

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,

Happy New Year and welcome back! Thank you so much for the lovely, thoughtful gifts I received for Christmas, they are very much appreciated. I hope you all had a restful Christmas and found the time to relax and celebrate with family and friends.

We returned to school on Wednesday with the children all looking very smart and ready for the new term. They were very excited to see the delivery of all the new lunchtime equipment on Thursday, which was chosen and ordered by the school council. The school council will be holding their first meeting of the new term next week.

This term, every class will be starting a **new topic**. The curriculum maps for the topics are on our website on our curriculum page. We are currently in Year B.

Fir Tree class are learning all about inventions! They will be looking at famous inventors and finding out about how they made an impact on our world. They will be planning and making their own inventions too, using mechanisms. In English, they will be reading stories and poems related to their topic. I am sure they will have lots of fun creating their own ideas and bringing them to life! Look out for their masterpieces, they could make them famous one day! In Art they will be exploring colour, line and shape. They will create artwork using different machine parts (cogs) to provide texture. In DT they will be looking at mechanisms and creating their own sliders with moving pictures.

This term, **Forge class** will begin the topic, Amazing Animals, by identifying who Sir David Attenborough is and why he has become such a significant individual in our lives today. They will investigate the technology used over the years to capture the footage of amazing animals around the world and how changes in natural life has evolved. In geography they will name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans, identify where the Equator is and locate the North and South poles, using world maps, atlases, and globes to identify where animals from around the world come from. They will look into what their living environments and habitats are like. In Art and Design they will be identifying what a sculpture is and understanding how artists create sculptures using their experiences and imaginations. They will use clay creatively to design and make a chosen animal. In music they will be learning and singing songs about animals, listening to Carnival of the Animals and composing music to represent different animals, incorporating the use of ostinato, focussing on rondo form and looking at how rhythms are organised into bars.

Did you know that the water we drink and use today is the same water dinosaurs drank! In **Hurstwood's** geography led topic this term, they will learn about the water cycle and rivers. The children will develop a growing understanding of the physical processes that shape rivers, the landscapes that rivers develop and how they have changed over time. They will identify the different parts of the water cycle and the different parts of a river and understand how they are formed. They will be able to locate the main rivers in the UK and the world and understand how flooding has affected communities in the UK. They will be looking at how river courses are changed and their impact and how the distribution of water affects people's lives in other countries. In art they will be using water colour paint mixing, looking at the still life work of the Dutch masters as well as modern water colour work based on seashells and using these to create their own sketches and water colour pictures. In Music, they will be listening to Handel's Water Music. They will learn the Skye Boat song and record their own music in stave and dot form.

Kemsley class will be learning about many aspects of Ancient Greece with the aim of understanding what Greek life was like, the achievements of the Ancient Greeks, including the expansion of the Greek Empire, and the influence they had on the western world. In

doing this, they will analyse a range of primary and secondary historical sources to be able to draw conclusions about what they can tell us about the Ancient Greeks. In addition, they will become familiar with a range of Greek myths and legends and the Gods and Goddesses that are prominent in Greek mythology. In art they will learn how Greek pottery was created and what it was used for, before creating their own Greek pot. In music they will use their voices with increasing accuracy, fluency and expression to be able to sing songs linked to Greek or Greek Myths and legends. They will use musical notation, in the form of symbols, to compose a piece of music to represent a Spartan battle.

Oakwood class are learning about why the Battle of Britain was such a significant turning point in British history. They will be looking at the impact it had on life in Britain and how this has affected social change in Britain today. They will be finding out about the reasons for and the main events of WW2. They will be reading the text 'Letters from the Lighthouse' to contextualise their learning. In art they will be focusing on Henry Moore, a war sculptor, and analysing and evaluating his work as well as using a variety of media to recreate his style of art. In DT they will be designing and making their own air raid shelters. In music they will be listening to the music of Glen Miller and learning about his life and career, as well as composing their own music, focusing on beat, rhythm and ostinato.

You may have noticed the shed outside Forge class. This will be our new **Reading Shed** where the children from Fir Tree and Forge classes will be able to select books for parents to read to them at home. Hopefully it will be able to hold more books and be more inviting than the previous book shelf we had in Fir Tree area. Watch out for the grand opening!

Some of the **upcoming events** for this term are:

- Cross Country Race, at Capstone Park, a letter has been sent to the children who took in part in the previous races of the series.
- Drama for All workshops on Wednesday 17th January
- Mini Youth Games swimming competition for years 4, 5 and 6 Friday 19th January
- NSPCC Numbers Day, on Thursday 1st February, where the children will be able to wear a customised numbered top in support of the NSPCC
- Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine NHS Show will be visiting us on Friday 2nd February, where the children will watching a performance which will remind them about their mental health and self esteem. This will form the beginning of a week where we will be focusing on both mental health and safe internet use
- Safer Internet Day, will take place on Tuesday 6th February. The theme this year is '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online,**' in an ever changing world.
- Parent's Consultation Evenings, will take place on Wednesday 7th February and Thursday 8th February - a letter will follow nearer the date
- Pancake Races will take place on Friday 9th February at 2.30, all will be welcome to join us to watch the children in our annual pancake races, more information to follow

We are also planning on holding **parent workshops** over the next two terms. We are awaiting dates from the Kent Nursing Team for ASC and ADHD workshops. We will be running workshops on 'What is Expected?' over teams/zoom next term, more information will follow. We will be holding a drop in **coffee morning on Wednesday 24th January**, from 9.00 - 10.30. This will be an opportunity for you to just have a chat with other parents or ask myself or Mrs Place any questions you may have about your child, their learning, SEND...in a more informal setting.

We will also be running a **maths workshop for the parents of infant children (Fir Tree and Forge)** to show and explain how we teach maths in these early years. The workshop will take place on **Thursday 1st February**, starting at approx. 9.10 and running until 10.20.

We do hope you can take the time out of your busy schedules to join us on some of these.

This term the children will once again lead their **class worship**. The dates for each class are below. If you would like to join us please go into the hall after dropping your child off, each worship will start at approx 9.05am and be finished by 9.30am.

Fir Tree	- Thursday 11th January
Forge	- Thursday 18th January
Hurstwood	- Thursday 25th January
Oakwood	- Tuesday 30th January
Kemsley	- Thursday 8th February



Duke Award—This weeks achievers



Well done to:-

Millie Jeary making pumpkin soup—**Mia Jones** laying the table for Christmas Dinner

Jessica Campbell-Carr made a powerpoint about France—**Betsy Parker** walking independently to the library

Adelin Parker helped to wrap up the Christmas presents.

As you can see we have had several Mini Duke Activities sent in this week, it seems some of you have been very busy over the Christmas period!

Have a lovely weekend, I'm not sure how it has come around so fast!

Michelle Cox



Don't forget to send in any certificates your child has achieved from the Wild World Heroes Artic Adventure from the Library Winter Mini Reading Challenge. The Winter Challenge ends on **Monday 19th February 2024**. All you need to do is: read **three or more books** to complete the Winter Mini Challenge!

Rate and review your books on the reading agency website while the Challenge is on and you'll unlock a **limited-edition virtual badge** for your profile AND a **special certificate** that you can print out to keep and bring into school to celebrate your achievement.

We will be supporting the **NSPCC Number Day** again at Bredhurst!

This will be on Thursday 1st February 2024.

The children will be encouraged to wear a t-shirt on this day that has a number on it. This could be one they have designed themselves but they will need to be able to talk about their number and why they chose it!

During the day the children will take part in quizzes and games linked to a 'Number theme'.

We will be raising money on the day for the NSPCC Charity so any small donations will be gratefully received. Thank you!



If you have any school jumpers or cardigans that your child has grown out of and they are still in very good condition we would love them to be donated to our Pre-loved stock.

Pre-loved stock at the moment -

Cardigans size 1 x 28"

Jumper size 1 x 28" 1 x 32"

If you have any unwanted Christmas Jumpers, we are collecting them ready for next year to resell for 'Save the Children Fund' Please send any donations to the office.



Reminder of school bank details:

St Peter's Bredhurst

Account NO. 83297758

Sort Code 60-60-08



Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Skye Lloyd
Forge	Leo Kirby
Hurstwood	Harper Horton
Kemsley	Henry Murphy
Oakwood	Danni Frankham

Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	William Lindsay
Forge	Lincoln Chandler
Hurstwood	Arabella Wood
Kemsley	Violet Giles
Oakwood	Mikel Sage



Writer of the Week



Fir Tree	Edward Arnold
Forge	Name Witheld
Hurstwood	NO
Kemsley	Writer
Oakwood	This Week

JANUARY

- 10th Cross Country—Capstone Park
- 11th New Parent Tour 9.45am
- 11th Fir Tree Worship
- 17th Drama for All Workshops
- 18th Forge class worship
- 19th MYG Swimming Team Medway Park
- 24th Drop in coffee morning
- 25th Hurstwood Worship
- 30th Oakwood Worship

FEBRUARY

- 1st NSPCC Numbers Day
- 1st Infant parent maths workshop
- 2nd Captain Wonderweb!
- 5th Mental Health Week
- 6th Safer Internet Day
- 7th Parents Evening
- 8th Parents Evening
- 8th Kemsley Worship
- 8th MYG Table Tennis—Medway Park
- 9th Last Day & Pancake Races @2.30pm

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term Break

- 19th Children return to school
- 21st Cross Country—Medway Park

MARCH

- 1ST Gymnastics Display @2.30pm
- 8th **Bredhurst's Got Talent**
- 15th Parents invited to Celebration Worship
- 28th Easter Service, Easter Egg Hunt & Last Day

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Break

APRIL

- 15TH Children return to school

MAY

- 6th Bank Holiday
- Monday 13th—Thursday 16th - KS2 SATs week**
- 18th May Day
- 24th Last Day of Term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term Break

JUNE

- 3rd **Staff Development Day**
- 5th 11+ 1:1 Meetings
- 6th 11+ 1:1 Meetings
- 11th 11+ 1:1 Meetings
- 17th-21st Year 6 PGL
- 27th **Sports Day**
- 28th **Lieu Day for May Day (No Children in)**

JULY

- 1st **Staff Development Day**
- 3rd Transition Morning
- 4th Transition Morning
- 18th **Leaver's Disco**
- 19th **Whole School Trip**
- 22nd **Pool Party - Year 6**
- 23rd **Leavers service + Last Day**