

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,

I cannot believe that we have already reached the end of the first term. It has been a very different term as we have not been able to enjoy some of the usual activities we would normally take part in at this time of the year. However, the children have responded and coped very well to the changes to routines and have accepted the different structures to their school days. They have relished their new learning this term and have really enjoyed being back with their friends again both in the classroom and at playtimes. You do realise how much most of the children missed out socially during the lockdown period when you see them learning and playing together once again.

We are expecting them to be tired by the half term as they are challenged in their thinking each and every day. Some of our very youngest children in the school are really looking like they are now ready for a break. Do enjoy your time together with your children but do ensure you let them have some time and space to unwind and be children. Schools are busy places with lots going on and next term is always particularly busy so they will need to be fit and ready for the term ahead.

Fir Tree class have now finished their 'All About Me' topic and will be beginning their new topic of 'Let's go for a Ride' after the half term break.

Forge class have produced some amazing work around what makes people superheroes and can explain why Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale are super heroes – they all enjoyed making their super hero capes, which they persuaded me, through their amazing writing, to let them wear today! They did look sweet in them! Their new topic will be called 'London's Burning'.

Hurstwood, Kemsley and Oakwood will continue with their topic learning. But will be changing their class text for the English teaching. Hurstwood are continuing to understand the impact of the Romans on Britain, Kemsley the impact of the Anglo – Saxons on Britain and Oakwood class - the impact of the works of Charles Dickens on childhood poverty and the local area. You will be amazed with the information your children can recall, understand and explain.

Next term, we intend to run several of our Christmas events as these events are part of what makes our school unique and also make up special moments for the children. We will have to make sure that we do things in a different way however, ensuring the events we run are all covid safe and secure. We will keep you updated on these events and how we will be organising them. We are currently discussing how we will organise: Christmas plays, the advent event, Christmas parties and the Christmas disco. Our next FOBS meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 4th November via zoom when we will be discussing some of these events. Please do come along and support us virtually, any ideas for fundraising are welcomed. We always need fresh ideas and people to help us with running, organising and planning events. The link will be sent out after the half term break.



The children all enjoyed the pumpkin hunt this morning – the pumpkins decorated by Ms Barton were beautiful and incredibly creative. The children loved the Disney themed designs painted on them. They enjoyed hunting for the clues and deciphering the codes. They also really enjoyed eating the sweet treat which they all won once they cracked their code! Thank you to Mr Murphy and Ms Barton (parents of Alice and Henry) for organising this event for the children along with Mrs Knowles who tirelessly helped with the pumpkin trail. We aim to run the event again next year as it was such a success.

I am so pleased to have had such positive feedback on our video of the school. We feel it really sums up our school and shows our values and ethos extremely well. I am so pleased that all the parents who have spoken to me about it also agree. If you have not yet had the chance to have a look – it is on the home page of our school website. A massive thank you to Swift productions who listened so well to our remit and captured our school beautifully.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the on-line questionnaire about the return to school. The final day for you to be able to access this will be Friday 30th October.



Our parent's consultation meetings will be taking place on Monday 2nd November and Wednesday 4th 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 has been sent out today. You will also find the letter and a parent guide on our school website. Should the live link not work please do not worry, we will ensure that we catch up and make another suitable appointment time with each and every parent. Should you prefer a telephone call to discuss your child then we also be giving you the option of this.

From Tuesday 3rd November we will be offering hot meals once again, these will be available for all children to order. Every child in Fir Tree and Forge class are entitled to a free school meal; this is under the universal free school meal scheme. For the rest of the children we have negotiated a new price of **£2.34 or £11.70** per week (unless your child is entitled to a free school meal).



We are now able to offer more spaces at breakfast club and are able to take children on an ad-hoc basis where you can just turn up with your child for the morning that you need them to attend the breakfast club provision. We say a sad farewell to Mrs Wood who ran breakfast club for the last time today; we wish her a very happy retirement.

We are also intending to start to run after school clubs, initially these will need to be offered to only one class at a time as we are still trying to ensure the children do not mix across bubbles inside the school building. More information will follow regarding clubs next term.

Finally, congratulations to Mr Bond, who is our new parent governor. We did not have to go to ballots this time as we had just the one nomination. We look forward to welcoming Mr Bond to our governing body.

The British Dyslexia Association is currently running webinars which we feel some of you may be interested in. Please take a few moments to click on the link below to see some of the sessions, which are free to view, and take part in.

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/news/free-webinars-supported-by-the-ij-charitable-trust>

I hope that you all have a very relaxing and safe break and I look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for the Christmas term!

Best Wishes

Michelle Cox

Mrs Michelle Cox

Head Teacher



Spirit of Bredhurst this Week

Fir Tree	Addilyn Brown
Forge	Mia Jeary
Hurstwood	Lola Deakin
Kemsley	Lois Agyekum
Oakwood	Miles Hussey



Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Joel Cripps
Forge	William Larkin Puttock
Hurstwood	Eden Brunger
Kemsley	Evan Boardman
Oakwood	Sian Evans



Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Oscar Sheridan
Forge	Morgan Humphries
Hurstwood	Liam Masih
Kemsley	Nathaniel Agyekum
Oakwood	Michael Canning

FairPlay

Imisi Awofeko



Don't forget to fill out the NHS consent form for your child to have their Flu Immunisation. This must be done before 30.11.20

Kids should be having fun NOT FLU.



Free nasal spray flu vaccinations are now available at your local GP practice for children aged 2 and 3

NHS Warrington Clinical Governance Group



Parents Appointments—Monday 2nd November + Wednesday 4th November

November

- 2nd Staff development day
- 3rd Children return to school
- 4th FOBS meeting—zoom
- 9th Kent Downs workshop FT, F & H classes
- 11th Kent Downs workshops K & O classes
- 13th Children in Need Tag Day
- 17th Archaeologist visit Hurstwood



December

- 3rd Flu Vaccines
- 4th Christmas Gift Sale
- 18th Last Day of Term



Poppies and the children's poppy box will be on sale as we return to school to raise money for the British Legion

