

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



Newsletter - 18 December 2020

We have made it to the end of the term! Not as a whole school, but at least we managed to remain open for Forge and Fir Tree classes. Thank you to all of you with children in key stage 2 for your support in collecting your children, particularly those who attend Mary's after school club at such late notice. We made the decision to close the entire key stage 2 alongside a risk assessment carried out by DfE. Our concerns were that the children mix outside during lunchtime and we could not guarantee that our children would not have **ANY** face to face or skin to skin contact whilst playing outside, which was what we needed to be able to guarantee to close only the bubble in which the confirmed case was. We simply could not.



We are going to look at how we can rework our break and lunchtimes to ensure the children do get the opportunity to play with children outside of their class bubble whilst also being able to identify who they have played with each day. We cannot have each group having a completely separate lunchtime as this means that lunchtime could potentially last for 2 and half hours - with senior staff's working day taken up managing and covering this. It may mean the children have to play in set areas on the playgrounds or field with a selected group of children. We will be working out how we will manage this upon our return- ensuring playtimes remain fun whilst also minimising interactions between bubbles. We want as many of

our children in school as possible each day. Should a child test positive, we need to be able to identify any potential contacts quickly and accurately. We need to limit the interactions between groups of children as much as possible to ensure our children's education is disrupted as little as possible from January. Rest assured we will be working on a plan over the Christmas break.

The good news is that despite the mad rush (and a very frantic phone call) Harry Bristow was able, at short notice, to record our infant nativity and junior singing. It felt a little rushed and manic - whilst I was on the phone to the DfE, the teachers quickly organised the children and Harry recorded their singing and the nativity play. The children were not expecting this nor were they told why we suddenly sprung this upon them! They all managed brilliantly however and went with the flow! Harry sent me the initial link to the Infant nativity which I watched last night; whilst it is not quite the same as watching it in person it was still absolutely lovely and still brought a tear to my eye. What I really liked about it was that I had time to look at lots of different children and you could really see their individual personalities shining through! The hopping sheep made me laugh out loud. I hope that you all enjoy watching it. I aim to upload it to our school website and YouTube channel as soon as the downloadable link is sent to me. Harry is aiming to send it over late this afternoon.



Our junior singing needs a little more cutting, editing and working on as the children were singing in their bubbles and not in the running order. This will be uploaded as soon as it is available.

We will be sorting out the tree decorations over the Christmas break, ready to hand out to the children when we return in January - regrettably some of them haven't survived. If we can ascertain which child they belong, to we will endeavor to send them home!



Fir Tree and Forge class enjoyed the Bethlehem walk this morning organised by Ms. Barton - it wasn't quite how we aimed for it to be done, but the children still enjoyed it, especially the lovely treat they received at the end of the walk. The painted pictures were beautiful and a big thank you to Ms. Barton for the hours it must have taken to paint them. I will be uploading some of these to the Diocese of Rochester, our school website and our twitter account. We will store them away for next year! What made the walk even more magical was that whilst the children were out, a special visitor arrived at school to deliver them all a present - the children were mesmerised watching the video that Mrs Christmas took whilst her husband was busy delivering his gifts! I am certain they are all going to enjoy the Christmas party this afternoon and hopefully parents will have some very happy, tired little children this evening!



During the Advent period our children have taken part in several events run by the Diocese. You can see and hear the children in Kemsley class reading and singing as part of the Diocese Collective Worship for Schools.



Follow the link: <https://youtu.be/LvydDszVGiM>

We are intending to return to school on **Tuesday 5th January**. Please ensure that you have downloaded our school app in case we need to send out any urgent notifications, mainly relating to Covid -19. We need to be able to contact parents until 24th December should we be notified of a positive case within our school.

Hopefully we will all have a lovely, safe Christmas break.

On behalf of both myself and my staff, a massive thank you for the lovely and generous gifts and messages that we received. It is so kind and thoughtful of you all. Please have a lovely Christmas and although it may not be the usual type of celebration we have all come to expect, perhaps a quiet, more family based one is equally as good in its own way. As families we will be able to spend more time with our children, playing with their gifts and enjoying the moment rather than worrying about being somewhere by a set time or worrying about the food which needs preparing and cooking for a vast amount of people. However you celebrate this year, please take the time to relax and enjoy it. It has certainly been a challenging year!



Best wishes,

Mrs M Cox
Headteacher

*Merry
Christmas*

Don't forget to send your pictures for the Winter Reading Challenge to: reading@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk



January

- 4th Staff Development Day
- 5th Children return to school
- 6th Live Q and A session for prospective parents
- 13th Live Q and A session for prospective parents
- 18th Year R Height and Weight Checks

February

- Week beg 8th: Parents Meetings
- 15th - 19th: Half Term

Back to school Tuesday 5th January.

We have a child in school with a nut allergy. Please can you ensure if you send any little treats for others in your child's class for birthdays etc. that your child knows not to eat them until they return home.

We remind them of this too.

We cannot have any products containing nuts brought into school, to ensure the safety of all our pupils.



You should have received your child's school report for the last term.

If you have not received a copy or you have any queries regarding their report please email headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk or contact your child's class teacher to discuss it. We will be happy to make appointments after the Christmas break should you have any concerns.

