

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,

Our Harvest celebration took place on Wednesday. Thank you for the generous donations which will go to Medway Foodbank. I am always overwhelmed by your generosity, especially at this time of year. The food we have collected as a school will make a difference to the lives of many within our local community. We had intended on recording the celebration, however that did not go to plan! We were unable to link the videos from each class to the PowerPoint and then present via zoom. Instead our year 6 led the worship which all classes joined in with via zoom and each class watched the video of the other classes in their own classrooms. We have now put the videos from each class and a PowerPoint of the worship onto the home page of our school website for you to have a look at with your children. They are very sweet; Fir Tree class look adorable as animals in their masks singing to Old MacDonald! Each class has thought really carefully about being thankful and sharing God's gifts.

Our reading week took place this week. Thank you for the photos you sent in of your children reading and also for the time and effort into making the ties. We now have several of these on display in school and some of the pictures are on the reading page on our website. The paper engineer who visited the children was excellent and very engaging, as a year 3 child told him 'You've inspired me to go home and make a pop-up book of my own.' We will be putting some more of the pictures from this onto the website shortly.



On Monday we will be filming the children engaged in different activities around the school ready to go onto the school website for our virtual tour for our new year R children. Please may I remind you to contact the school office if you do not want your child to be involved in this – we already have a list of children who we know cannot be videoed, so you do not need to notify us if you already have in the past as we have this information on the children's contact forms.

Thank you to Betsy's dad who has built our first welly rack. Which is already being used by the children in Fir Tree class. The children will soon have to wear their wellies before being able to play on the field at break and lunchtimes.

FOBS have asked me to update you on their fundraising activities. The scratch cards raised an incredible **£1,294**. The date for the **Teddy Tombola is Tuesday 13th not 16th** as in the previous newsletter- that was my error – sorry!

Raffle tickets were sent home with the children on Monday, please only buy these if you can afford to. We understand how difficult things have been for several families during this pandemic.

Below is a list of raffle prizes

- 1x Wireless Headphones
- 1x Bottle of Malibu
- 1x Bottle of Champagne
- 1x Grazezy box voucher £35
- 1x Garden Bakery brownies voucher
- 2x Amazon Echo speakers
- 1 x Adult hamper
- 1 x Children's hamper
- 2 x £10 Tesco voucher
- 1x Bottle of Whisky
- 1x Bottle of Strawberry Gin
- 2x Bottles of wine and meal deal for 2 at The Bell
- 1x meal for 2 (£25) at Spice Fusion available Sunday to Wednesday (not including December)
- 1x Garden glove set
- 1x Cyclopark voucher
- 1x Bayliss and Harding set
- 1x Revolution makeup set
- 1x Gift from Kitchen Culture



I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have received a **donation of £5,000** from an extremely generous parent, which will enable us to buy our last two smartboards. As you can imagine we are thrilled to be able to have these throughout the school and we have placed our order for two more boards. We are hoping that these will be installed before half term. We had training on them this week and we were amazed at all the things they were able to do. We can link them to iPads and view children's work, which we can then edit and work on as a class. We can airdrop documents to the boards and the internet is at our finger tips. We are absolutely delighted with them; they are such a large investment but we feel they are really worth every penny spent.

Thank you for all your fundraising towards the purchase of these and to the parent who showed such generosity to helping to improve our children's learning.

A letter regarding parents information evenings will be sent out next week – so please keep an eye out for it. If you do miss any letters, please go to the parent page on our website from where you will be able to download any you may have missed. A reminder to the new year R parents that if you download the school jotter app and type in Bredhurst School, you will then have newsletters sent to your mobile device as well as text alerts.

Finally, we are due now to re-hold our parent governor elections. We had two parents who put themselves forward for the role last time, but due to the lockdown period the elections were not able to go ahead. The new forms for parental nominations will be sent out on **Monday 5th October** for any parents wishing to put themselves forward for this role. If you are interested in becoming part of our excellent, friendly, supportive team of governors and play a vital role in developing and shaping the future of our school in a strategic way then please do consider the role. If you have any questions regarding the role please do not hesitate to speak with myself or one of our parent governors: Mr Rosier, Mr Hall and Mrs Jackson (who are now both co- opted governors) or Mrs Evans (who was previously a parent governor). We will also be putting an online form on the governor page of the school website should you have a query or question regarding the role. You may wonder what's in it for parents: There is an opportunity to learn new skills and work with others to have a positive effect on all the children's education, academic outcomes and school life.

As a parent governor commented 'Being a parent governor is a privilege. You have the opportunity to make a difference for the children within our school now, and in the future. I never appreciated how many facets there are to running a school from a strategic, operational and compliance perspective. You will learn a lot!!! and develop new skills, you have the opportunity to influence the way in which our school works with parents and the community.'

Enjoy the weekend, although the weather is not looking promising!

Mrs Michelle Cox

Head Teacher





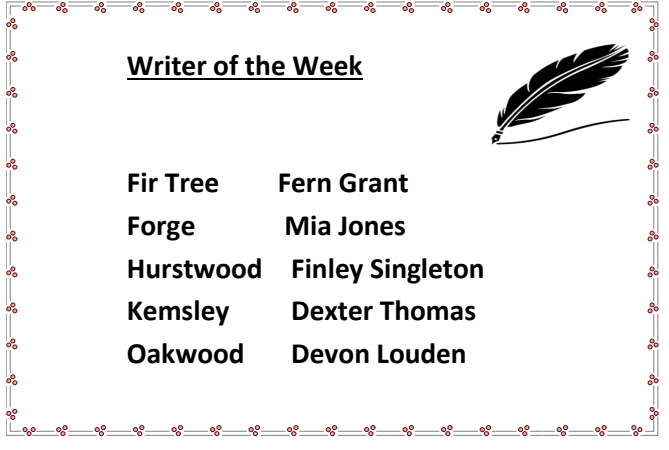
Spirit of Bredhurst this Week

- Fir Tree Freddie Benton
- Forge Alba-Lily Peters
- Hurstwood James Tupper
- Kemsley Nathaniel Agyekum
- Oakwood Harry Shepherd



Stars of the Week

- Fir Tree Harry Stewart
- Forge Jacob Knowles
- Hurstwood Darcy Pettit
- Kemsley Lucas Knowles
- Oakwood Heidi Cox



Writer of the Week



- Fir Tree Fern Grant
- Forge Mia Jones
- Hurstwood Finley Singleton
- Kemsley Dexter Thomas
- Oakwood Devon Loudon



Lennie Smith

A few children and their parents got very wet this morning due to inconsiderate drivers, driving to fast through the village. The speed limit is 20mph. This should also be adhered to by parents! If you would like to make a complaint please contact the parish council who deal with all village issues.

We have been thinking on how we can make changes to the 'back gate' entrance Please bear with us, as we must keep to the 'one way' safe route for everyone. As soon as a safe solution has been arranged we will make the changes.

If you know the weather is very severe please try to dress your child appropriately i.e. wellies and waterproof trousers.

A huge thank you to all the families who donated all the amazing gifts this week. We had a fabulous Harvest celebration .

The gifts have been packed up and taken away (in a very full car) to St Peter's Church, where they will be displayed this week at the Sunday service (all welcome) Then they will be transported by the church to the food bank in Chatham to be distributed to those in need. We particularly would like to thank Mrs Lesley Wainwright who helped move the contributions and her team who will move them on the next part of their journey"

