

Bredhurst Church of England Primary School

Parents as Partners

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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that our children in year R,1 and 6 have already been back at school for a month! It has gone so quickly. We are now over half way through the final term of the school year and what a strange year it has been!

We are looking forward to welcoming back the rest of our year groups on Monday, it will be lovely to have the school returning to some semblance of normality with the majority of the children back.

Unfortunately, if I have not heard from you regarding your child's return then your child will be unable to return on Monday 29th June. If you would now like them to return you will need to email me on headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk and await a reply as to when your child will be able to start and which group they will join, as most of our cohorts are now at full capacity.

Several of you will be bringing your child back to school on Monday 29th June, for the first time in 3 months- for some of you that may be initially quite an anxious time as you will be unsure what to expect. May I reassure you it is completely normal to feel like this. Well done for all you have done regarding home learning and the variety of other experiences you have given your children over the lock down period. All these additional things will have been such a benefit to them. We also know it hasn't always been easy, but we are now gradually returning to normal.

If your child is worried there is a video clip on the school website under the section; Life After Lock down – Going Back to School. This may help to answer some of their questions. There is also the link to a lovely online book called The Book of Hopes which your child might like to have a look at to help ease any anxieties they may have.

There was a lot of information regarding this return laid out in the newsletter last week, so I will keep it brief this week.

Year Group	Start	End	PE Day
R	8.55	11.55	Tuesday
1	8.45	11.45	Wednesday
2	12.45	3.45	Wednesday
3	12.30	3.30	Friday
4	12.40	3.40	Thursday
5	8.40	11.40	Thursday
6	8.50	3.30 (Monday, Tuesday) 11.50 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)	Tuesday

There will be a one-way system in operation around the school site so **ALL** families are asked to enter the school via the back field gate on 'The Street' and exit the school via the main school gate on Hurstwood Road.

You will be directed where to wait upon your arrival- there are stickers and cones placed on the playground spaced 2m apart for parents and children to wait until they are sent in.

If you arrive before your allotted time, then you may be asked to briefly wait with your child.

Children will be able to come into school in their PE kit on their PE day.

If your child is in year 2,3 or 4 and would like a packed lunch upon their arrival please contact Mrs Sage in the school office before 9.45 on Monday on 01634 231271 to order their lunch, Mrs Sage will arrange which days your child would like to have a school packed lunch.

For parents who need to swap children over between sessions, we will have an area cordoned off on the field for you sit with your children and have a picnic lunch. You may bring your own chairs and picnic blankets and a packed lunch for yourself and your children unless you would like them to have the school packed lunch.

We are intending to put up the marquee for parents and children to be able to sit under should it rain. If you are free to help with this we will be very grateful for your help, we aim to put it up from 9.00 on Monday 29th June.

The school has produced a very short questionnaire for those children who will be returning to school next week, (and for those who have returned in the last couple of weeks). We would be really grateful if you could complete it to describe the time you and your family have experienced during the recent restrictions. Please copy and paste the link below to access the questionnaire, or you can access the link on our school website on the home learning page under the heading 'Returning to School.'

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ctXtCdKPKj-gwzui_3pYikHLsPZCpHUNg9obR2xZ1wU

Understandably, we have not “been in the same boat” and we appreciate that some of our children will have maybe had different experiences, leading to differing emotions, to their peers. It is important for us to know and understand this and therefore by completing the questionnaire we will hopefully be able to understand and predict some behaviours that your child may/may not be exhibiting.

Some of the questions may be difficult to answer and we appreciate that. Both Mrs Cox and Mrs Place are always here if you need us. By forming a clear picture of their last few months it really will help us all to move smoothly as possible into the next phase. It has also been an invaluable method for parents to share specific concerns they have about their child, for those already returned, as the comments are shared with their class teacher.

Year 4 children will be sent out with a letter on Monday regarding which class they will be in from September. Obviously we haven't seen the children since March so the information we have based these decisions on is based on your child's social and emotional needs and learning needs in March, should we feel that upon their return we have made the wrong decision regarding their class we will notify you.

From September the classes will be:

Fir Tree – Year R and 1 – Mrs Harvey and Miss Weatherstone

Forge – Year 1 and 2 – Mrs Fisher/Mrs Green and Mrs Adamson

Hurstwood – Year 3 and 4 – Miss Meade

Kemsley – Year 4 and 5 – Mrs Carey

Oakwood – Year 6 – Miss Essenhigh

The TA's in key stage 2 will work across the key stage according to where the needs are.

We will be asking children to take their slippers back home with them during the next week, if you do not want your child to bring their slippers home please ensure that you let them know, as we will be putting any left in school by Friday in the bin. We will also be putting out any lost or left school uniform out over the next week during the lunchtime pick up and drop off times.

This year we will be holding our usual end of year activities but in a very different format!

Friday 17th July – Leaver's Disco, 3.30 – 5.30 This will be a socially distanced affair, on the school field, with each year group remaining within their bubble. Any child at school in the afternoon session will be able to attend the disco, should they wish to. Any children in the morning session will have to return to school at 3.30 in their disco clothes. Each child will have drinks and an ice cream as well as music and dancing. We will also be crowning the May King and Queen at the end of the disco.

Monday 20th July – **Year 6** 'Super soaker's Party'. Children will remain at school until 5.00 for a teacher children water fight followed by pizza – this event will be organized with year 6 parents.

Tuesday 21st July – **Year 6** Leaver's Service @11.00, on the school field – Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of year 6 are invited to join us in celebrating their time at Bredhurst before they begin the next stage of their learning journeys. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. The whole school will be invited to join in the service. The morning children will be in school at this time for the children who attend the afternoon session – parents may bring their child at 11.00 to join us with their year group on the field. Afterwards we will have a socially distant picnic on the field.

The school day will end at 2.00 for all children on that day, although all children who attend the morning session will need to be picked up by their parents by 12.30 unless parents would like to join their child for the picnic. This will be our final day as Wednesday 22nd July is a Staff Development Day with the summer break starting on Thursday 23rd July.

Further information will be sent out over the next two weeks regarding these events; all the events will be weather dependent, so we will be looking at the forecast nearer to the time before going ahead with them.

A reminder that the children will be returning to school (hopefully) on Wednesday 2ND September 2020 for the start of the next academic year.

Finally, to make the most of this year's summer staycation, with some great summer reads for all the family, & to raise funds for the school - FoBS are running an Open Air, Socially Distanced, Nearly New Books & Toys Sale, on Friday 3rd July.

Arrival times:

11.15am Grandparents & local residents

11.40am Year 5

11.45am Year 1

11.50am Year 6

11.55am Year R

12 noon -12.45pm Years 3,4 & 2 (with option to eat lunch on the field from 12 noon.)

Books 50p each or 3 for £1.

Toys 50p - £2.

Parents only to handle money.

Please remember to social distance!

Please do continue to keep safe and well and I look forward to seeing most of you on Monday.

Mrs Michelle Cox