nd November.



Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	All of Fir Tree Class
Forge	Rocco Reid
Hurstwood	Harry Stewart
Kemsley	Mia Watson
Oakwood	Neriah Bayode

Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Freya Tickner
Forge	Inimi Awofeko
Hurstwood	Toby Hayter
Kemsley	No writer this week
Oakwood	Luca Suvari



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Freddie Stewart
Forge	Ellis Tickner
Hurstwood	Harry Stewart
Kemsley	Maya Kyle
Oakwood	Holly Holder



ATTENDANCE!

There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend time with the family, shopping, dentist appointments and other things. At Bredhurst, our attendance target is to achieve higher than 95%. Frequent absence can add up to a lot of missed learning time and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life. How does your child compare?

Attendance (Academic Year)	Equals this many days absent	Equals this many weeks absent (approx.)	Equals this many lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	60 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	120 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	180 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	12 weeks	360 lessons

Good attendance at school is essential for a child's education and establishes a positive working ethos early in life. It has been proven by DfE studies that students who are absent from school do not reach their full potential when measured against those that have a higher attendance percentage.

Attendance Data for Term 1

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	Lates
Fir Tree	99.27%	0%	0
Forge	98.24%	0.29%	29
Hurstwood	94.70%	0.71%	30
Kemsley	99.06%	0.10%	3
Oakwood	97.95%	0.19%	2

Although our overall attendance is good. The lateness is a great concern especially in **Forge and Hurstwood** 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.

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