

# 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 have had a busy week here at Bredhurst. We have had our usual learning plus the added excitement of the Teddy Raffle and the Kent Test. Lots of year 6 children were very worried sitting this test, but we know every one of them would have tried their best and we are proud of them regardless of the outcomes. Good luck to those who are sitting either the Medway or other tests this weekend. Hopefully they can soon think about relaxing and enjoying the upcoming half term.

Thank you to Mr Smith – the dad of Tate in Fir Tree- who has been busy over the weekend making welly boot racks – they are fantastic and have certainly resolved our issues with storing welly boots. Please do remember to send your child in with welly boots 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! Currently, we will allow them to go onto the field in their trainers for their PE session. Please do remember the winter PE uniform is a PLAIN NAVY or BLACK tracksuit or leggings with a plain white polo shirt or t-shirt (apart from year 6 who may wear their house t-shirts). We do not encourage the children to wear branded tracksuits to school for their PE sessions as these can be expensive to replace and can cause rivalry amongst the children.

The video of our school will soon be on the website. We feel it portrays our school extremely well and the uniqueness of your school comes across very clearly. Hopefully it will showcase the different aspects of our school for all those prospective parents! We will be holding live Q and A session for any new parents soon.



Having the children mix within their own key stages has made such a difference to the children during break and lunchtime as they seem much happier and several are now once again playing with children who are not necessarily in their class. This has really helped the 2 year groups who have been split – year 1 and year 4– it has been lovely to be able to watch the children playing with each other again. The children are still being kept within their current bubbles when they are inside the school and for their learning.

We are keeping ourselves up to date with any national guidance and updates regarding local lockdowns and school closures. If these do take place, we will notify you as soon as we are made aware (often at the same time as parents via the news!) It is our intention to put work on the school website as we did in the Lockdown in March should this happen. Let's hope that this will not be the case.

Please find below a link to a New School Year questionnaire which we would be very grateful if you could take some time to complete. It will enable us to know how you feel your child is settling into life at Bredhurst within the restrictions we currently have in place. It will also give our teachers an insight before the parents evening which is being held after half term.

<https://forms.gle/4WL2AjRbJ8dvnAeX6>



Thank you to the FOBS team, particularly Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Jones, for organising and giving up 2 of their afternoons to run the Teddy Bear Raffle. The children looked so pleased with their new cuddly toys and were certainly excited when the toys were delivered to them!



Ms Barton is due to run a Pumpkin Hunt on Friday during the morning, unfortunately parents will be unable to join their child for this event. The cost will be £1 per child, each child will be able to hunt for the pumpkins and may even receive a treat at the end of the hunt! Ms Barton will be selling the hand decorated pumpkins at the end of the school day.

Our final 3 smartboards have been installed. The difference in these new screens from the old ones is incredible – it makes you wonder how we managed with the old ones for so long! Thank you once again for the fundraising and support which helped us to purchase some of these boards.

After the half term we will be reverting to the option of a hot school meal. The new menu will be sent out separately but will also be available on our website on the parent page. Any children in school will be able to have a hot dinner, however all children in Fir Tree and Forge class are eligible for a free school meal. Our new menu looks very child friendly, the burgers went down a treat on census day so the children will be pleased to see them on the menu! Unfortunately, the price of our school meals has slightly increased – this increase is from the catering company, not the school – we do not make any money on school dinners. Meals will be priced at £2.44 per day (£12.20 per week) - unless your child is eligible for a free school meal.



This term we have had some changes to our staffing structure. Mrs Place is now officially Assistant Head Teacher, after stepping up into the position after Mrs Steer's departure. She also continues to be the SENDCO. We know that she will continue to do an excellent job within her new role. Mrs Harvey and Miss Essenhigh have also joined the Leadership Team. Mrs Harvey is maths lead across the school and is now also responsible for Key Stage 1. Miss Essenhigh is curriculum lead and is now also responsible for key Stage 2. Both of these members of staff have had experience within leadership roles previously and will bring a new dimension and strengthen the Senior Leadership Team,. I look forward to working alongside them in their new roles.

Finally some sad news: Mrs Wood will be retiring after the half term break to start the next chapter of her life after 13 years here at Bredhurst as a Midday Supervisor and running breakfast club. Mrs Wood has made so many positive changes to breakfast club, providing the children with a variety of breakfast choices and activities to take part in. I know that you all will join me in wishing Mrs Wood a long and healthy retirement and hope she gets ample opportunities to relax and enjoy her new found freedom! Mrs Wood you will be missed by so many of the children and staff.



Miss Fenson will be taking over the position of breakfast club supervisor from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs M Cox

Head Teacher

**Spirit of Bredhurst this Week**

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|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fir Tree  | Fletcher Relf           |  |
| Forge     | Thomas Newell           |                                                                                   |
| Hurstwood | Lila Deakin             |                                                                                   |
| Kemsley   | Ciaran Jennings         |                                                                                   |
| Oakwood   | Heidi Cox + Emily Daley |                                                                                   |

**Writer of the Week**

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| Fir Tree  | Holly Abdey      |  |
| Forge     | Alexis McCaffery |                                                                                     |
| Hurstwood | Luke Wallace     |                                                                                     |
| Kemsley   | Isaac Jackson    |                                                                                     |
| Oakwood   | Alexus Treeby    |                                                                                     |

**Stars of the Week**

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|-----------|------------------|
| Fir Tree  | Patience Beck    |
| Forge     | Armaan Ahluwalia |
| Hurstwood | Amalie Cameron   |
| Kemsley   | Elliott Abdey    |
| Oakwood   | Sian Evans       |

**FairPlay**

Rebecca Maclellan




Our parent's consultation meetings will be taking place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (*Staff Development Day*) and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We are trialling the use of a new system which will enable you to log on to book an appointment time. You will have a 10-minute appointment, during which you will have a live video link with your child's class teacher. A letter detailing how you access this will be sent out next week. Should you prefer a telephone call to discuss your child then we also be giving you the option of this.

We will be using the email address that you provided on your Emergency Contact sheet. If due to your family circumstances you require more than one appointment please e-mail the office with any additional e-mail addresses you would like to make an appointment with.



**Please note any Governor nominees must be returned to the office by Monday 19th October.**

**Parent evening Dates will be Monday 2nd November and Wednesday 4th November.**

**Make sure all your raffle tickets have been returned as the raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 20th October.**