

# Bredhurst Church of England Primary School

## Parents as Partners

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## Newsletter 05.06.20

Dear parents,

What a brilliant start to the return to school for years R, 1 and 6. It has been so lovely to see the school filled with children once again and we were so lucky that the sun shone for us on their return. The children have all coped fantastically with the changes to the system and are maintaining social distancing incredibly well. We have all been so impressed with every one of them. Thank you to the parents too who have helped us to make this system so calm and effective. We are so proud of the way the children have managed this week. Although we are only doing half days, some of the children will be tired this weekend. It is such a change to the way they have been learning over the past few weeks, we are also trying our hardest to ensure we are teaching them as much as possible in the shortened time we have them in school.

The teachers have all mentioned how much the children have progressed with their home learning and how much they have come on. A massive well done to you all for all your support and hard work with it – we know it hasn't always been easy!

Please could I remind you to ensure that your child does have a clean uniform daily, this is help to control any possible infection. If your child is to be collected by a different adult than yourself please can you ensure that you have informed the school office or the class teacher.

We cannot wait until the rest of the year groups are able to return – although we do not yet know when that will be. The school does still feel very strange without all our children here. For those children not returning to school the class teachers will be organising regular zoom meetings to ensure they still feel part of the school community. We realise how difficult it maybe for some of these children as they are seeing their siblings and friends return to school, whilst they are still having to learn at home. If your child is finding this very difficult to cope with, please look at our school website for some links to support their mental health and well-being as this continues to be a difficult time for children to cope with and manage.

We will not be swimming at all this year; as swim England have not yet given guidance regarding the safe opening of pools. For all the parents who have paid we will hold onto your money and deduct the amount from any future educational visits, or from the swimming cost for next year unless you would like a refund. If you would like the money refunded to you please contact Mrs Hewitt on [finance@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk) and she will organise the refund for you.

Kent School Games have developed a super resource, promoting physical activity for primary aged pupils called the "My Active Rainbow Challenge." We have a link to the challenge on our home learning page on the school website. The children can earn medals and rewards by participating in physical activity through this challenge. The children need to complete an activity from each colour of the rainbow, from within the booklet. Once they have completed it they must colour in that part of the rainbow. Depending on how many complete rainbows/activities they do, they can submit the work and win prizes including Kent School Games Medals! Have a look at the link on our website for further information-the videos are very self-explanatory. These challenges can be completed at home and parents can submit the evidence and the medals get sent directly home .A video on how the challenges and booklets work can be found here: <https://www.kentschoolgames.com/my-active-rainbow>

Over the next couple of weeks we will be contacting the parents of our current year R and year 3 children to inform you which class your child will be in for September. Our decisions will not be based solely on

your child's academic ability but also which class room environment will suit your child best as a learner, both socially, emotionally and academically. Due to the unsettled year we have had we may be deciding to keep more children in both Hurstwood and Kemsley class than in previous years to ensure they are emotionally prepared for the next stage of their learning. The conversations will take place face to face for our year R parents whose children are in school and via telephone conversations with the remaining year R children and for our year 3 children.

Both the Kent and Medway Test web sites are now open you to apply for your child to sit the 11+ tests, please do not forget to apply for your child, should you wish them to take either of these tests. The dates for both tests are now on the websites. Currently the Kent test is to be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September and the Medway Test is to be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. These dates however are subject to change and there are discussions taking place next week across Kent to discuss the 11+ process for the next academic year. If you would like me to call you to discuss your child as a learner and which type of school we feel that your child may be best placed for their secondary education please contact the school office : [office@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk) so that an appointment time can be made for you. I will be making the calls on Wednesdays and Fridays, so if you have a preference for a day or time please include this information in your email.

It continues to be a very strange time for us all and we have lots of new ways of working and learning to adapt to. The children, both at home and in school, have all been amazing and are proving how resilient they are in the face of adversity. We know they will continue to have moments when it will all become too much for them, it is still all so uncertain and they are so used to looking at us to lead the way for them and have the answers that they struggle when we do not. Continue as you have been, supporting your child with their learning, giving them hugs and reassurance when it is needed and also giving them vital family time and experiences that they would not have usually been able to experience. Make the most of the time you have together as a family and remember it is all becoming gradually easier and we may end up with a different kind of normal for all of us soon.

Until we can all be together, please stay safe.

Michelle Cox