

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,

Welcome back to the new school year. What a very different start it has been for us all, although the children have adapted very quickly to the changes we have put in place. Well done parents and grandparents for working out where to queue to drop off and collect your children; it will get easier as we all become used to it. We are in a much better position than so many schools across the country as we trialled it before the summer break, albeit in smaller groups.

Thank you for your patience with this. We are already planning on lengthening the school day for our junior children (Hurstwood, Kemsley and Oakwood classes) as we feel this will help both parents and the children. From next week lunchtimes will be extended to pre covid times, although they will continue to be staggered with the children playing and eating in different zoned areas. Lengthening lunchtime will allow us to be able to lengthen our school day.

The new timing for the end of the school day will take effect from

Monday 14th September

Oakwood	3.15 – 3.25
Kemsley	3.10 – 3.20
Forge	3.00 – 3.10
Hurstwood	3.20 – 3.30
Fir Tree	3.00 – 3.10



These are also available on our school website.



Well done to all our new reception children (and parents). We only had tears on the first day from a couple of children. They have managed the transition into school amazingly! It is a very emotional time for parents, seeing your little ones start at their primary school, they always seem so tiny, especially compared to the eldest children in the school! We have all been so impressed with them – and you - for being so calm and prepared especially given the current situation. They will be tired by the end of today, so do prepare yourselves for tired, emotional children. Just being in the school environment with new routines and the new experiences they will be encountering is very tiring for them.

Unfortunately, we do not think that we will be able to have our Autumn Fair as originally planned. Guidance is that gatherings still need to be kept to 30 people. Currently this will also apply to our fireworks evening. Obviously we are incredibly disappointed that we are currently unable to go ahead with these events, however safety to our children, parents and the local community remains paramount.



Our FOBS AGM will be held on Monday 7th September at 7.00 via zoom, if you would like to join us, see below for the joining details. If you have any ideas about how to support us with fundraising for the school or would like to come along to see what it is all about then please come and join the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there! Fingers crossed

we can return to holding actual meetings within the school soon and continue to fundraise to support our children's learning.

Topic: FOBS AGM

Time: Sep 7, 2020 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6899846209?pwd=b0txdkJWeEVMSzRvMnZiL25jWVhpZz09>

Meeting ID: 689 984 6209

Passcode: 131811

Thank you for the reading books which have been purchased from the money raised by FOBS ready for the new school year. We will be sending home reading books over the next few days, but will be unable to change them as frequently as previously. Reading books will be changed on Fridays so that they have the weekend in school before being reissued to new children.



Thank you to all those parents who have completed medical forms for their children. If your child has a medical condition please download a medical form off our school website, or ask in the school office for a paper copy. These **do need** to be updated each year. If your child requires an asthma pump in school, please complete an asthma letter in addition to the medical form. These are also available on our school website.

A New Emergency Contact form will be sent home on Monday. Please ensure they are return to school by **Friday 25th September.**

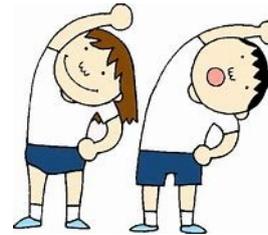
A reminder that on PE days your child will need to come into school in their school PE kit. This is not a football kit or brightly coloured sports wear. Our PE kits consist of:

white polo shirt

navy or black leggings, shorts or tracksuits bottoms

trainers (not plimsolls) for outside PE sessions.

navy or black tracksuit tops



This term the PE sessions will be invasion skills, which will take place outside so tracksuits may be required.

Oakwood class may wear their leavers t-shirts and hoodies for PE sessions.

House Teams—All the new children have been allocated to a ‘House’ these are divided into four teams:- The Reception children have been given a colour badge denoting which ‘house team’ they are in.

St George - **RED**

St Andrew - **Blue**

St David - **Yellow**

St Patrick - **Green**

The children will stay in these houses for their whole time at Bredhurst.

Every week house points are collected from each class and our sports day also holds a competition between each house.

Have a lovely weekend – let’s hope the sun shines!

Best Wishes

Mrs M Cox

Head Teacher