

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 am not sure where the time is going, I cannot believe we are almost at the end of term 3, which means we are now half way through the school year and thankfully Spring is on the horizon!

Our children all looked great in their numbers tops, raising money for the NSPCC. (Unsurprisingly lots of children chose to wear football tops with the numbers of their favourite players on!) I am sorry about the mixed message about this event regarding whether the children could only wear tops or whether it was their own choice of clothes. To clarify, we really do not mind whether they come in with just tops or whether they wear non uniform completely for all these types of events. We will soon have comic relief day coming up where they donate £1 to wear something red. They can wear their non uniform clothes for this event, with a red item of clothing. This will take place on Friday 15th March.



I also apologise for the change of date for parents coming into join us for Celebration Worship, this had to be changed to due to Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine coming into school today. This marked the start of our mental health week, where we are reminding the children of the strategies they can use to help with their mental health. The theme this year is "My Voice Matters", which is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.



When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard can make a difference, have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

MY VOICE MATTERS

During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "**My Voice Matters.**"

The top tips we will be emphasising with the children to support their mental health are the key messages explained today in Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine:

- Go outside for some exercise
- Take a break from technology
- Get enough sleep

- Eat a balanced diet

Top tips to support them when they are finding things overwhelming:

- Spend time with family, friends or pets
- Keep a diary to track your emotions
- Stay calm and take some deep breaths
- Stay positive and focus on things which make you happy
- Reminding them they are not alone, everyone goes through tough times
- Reminding it is okay to not be okay sometimes

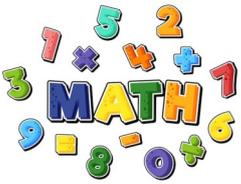


Oakwood class led us in a lovely, thoughtful worship on Tuesday about reconciliation. They talked about the wider problems within both our locality and nationally and discussed what they thought these problems may be as well as possible solutions to these. The children have some very thoughtful responses and ideas about the problems faced around the world and how these could be resolved.

The children all seemed to thoroughly enjoy story telling week this week, with the children sharing books, magazines, annuals and comics as well as having the opportunity to listen to stories read by a variety of adults around the school. We will be showing the PowerPoint of children reading in funny places on Monday in celebration worship.



Thank you to the parents who came along to the maths workshop yesterday. I am pleased that you found it so useful in understanding how your child is taught maths in the younger years. It is fundamental we get it right at this stage as this is the foundation to all later learning. The children need to know the value of a number, what it actually means and to be able to understand place value. A hand out was sent home with the parents who attended. For those who did not, but would like to know what was said, the handout is on the parents page on our website, under the heading "Helping your Child". You can also find our progression documents on the maths page for the 4 operations. If you would like a paper copy of the hand out please ask the office who will print one off for you.



On Wednesday we held a FOBS meeting and discussed the stalls for May Day. We are always looking for volunteers to help with stalls etc. The stalls do not open until after the children have acted and danced. Perhaps you could join with a team of parents, where between you, you set up, run and clear away your stall, with each parent taking a different job or responsibility. All the equipment you need to run the stall will be given to you. We desperately need help for the different activities run throughout the year. If you can help at any of our events please let Hannah Jones or Francesca Peters know. We also need a volunteer to grow and nurture our Pumpkin Plants ready for our next year R children.



Next week there will be NO after school clubs on Wednesday and Thursday due to parents evenings on those evenings. All clubs will resume immediately after the half term.

We have some year 5 and 6 children going to represent the school at the Mini Youth Games, table tennis competition on Thursday. The children were selected through lunchtime trials and the after school table tennis/badminton club. We wish them all luck!

Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Cox



Duke Award—This weeks achievers



Well done to:-

Regan Ferris in Fir Tree Class for:

Safety - knowing how to call in an emergency and memorising his address

Speed Dressing - go dressed in 2 minutes

Independence - by brushing his teeth himself

Helpfulness - for washing and putting shopping away

Being prepared - by packing snacks

Maya Kyle in Kemsley Class for:

Computer challenge - making a PowerPoint on Space

Evelyn Alderman in Fir Tree Class for

Independence - dressing herself and folding clothes

Helpfulness - for putting the shopping away and washing up

Being prepared - making a fruit snack

Jarin Gurney in Oakwood Class for:

Cooking challenge - making a pasta meal



FEBRUARY

5th Mental Health Week

6th Safer Internet Day

7th Parents Evening

8th Parents Evening

8th Kemsley Worship

8th MYG Table Tennis—Medway Park

9th Last Day & Pancake Races @2.30pm

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term Break

19th Children return to school

28th Cross Country—Medway Park (Date Change)

22nd Drama for All

29th Coffee Morning

MARCH

1ST Gymnastics Display @2.30pm, selected children will be sent home with a letter

8th Mother's Day Gift Sale

8th Bredhurst's Got Talent

15th Parents invited to Celebration Worship @ 9.05am

28th Easter Service, Easter Egg Hunt & Last Day

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Break

APRIL

15TH Children return to school

MAY

6th Bank Holiday

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th - KS2 SATs week

18th May Day

21st Year 6 parents and children PGL meeting

23rd Year 5 parents secondary transfer meeting@2.30pm

24th Last Day of Term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term Break

JUNE

3rd Staff Development Day

5th 11+ 1:1 Meetings

6th 11+ 1:1 Meetings

11th 11+ 1:1 Meetings

14th Father's Day Gift Sale

17th-21st Year 6 PGL

27th Sports Day

28th Lieu Day for May Day (No Children in)

JULY

1st Staff Development Day

3rd Transition Morning

4th Transition Morning

18th Leaver's Disco

19th Whole School Trip

22nd Pool Party - Year 6

23rd Leavers service + Last Day

23rd Leavers Service & Final Day