

Bredhurst Church of England Primary School

Parents as Partners

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Dear parents,

I hope you are all well and have made the most of the sunshine for the past week, especially as the forecast for the week ahead does not look good - with rain on its way!

Hopefully you did not struggle too much getting back into the routine of home schooling last week, if you and your child found it difficult to return to the pattern of home learning, rest assured you are not alone. Several parents have emailed us this week to say how tricky it has been getting their children back to work, with lots of tantrums and tears (and that is the children – mostly!!!!)

As several of us are working parents with school aged children we totally understand and empathise with you – there will be ups and downs, we all know this. Please do not get yourselves stressed or worked up over what you and your child have not done – congratulate yourself on what you have achieved, however small it may seem.

My goal for Monday was: to upload the year 6 science task on the website, answer parent emails and dust the upstairs of my house, whilst trying to help both my children with their home learning – I did not achieve this until about 5.30 – but it felt good when I had! We also experienced melt downs, as a family, on the way to achieving this goal. On Tuesday I was a little more realistic and forgot about the housework! You are not alone!

I can only reiterate what I said last week - we are here for you every step of the way. If you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting your child's class teacher via their form on the class learning page. You can also contact me on headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk or Mrs Place on send@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk If you would like to speak with either of us, Mrs Place will be in school on Monday and I will be in school on Wednesday. Do not hesitate to call if you need to speak to us.

Whilst we continue to miss the children very much, we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. At present there is no clear indication from the Government for when the children will be returning to school, although we do know that when we do return it is unlikely to look quite the same as it was before the coronavirus pandemic. It may mean staggered start times and the continuation of social distancing for the children – once we have a clearer guide then we will be looking at how we can best put this together to keep the children, parents and staff all as safe as possible. Until then we are continuing putting your child's weekly home learning on the school website via their class learning pages and opening the school to the children of key workers and vulnerable children if they need the provision.

Throughout the coming weeks, do make sure that you continue to give your children lots of opportunities and a variety of different experiences through this strange time- teach them to cook, bake, sew, grow vegetables and make their beds, to name but a few things. Try to ensure that you manage both your own and their mental health- this continues to be the most important thing we can all do – we can pick their learning up again once we return to school.

We still love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home, it really does brighten up our days – please keep sending their work in through the teachers contact form or to headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk as we would like to showcase as much of it as possible on the school twitter account and the class learning pages in due course. Do follow our twitter feed and look on the class learning pages to see pictures of what the children have been up to.

Rest assured that once we return to school, we intend for the children to have the normal experiences they would be participating in during their Summer term. We are still hoping to have Sports Day, Ten Step and

May Day – albeit in June, July or September! We are all hoping for a quick return to normal and will do so as soon as it is deemed safe for us to be back as a community under one building once again.

In the meantime, continue to keep safe and well.

Warm regards,
Michelle Cox