

# Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School



## Parents As Partners

Website: [www.bredhurst.kent.sch.uk](http://www.bredhurst.kent.sch.uk)  
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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,

What a very wet and blustery start we have had to the new term. It has come as real shock after the mild weather we have been having. Please make sure your child comes into school with a coat every day as we do still take the children outside despite the rain. We only keep them inside when it is torrential rain. It has certainly been a challenging start with both the weather and the 4 way traffic lights which appeared on Monday afternoon. Hopefully the lights will be gone by next week, until the lights have been removed we will continue with the staggered start and end to the school day. Although this has definitely eased traffic and parking it has been difficult to teach the children at both the start and end of the day, so we are all looking forward to the return to the normal school day.

We had **28** children take part in the inter school cross country league on Wednesday afternoon. Our children ran fantastically, not giving up, despite the rain and difficult terrain. We had several children come in the top 10 for their age groups: In the year 4 races, Lily Rose Bennett-Smith came in 4th in the girls with Mia Jones coming in joint 1st! Kairo Sage also came 1st for the year 4 boys! In the year 5 races, Jessica Campbell-Carr came in 6th place in the girls race and Elliott Shepherd and Jacob Williams came in 7th and 9th respectively. Ella Hyland finished 10th in the year 6 girls and Mikel Sage finished in 1st place for the year 6 boys and was the fastest of all the year 5 and 6 children. Our year 4 girls were such a strong team, they also won the trophy for year 4 girls with their overall times adding to the lowest in their age category. Well done to Mia Jones, Morgan Humphries, Millie Jeary and Lily Rose Bennett-Smith. What a great start to the cross country competition! So many parents commented on how amazing you all were in cheering one another on and supporting each other. Well done to everyone who took part in the competition. Every child who represented the school has been given a cross country badge to wear on their school tie.

The infant children have started to learn their new topics this term. For **Fir Tree class** this term is all about materials! They will be looking at lots of common materials, exploring their uses whilst also identifying how and why they are used for particular purposes. They will be linking their knowledge to some traditional tales and nursery rhymes. After a virtual tour of London they are going to recreate some of the most famous landmarks.

**Forge class** have begun their new topic of Guy Fawkes, by identifying who he was and how he became a significant individual from the events that took place many years ago, beyond our living memory. They will look at the consequences he faced for his actions and how they are still relevant in our lives today! The topic will then move onto Winter Wonderland where they will look at the seasonal and daily weather patterns of the United Kingdom and compare with Lapland. They will locate the position of these countries and identify where they are in relation to the Equator, the North and South Poles, and how this impacts their temperature. They will be reading some fantastic books which delve into the Great Fire of London from different character's perspectives to help understand what people thought about the fire and what they experienced. They will be exploring the role Samuel Pepys had in The Great Fire of London and how, because of the event, life changed in London after much of it was devastated by the catastrophic fire.

**Our Junior children** will continue with their current topics until Christmas. If you would like more information on our curriculum you will find this on our website under the curriculum page. Here you can find out what each class learn each term through their curriculum maps and how we teach each subject. This year we are working on Year B.



As we are about to enter the colder part of the school year we have gone to a new **dinner menu**. You will find this on the parent page of the website under the tab 'school meals'. We are to start week 2 on Monday.

We have added a list of diary dates on this newsletter. We will be holding a Christmas fete at the end of our Advent Event this year.

Due to the time taken up in walking to and from St.Matthew's church and the lack of available time for rehearsals we have decided to perform the junior nativity in the school hall. There will be two performances of both infant and junior nativities. A letter will follow with more information regarding tickets and timings The dates of these performances have been added to the diary dates attached.



Due to this term being very busy we will not be holding class led worships.

We will be selling preloved Christmas jumpers on Monday 4th December. If you have a Christmas jumper your child has grown out of please drop off to the school office so we can recycle them amongst our school community for a very small cost. The money made from this goes to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal.

Don't forget we postponed our annual **firework display to Friday 17th November due to the weather conditions yesterday**. **Tickets are still on sale via the QR code and via the school office**. The entrance to the display will be via the bottom gate on The Street. If you do know any local pet owners, including the horse owners, in the village please can you notify them we will be having fireworks going off from 7pm.



Don't forget to send in those Duke Achievements, as they do need signing off. There will be an update on our Duke activities on the newsletter each week. Well done to Jamie Jackson, who was the first in Hurstwood to send in a completed challenge. Miss Meade particularly enjoyed tasting his broccoli and stilton soup!

We held our first school council meeting yesterday. The children discussed the equipment which is used at break and lunchtimes. They decided what new equipment they would like purchased and how they are going to ensure it is properly looked after. They are in the process of feeding back to their classes and finding out the ideas and opinions of their classmates ready for the next meeting.

Thank you for the feedback regarding parent workshops. The most popular was 'What is expected.' We have decided we will run a zoom session where each class teacher will outline the expectations for the end of the year for each year group and what expected looks like. We hope this way more people will be able to attend as the session for each year group will only last approx. 15 minutes. We are also planning on holding workshops before pick up on ASC, ADHD and key stage 1 maths. We will be holding internet safety workshops in term 3.

In answer to the parents who took the time to write a comment on the questionnaires: -

- The information for what is covered in each year group is available on the school website on the curriculum page.
- Every year I hold an information session regarding both the Kent and Medway Test, mainly aim at the parents of Year 5 however, any parents who would like to find out more are welcome to attend this session. The date for this talk is Wednesday 22nd November at 2.30. Later in the year I will be holding 1:1 with the parents of year 5 children to discuss their individual child.
- Several parents were concerned about the transition to secondary school. Rest assured we do lots of work in terms 5 and 6 regarding transition to secondary school and the year 6 children work through a transition booklet to help them with this.
- If you are unsure where to find help regarding self esteem/emotional regulation do look on our website on the mental health and wellbeing page. You will be able to find useful resources on there. Should you still need help please do arrange an appointment to speak to Mrs Place who will be able to support you with this.

Hopefully the rain will ease off for the weekend,

Michelle Cox

#### **Anti-Bullying week**

**Monday 13th—Friday 17th November**

The theme this year is **Make a Noise About Bullying**. The Anti Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop resources to help you support your child:

[Parents and Carers \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

We would also like to use this opportunity to build our children's resilience and the children will be having Life skills/PSHE lessons and activities during the week about emotions and how to build resilience.

**Anti-bullying week—children can wear odd socks on Monday 14th to show their support!**





### Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Everly Brown
Forge	Darcey Huddleston
Hurstwood	Fern Grant
Kemsley	Kairo Sage
Oakwood	Fred Bench



### Spirit of Bredhurst



Fir Tree	Edward Arnold
Forge	Amelia Cooper
Hurstwood	Joel Cripps
Kemsley	Alba-Lily Peters
Oakwood	Mikel Sage



### Writer of the Week

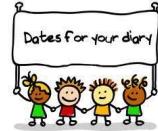


Fir Tree	Finley Larkin
Forge	Sophia Larkin
Hurstwood	Marcell Ward
Kemsley	Roman Hurst
Oakwood	No Writer



### **November**

- 7th MYG Basketball—Medway Park  
10th Remembrance Tag Day—wear Red £1 Donation  
17th Firework Display gates open at 6p.m.  
17th Children in Need Tag Day £1 Donation  
22nd 11+ Meeting for parents 2.30p.m.  
24th Yr R—6 Flu Immunisation  
30th MYG Badminton— Medway Park



### **December**

- 1st Santa's Grotto  
1st Advent Event + Christmas Fete  
4th Infant Dress Rehearsal  
4th Rocksteady concert 3p.m.  
5th Yr 6 Experience Christmas @ St. Matthews  
5th Infant Nativity 2.30p.m. Tickets Only  
6th Hearing + Vision Yr R  
6th Infant Nativity 4.00p.m. Tickets Only  
7th Whole School Panto—Hazlitt Theatre  
11th KS2 Nativity 2.15p.m. Tickets Only  
11th KS2 Nativity 6.00p.m. Tickets Only  
13th Christmas Disco  
15th Bethlehem Walk  
15th Christmas Parties

### **January**

- 2nd Staff Development Day  
3rd Children return to school

**Friday 10th November will be a Tag Day for all the children who may come to school wearing something RED for a donation (£1) towards the British Legion Poppy Appeal.**



  
**LEST WE FORGET**

**Poppies, wristbands and other items will be on sale on the playground all next week.**

**No fixed price just donations to the appeal.**

[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/6124e1d7-658e-4a9d-8186-19f48506deef/leaflets/f45d5656-d12d-439b-8859-efafb6f3f7b3/ysl\\_back\\_to\\_school\\_sept2022%20-%20image.jpg?](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/6124e1d7-658e-4a9d-8186-19f48506deef/leaflets/f45d5656-d12d-439b-8859-efafb6f3f7b3/ysl_back_to_school_sept2022%20-%20image.jpg?)



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**It's A WIN-WIN Situation!**

★ BOOST School Funds  
★ WIN up to £25,000

TICKETS £1 EACH

To start supporting, visit:  
[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

A large graphic on the left features two "WIN" text boxes with starburst backgrounds. Below them is the lottery slogan. At the bottom is a QR code and a call to action to visit the website.

