

# 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,

Welcome to the newsletter this week. I wish I could start with some more positive news but as most of you will already be very aware, Covid-19 is on the rise locally, with Swale having the second largest amount of cases in the country. Daily, we are hearing of primary and secondary schools where bubbles of children are having to self-isolate, or where whole schools are closing until 2nd December due to either staff shortages or positive tests within the school community. We have now had positive cases within our wider school community, although to date not within our school. As a result we now have both children and staff who are having to self isolate due to coming into contact with someone who is either displaying symptoms or has tested positive for Covid. Should we have a positive case within our school we will immediately seek advice from Public Health England and will notify each parent of the children who are within that bubble individually. We will also inform the whole school community that we have a positive case.



Please could I ask that you all play your part in keeping our school as safe as possible during these difficult times by continuing to keep 2 metres apart from other parents and school staff during drop off and collection. We need to try our hardest to keep our distance from one another to try to ensure our school stays open for as many children as we possibly can. Can I also remind you that we are in a national lockdown which means that the children should not be going to each others houses after school. If we all play our part we will keep our school community as safe as we possibly can.



Rest assured we are still working on how to best deliver the live teaching sessions should bubbles or the school need to close. We will continue to keep you informed on how we will be delivering this online learning.

On a more positive note, this week we celebrated friendships. We started with lots of lovely, bright odd socks being worn on Monday! The children have been making and creating so many different things to celebrate their friendships: friendship bracelets, friendship rainbows, friendship bands as well as posters and pictures about what makes a good friend. On Monday we will be uploading some of the lovely displays of work on our website.

Well done to the children in Hurstwood, Kemsley and Oakwood classes who took part in the Times Tables Rockstars competition - we had some very high scores, although we didn't win any prizes. A special well done to Louis Fiolka, Michael Canning and Reece Evans who were our top 3 performing children.

Last week I mentioned the different Christmas events that we will be holding for the children over the coming weeks. The advent decorations are still on sale but we are beginning to run low for some designs. Once your child has coloured and varnished their decoration you will need to keep it somewhere safe until 1st December ready for our Advent Event. They will bring them into school for this event where they will all hang their decoration on our Christmas Tree whilst singing carols.





Ms Barton will be organising a Bethlehem Walk on Friday 18th December where the children will be looking for painted Christmas pictures around the local community. We will be asking whether any one who lives in Bredhurst would let us put one of the pictures in their garden for the children to be able to find during their walk. If you are happy to have a picture in your garden please email me on: [headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk) so we can collate a list of where we can put the pictures for the children to find.

We thought this maybe more fun for them than finding them within the school grounds! At the end of the walk there may even be a treat for every child! More information will follow regarding this and the other Christmas events.

We held our first school council meeting this week. The children discussed which charity they would like to support this year, which we will be voting on over the next couple of weeks. They also discussed the equipment they would like to have purchased for the playground. Rest assured we will not be buying a trampoline or a bouncy castle in the near future! One of the things that all the children said they would like is a large wooden climbing frame for them to be able to use; whilst this would be very expensive I did think it would be a great idea for us to put our FOBS fundraising towards. Our next FOBS meeting will be 3rd December. Please join us virtually to discuss this and other fundraising ideas for our children.



On Wednesday, Oakwood class will be going to the woods for their North Downs Workshop. They will need to come into school in warm clothes with a waterproof coat. They will also ALL need welly boots to change into. Please make sure they are wearing trainers to school so they can change out of their welly boots upon their return to school.



Please can I remind parents that clubs finish at 4.00 , can you ensure you collect your child promptly from their after school club. We are using a one way system for club pick up-please use the main gate to enter the school and leave via the middle playground gate. Code club (for year 6 only) will end at 4.15, and will be starting on Monday 30th November NOT Monday 23rd November as stated in the letter; we are still awaiting the delivery of the micro bits!

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs. Sage returned back to school yesterday. All the staff and children have missed her calming presence, the school was not the same without her here. We are so happy to have her back manning the office.

Thank you for all your support and please continue to stay vigilant and safe.

Best wishes

Mrs M Cox  
Head Teacher



**Spirit of Bredhurst this Week**

Fir Tree	Lennie Smith
Forge	Maya Kyle
Hurstwood	Tilly Barrow
Kemsley	Isaac Jackson
Oakwood	Ronnie Killick



**Writer of the Week**

Fir Tree	Betsy Parker
Forge	Alba-Lily Peters
Hurstwood	Jeremy Duduyemi
Kemsley	Mia Rosier
Oakwood	Noah Blackman



**Stars of the Week**

Fir Tree	Fern Grant
Forge	Cameron Poole
Hurstwood	Darcey Pettit
Kemsley	Senna Merrick
Oakwood	Rebecca Maclellan



**FairPlay**

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Please be mindful when dropping your child off at school. The zig zags outside the school are **NOT** for stopping on. Stopping here prevents children being able to cross the road safely and is endangering lives.

We know how stressful it is to try to park in the morning but please be mindful of others also trying to get their children safely into school.



Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat—we do keep them outside as much as possible. The weather has really changed this week.



**November**

25th Kent Downs Workshop— Oakwood class

**December**

- 1st Advent Event
- 3rd Flu Vaccines
- FOBS meeting
- 4th Christmas Gift Sale
- 11th Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th—18th NO CLUBS
- 18th Christmas Parties



Please remember the school start times for your child. Several children are beginning to arrive after the registers have been taken. This impacts on their learning and does not give them a calm start to their school day.

<b>Fir Tree:</b>	<b>8.55—9.10</b>
<b>Forge:</b>	<b>9.00—9.10</b>
<b>Hurstwood:</b>	<b>8.45—9.05</b>
<b>Kemsley:</b>	<b>8.45—8.55</b>
<b>Oakwood:</b>	<b>8.40—8.50</b>

