

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,

It has been a wet and windy week, but this has not stopped the children from enjoying being outside in the fresh air with their friends and making the most of all their learning opportunities.



Please do remember to send your child in with welly boots, which will stay in school, if you would like them to be able to go onto the field at lunchtime as the field is now beginning to get very muddy - as are the children! A parent has kindly offered to help with making more welly boot racks for us, so hopefully the issue of where to store them will soon be resolved.

On Monday the filming of our school took place which will enable potential parents to gain a better understanding of what makes Bredhurst School unique-I should really have just pointed the camera in the direction of our muddy but enthusiastic children running around at lunchtime! This short video will soon be on the website, it will also give us an insight into what the children love and enjoy about our school and what they feel makes us special. We will show it to the children too, as they do love being able to spot themselves and their friends.



We are intending on altering the way the children play and interact with each other during break and lunchtimes over the next week. The children are becoming a little fractious with each other and clearly need to be diluted a little. They currently are with the same group of children and adults throughout the whole of their school day. Several of the children are really missing their friends across the school and also missing interacting with children from other classes. On Monday we will potentially allow them to play outside with the children within their key stage. This will be Fir Tree and Forge classes sharing one field space and Hurstwood, Kemsley and Oakwood sharing another. We will continue to keep the children within their current bubbles when they are inside the school and for their learning. Some of the children are starting to struggle with being kept so separated from each other, they are not having the break from each other and their teacher that they (and the teachers) need! It must be horrible knowing you go into your classroom in the morning and only mix with the same children all day, without the normal things to look forward to – Pumpkin morning, the pantomime, Christmas dinner etc.



We need to be mindful this decision could have wider implications should we have a case of Covid within the school and should that be the case, advice from Public Health England would obviously be sought. However, we know that several children go home with Mary. She takes children from every class across the school, they hold hands as they walk up the road to after school club, all of which is perfectly acceptable in the guidance for child care providers. In addition to this, several of them have siblings in different classes across the school and go to each others houses, so we know that lots of children do mix together outside school.



Many primary schools are already in bubbles of 90 due to the size of their year groups and secondary are in bubbles of up to 240. We are only intending on allowing the children to mix in groups of up to 70 outside – not inside as we believe that being outside minimises the risk. We have a very stringent hand washing routine which is key to keeping the children as safe as we are able to.

Keeping Safe
in School



If you do not feel happy with our proposals please email me on:

headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk by Sunday evening with any concerns or suggestion that you may have. We need you to feel that this is the right decision for the children in our school too.

We will be sending out a new questionnaire next week which you may wish to complete on behalf of your child, which will allow us to gain an insight into whether your child's mental health has been affected by the pandemic.



On **Tuesday 13th October** we will be holding a **Teddy Tombola**. Tickets will be on sale during the school day at £1.00 each, should you wish your child to take part in the teddy tombola they will need to have money sent into school in an envelope with their name clearly marked on it, they may purchase more than one ticket should you wish. Thank you to FOBS who have been busy organising this. I bet you cannot wait to see what delights your children return home with!!! (The soft toys have all been washed and have been left for a minimum of 72 hours before being sent home with the winning children.)

Next Thursday several of our year 6 children will be sitting the Kent Test in school. We wish them all the best of luck and need to remind them that this test is not a judgement of them, it is simply a snapshot of them on that one day in their lives. The test does not show how funny they are, how great they are at Tik Tok dances, how fast they can run or how kind, caring and understanding they are. Please do remind them of this. Make sure they have a restful weekend, do not over test them, allow them time to think and enjoy themselves. If they do not know it by now, then another 6 days will really not make a difference. I will be available to meet with parents once the results come out to discuss options should all not go quite to plan.



Miss Essenhigh and Ms Duffree will administer the tests in the children's usual classroom this year, those not sitting the test will work in the hall with Mrs Drewitt. Hopefully all will go smoothly and well for each child. We also wish them all luck for the Medway Tests which will be taking place over the forthcoming weekends.

We are still looking at how we will manage and organise our parent's information evenings so you have not missed a letter regarding these! We intend to have made a decision about these by Monday and aim to send a letter out next week.

Our final 3 smartboards have arrived and will be fitted on Monday – we are all so excited for them! The children cannot wait to have them installed in their classrooms (and I cannot wait to have my office back!)

I'm certain the children will tell you all about them next week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Michelle Cox

Head Teacher



Spirit of Bredhurst this Week

Fir Tree	Jamie Jackson
Forge	Joseph Littler
Hurstwood	Amalie Cameron
Kemsley	Jacob Apps
Oakwood	Theo Bennett



Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Arabella Wood
Forge	Oliver Friday
Hurstwood	Lucas Wood
Kemsley	Hannah Colwell
Oakwood	Miles Hussey



Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Bradley Williams
Forge	Thomas Newell
Hurstwood	Mikel Sage
Kemsley	Isaac Jackson
Oakwood	Samuel Hands



FairPlay

Louis Fiolka




Grand Designer Hand-bag sale—Wednesday 14th and Saturday 17th October at Bredhurst Charity Shop.

NEW and nearly new Designer bags and purses from £1—£4. Designers include:-
 Jimmy Choo, Louis Vuitton, Fiorelli, Mulberry and many others.



Charity Shop opens from 1.30—3.30p.m. Cash sales only



- Teddy Bear Raffle is on Tuesday 13th October
- Governors nomination forms are due in on Monday 19th October
- Q1 Christmas card orders must be sent in by Friday 16th October

We are currently looking into changing our school packed lunches back to providing the children with a hot meal. More information will be sent out soon with the menu choices and explaining how we intend to hold two sittings safely for both key stages.

