

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,

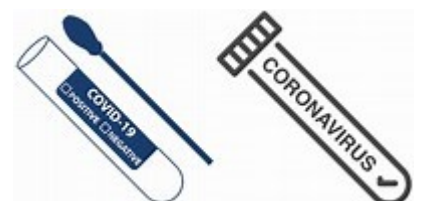
We have come to the end of our first full week. The children seem to be settling into the new routines and are very eager for their new learning. However, you can really tell they have not been in school properly since March with most of them beginning to look tired, especially our new year R children. Being in school is hard work for children – we challenge their thinking every day. Please make sure you give them ample time to rest and recover over the weekend.

We do have several children who are off school currently. Just to reassure you these are NOT covid-19 related. Lots of children have colds and sore throats and we have also had a bout of sickness. Children haven't had the opportunities to mix with each other in the same way as they would have prior to the pandemic so their resilience to every day colds and viruses seem to have been lowered. We always have a surge of illness in the first term after returning to school after the Summer break, the changes in weather not really helping this term!

If your child has:

- A new continuous cough
- Temperature
- Loss of smell and taste

Please telephone the school office and keep your child at home. Your child will need to have a Covid test and the results come back as negative before returning to school. If a member of your household has a suspected case of Covid then the same rules apply, that member of your household will need to have a covid test and it come back negative until any member of your household can return to the work place or school.



Please remember that the new times for collection begin on **Monday**.

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



The drop off times in the morning will remain the same.

Oakwood class can be dropped off via the main front gate from Monday as they arrive 10 minutes before the rest of the school. We will be bringing them out to the staff car park for collection at 3.15 daily.

Kemsley class may be dropped off at the middle gate on the front playground (they have all be shown where they need to enter and wait for Mrs Carey or Mrs Drewitt). You may either drop them off at the gate or wait with them in the playground. On collection Kemsley class parents may also collect from the playground, entering via the middle gate and exiting through the main gate. (Please mind the step onto the playground from this gate)

If you have children in more than 1 class, please do not worry! We will hold onto the child coming out first until the later child is ready to be collected. If your children are now to be collected from different areas we will hold onto the children coming out from the front of the school until you come through the school with your child in Fir Tree, Forge or Hurstwood class.

We are hoping that this will improve the congestion at the end of the school day where we currently have 4 different classes all trying to exit school via the side path.

Should you wish to speak with any member of staff to discuss your child, please contact the office to arrange, or wait until the rest of the class have all been sent out. It is very difficult to see the children out and talk with parents, it also means that we are holding up the children exiting the school.

I will be mainly on the back playground so should you wish to speak with me please come to the back playground (following the one-way system).



We will be holding our **Parents evenings** via zoom this term as we will be unable to hold face to face meetings. These meetings will be limited to 10 minutes and will be mainly based on how your child has settled into the new school year and ensuring their wellbeing is good.

These meetings will take place **between Monday 12th October until Friday 23rd October**.

More information will be sent out regarding these appointments in due course.



Following the successful **FOBS meeting** held on Monday, we would like to welcome Mrs Shepherd as the new chair and Mrs Jones as the vice chair. We are certain they will continue to do an amazing job in supporting both the education and experiences we provide to our children. We all are very grateful for the hard work of Mrs Sullivan during her time as Chair and know that she will continue to support the school. The minutes from the meeting are on the FOBS page on the school website. We aim to hold a variety of fund-raising ideas this term as we can no longer hold our annual Pumpkin Morning or Firework Extravaganza. Both of these events generate a significant income for our school. However, please do not feel that you have to financially support all the events that we have coming up; we completely understand how difficult times have been for several families during the last few months and do not want to put additional pressure on people during these difficult times.



We sent out Lucky Number Cards this week which we are hoping will prove successful. We will be holding a teddy bear raffle towards the end of the school term, donations of unwanted teddies which can be raffled to the children will need to be delivered to school by **Friday 18th September**. Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly after this.



Just a reminder for those parents whose 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.



Medical Forms

We are also still awaiting several **contact forms**. Please ensure that you fill out a new contact form, it ensures that any contact details we hold for your child are up to date.

Enjoy the weekend,

<u>Spirit of Bredhurst this Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Bella Thompson
Forge	Rory Hall
Hurstwood	Milly Checkland
Kemsley	Alfie Brooker
Oakwood	Ronnie Killick



<u>Writer of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Lennie Smith
Forge	Joseph Littler
Hurstwood	April Grant
Kemsley	Louis Fiolka



<u>Stars of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Felicity Friday
Forge	Erin Charnock
Hurstwood	Fred Bench
Kemsley	Lucas Knowles
Oakwood	Emily Daley

FairPlay
Mikel Sage