

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 and carers,

We are now half way through the first term. It has been a very difficult time for many due to the ever changing advice from the Government. The latest advice regarding when to get a test was sent to schools on Wednesday. This was sent out as a paper copy to all parents and carers and can be found on our school website for you to download.

The advice is:

You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

- A high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
- A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

Our Harvest celebration will take place on Wednesday 30th September. We are asking for donations to the Foodbank again this year. You should by now have received a separate letter with more information regarding the items they are most in need of this year. We will be sharing the link with parents so that you can watch our celebration with your child at home by following the zoom link and accessing the recording of our worship (fingers crossed!)



Our reading week begins on Monday and your child should have received a tie template to decorate with their favourite book. As we are unable to have parents in school we are asking that you take a picture of you reading to your child to go onto our website.

The visiting author will be teaching the children about moving book parts – it sounds very engaging and inspiring.

Please can I remind you not to allow your children to climb on the adventure playground whilst waiting for siblings, I know that it is tempting for them to run off and play while they are waiting for their siblings to come out of school, however we need to make sure that the equipment is not used by children from different bubbles in order to keep everyone safe.

From Monday we will be changing the timing for Hurstwood class to fit better in line with collecting other children from different classes. Hurstwood class will finish at 3.15, from Monday and the slightly altered timings should make dropping off and collecting easier for all parents. If you have children with 2 different collection and drop off times please do aim to come at the end of the first child's collection time or between the children's collection times as much as possible to avoid unnecessary waiting and queuing.



PLEASE NOTICE CHANGES TO TIMINGS:

Fir Tree	8.55 – 9.05	3.00 - 3.10
Forge	8.50 – 9.00	3.00 – 3.10
Hurstwood	8.45 – 8.55	3.15 – 3.20
Kemsley	8.50 – 9.00	3.20 – 3.25
Oakwood	8.40 – 8.50	3.15 – 3.20

We are unable to receive children before their times as the teachers may not be in their classroom. I cannot send children into a classroom without an adult in there to supervise them. If you arrive between your children's times then you should not need to queue. Your child should only need to stand in a queue if you arrive before their drop off times. This is particularly pertinent with the wet weather we have experienced at the end of this week and with the likelihood of wetter and colder weather to follow.

We are trying our hardest to ensure that our children are all kept safe and that we are working within Government guidelines. We will continue to tweak our plans to ensure that we are getting the children into and out of school in the safest and quickest way that we can. Thank you for your patience and support with this.



We are aiming to revise the 'No Bag to School' rules as we are aware that it is difficult for the children to manage all their belongings, especially if it is a day that letters are being sent home. We will let you know our decisions regarding this, depending on government guidance. We will also be looking at how we would manage bags in the spaced out classrooms.

As we are now clearly into Autumn your child will need to bring a warm, waterproof coat to school for break and lunch times as we do still try to get them outside as much as possible as long as the rain isn't too heavy. We are also intending to have wellies back in school from next week as the field begins to turn muddy. If there are any parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles who think they may be able to build us welly racks, we would be very grateful (we will need 250 of the posts in total to hold 125 pairs of wellies!!)



The classrooms are cold as we need to keep an airflow through the classrooms, keeping windows open to keep them well ventilated. If your child is cold please could you send them into school with a **PLAIN NAVY FLEECE**. These can be purchased at Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's or many other stores. Some

Don't forget to return your Lucky Numbers Cards to the school office by Monday 28th September.

We aim to hold the Teddy Bear Raffle on Friday 16th October, tickets will be on sale shortly.

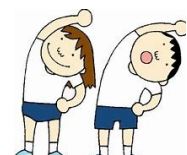
All money raised from these events will go towards the purchase of our new smartboards – which are very much needed in each classroom. We have purchased two from school funds. FOBS have donated us approx. £2500 towards a further board. Ideally we would like to be able to purchase 2 more boards for the 2 remaining classrooms. The children in the classes where they have been fitted are absolutely thrilled with them. They are much easier on the children's eyes as the images and text is much crisper and clearer to see and as they do not have a projector there is no glare coming off either. The teachers are also delighted with them!



We are still considering how best to conduct our parent's information evenings. Currently we are proposing that teachers will offer you either a telephone consultation or a face to face meeting via Zoom (or some other similar platform). These calls will focus on how well your child has settled back into school. You will continue to receive the normal written report before Christmas. We will be sending out more information regarding this next week.

Reminder to all year 6 parents; secondary school applications are open and will be closing at the end of November. If you would like to discuss secondary provision for your child, please speak to me and I will arrange a suitable time to discuss this with you.

Thank you for making such an effort with the children's uniforms and PE kits, they are all looking very smart, it really does make a difference.



Spirit of Bredhurst this Week

Fir Tree	Toby Hayter
Forge	Dominic Carr
Hurstwood	Holly Holder
Kemsley	Hettie Salmon
Oakwood	Noah Blackman



Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Oscar Sheridan
Forge	Henry Murphy
Hurstwood	Luca Suvari
Kemsley	Charlie McCann
Oakwood	Eden Tasker- Twinn



Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Jude Liston
Forge	Elliott Shepherd
Hurstwood	Lila Deakin
Kemsley	Robyn Singleton
Oakwood	Devon Loudon



FairPlay

Tilly Barrow




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Admissions to Primary School 2021—We are planning to make a virtual tour video of our school for parents wishing to view our school for next year's intake. We have a list of children who cannot have photographs published and we need to know if there are any other parents who do not wish their child to take part in the filming.

If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017. Applications will open online from 5 November closing 15 January 2021



A huge thank you to Mrs June Cox who stood outside in the rain selling freshly picked apples and pears from an orchard along with jams and chutney. June raised a massive £41 for our school. If any parents would like more fruit or preserves June will be outside the village charity shop on Saturday 1.30 –3.30p.m.

Reminders



Next **Thursday 1st October** is our Census day. We would like to encourage **ALL KS1** to try the school meal of the day even if it is just to order a ham or cheese sandwich. **Please order by Monday.** Your child will be allowed to bring their own lunch as back-up!



The take up on census day determines a large proportion of our much needed funding

