

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 are now at the end of Term 4 and what a busy term it has been! This term we have taken part in several sporting events: the cross country league, where Kairo Sage won the league for year 4 boys for the whole of Medway, Mikel Sage came 2nd for the year 6 boys, despite having to miss the final race due to a fracture to his leg. The year 3 and 4 football team played their first league games and started the league off with a tremendous victory. We had the gymnastics display earlier in the term where some children were chosen to show their gymnastics skills to the school and their parents.

As well as all the sports which have taken place this term we have had several events in school and within the local community. Our year 6 children went to St. Matthew's church for the Experience Easter workshops; it was commented on how much they have matured since the Experience Christmas in December, with Rev Brian saying how impressed he was with their maturity of thought. We celebrated World Book Day, with the children and staff dressing as an array of different characters from the books they have read. Several classes have had virtual author visits. We took part in Red Nose Day raising £100. Several children took part in our annual talent competition, where the talent we have in our small school impressed us all. The choir sang at The Central Theatre in the Medway Schools Choir. The children who have been taking part in Rock, Steady had the opportunity to perform in front of their parents. We finished a very busy term with a wonderful Easter service, led very well by our year 6 children. Fir Tree class finished the service with their song 'Easter is Coming!' The term ended with our Easter Egg Hunt, which we were very disappointed by, as we were unable to have it outside, due to the weather, and therefore unable to have parents join us as we usually do. This was due to a lack of space in the school. However, we still had a visit from the Easter Bunny and all the children left with an Easter Egg! Thank you to Mrs Adamson who organised the hunt making all the clues and buying the stickers etc. and thank you to Hannah Jones and the FOBS team for purchasing all the eggs!

I think all the children deserve a much needed rest after such a busy term!

The current topic learning has now been completed and every class will begin new topics next term.

Our new topics are:

Fir Tree class will start their topic 'What do you think you might wear today?' Where they will be learning about the weather and looking at the impact of different weathers linked to the clothes we choose to wear and why. They will be looking at the changes in the seasons and recognising how these support our change in clothes too! They are also going to make something to wear! In science they will be learning about the four seasons, in art and DT they will be making a designing a waterproof piece of clothing.

In Forge class the children will be investigating the colourful world we live in and will be spending a lot of time outside exploring all that it has to offer us. They will be making our own observations about our colourful world and discussing why certain colours can be seen in certain environments and which cannot. In Geography, they will be focussing their attention on the United Kingdom and the four countries that make it up. They will be naming and locating where they are on a map, identifying their capital cities and surrounding seas, and what qualities each country has to offer. They will then revisit and build on their knowledge of the seasonal patterns in the United Kingdom, and on the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Pole.

Hurstwood class will be learning about River Medway which begins in East Sussex and flows over 70 miles to reach the sea. The River Medway is a key physical feature of our local area. In this topic, they will identify the different stages of the river and how the places that it flows through have been shaped by the river. They will explore how the river has impacted on settlements, land use and trading. In their English lessons, they will read the story of *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Graeme.

Kemsley class are starting their new topic of North America. It is the third largest continent in the world and has huge differences in its physical and human geography due to its location on our planet. It is home to a wonderful variety of cultures, animals and people. After their initial learning about the whole continent, they will concentrate on Canada and investigate this country in detail to learn about its characteristics (physical and human). They will link our work into our English by writing reports about different places within North America. In addition, they will read a variety of traditional Inuit tales and poems by American authors.

Oakwood class are starting their new topic of European Mountains, using *Frankenstein* as their starting point to learn about some of the famous mountains and mountain ranges of Europe. They will understand how these natural structures form and what actually constitutes a mountain. They will undertake a regional study of a chosen European mountain environment and consider how it plays an important role in the environment and economic process of the planet. They will learn about both the physical and human geography of this environment and how mountains have a profound influence on not only their local climate but also areas hundreds and, sometimes, even thousands of miles away.

Next term:

We are aiming for swimming to start at the beginning of May, depending on the weather - it needs to warm up significantly before the children start to swim! A timetable will be sent out nearer the time, your child will come into school in their PE kits on their swimming day. Parent helpers will also be needed!

Next term is always a short term, especially as we have SATs for both years 2 and year 6 in the middle of the term. Although year 2 SATs are optional from this year we will still be sitting them for maths and reading, this gives us a better idea of where our children are compared to national. Our year 2 children have also been selected to take part in a National Trail for NFER, this will taking place over 2 mornings in the week the children return to school.

Some of the events we have planned for next term include:

- Our year 6 children will be sitting their SATs tests on the week commencing Tuesday 13th May - Thursday 16th May
- Year 2 SATS (quizzes!) will take place end May/beginning of June
- May Day will take place on Saturday 18th May 11.00 - 1.00. **All children will be expected to be in school on that day.** A letter will be sent home next term with further details.
- Year 6 will be beginning their first water sports session on Monday 22nd May with a kayaking lesson.
- Netball Mini Youth Games Tuesday 23rd April.
- Wednesday 1st May is Sweet Tombola Tag Day
- Monday 6th May the school will be closed for May Bank Holiday
- We will be holding a PGL meeting for year 6 parents and children on Tuesday 21st May at 2.30 pm.
- Thursday 23rd May will be a year 5 secondary transfer meeting where I will be explaining the process of entering your children for both the Kent and Medway Tests. This meeting will be followed by 1:1 meetings in June.

Finally, we all wish Mrs Bristow all the best for a speedy recovery following her recent operation and we are all looking forward to seeing her return shortly after the Easter break.

Have a wonderful Easter break and a much needed rest,

Best wishes

Michelle Cox

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Lena Treeby
Forge	Oscar Fleming
Hurstwood	Lennie Smith
Kemsley	Lily Rose Bennett-Smith
Oakwood	Divyansha Panda

Writer of the Week

Fir Tree	Adelin Parker
Forge	Darcey Huddleston
Hurstwood	None this Week
Kemsley	Oliver Friday
Oakwood	Finley Singleton



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Evelyn Alderman
Forge	Luna Peters + Freya Jones
Hurstwood	Harper Horton
Kemsley	Roman Hurst
Oakwood	April Grant



Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter

APRIL

15 TH	Children return to school
18th	Fir Tree Act of Worship
25th	Forge Act of Worship
30th	Oakwood Act of Worship

MAY

1st	Tag Day Sweet Tombola
6 th	Bank Holiday
9th	Hurstwood Act of Worship

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th - KS2 SATs week

18 th	May Day
21st	Year 6 parents and children PGL meeting
22nd	kemsley Act of Worship
23rd	Year 5 parents secondary transfer meeting@2.30pm
24 th	Last Day of Term

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

JUNE

3 rd	Staff Development Day
5 th	11+ 1:1 Meetings
6 th	11+ 1:1 Meetings

11th 11+ 1:1 Meetings

14th Father's Day Gift Sale

17th-21st Year 6 PGL

26th Sports Day (Date Change)

27th MYG Kwik Cricket

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

23rd Leavers Service & Final Day

Attendance Date—Term 5

Class	Attendance	Un Authorised
Fir Tree	96%	1%
Forge	98%	1%
Hurstwood	96%	1%
Kemsley	97%	0%
Oakwood	95%	1%

The school day starts at 8.55p.m.

Notice from DfE Attendance Officer

The school's attendance is closely monitored by the DfE's Attendance Officer who paid us a visit last week, looking into persistent absentees and lateness.

This will now be a regular visit to our school and may result in a phone call home to yourselves or a visit from them.



Scrabble: 5 Points

In school: Priceless

The PTA are looking for new parents to join our team

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

CHAIRMAN
VICE CHAIRMAN
TREASURER

the PTA is a vital part of our school and helps bring our community together. As the PTA Chair you are leading our team to help make a difference.



Winning House Tag Day

4th Place	St. Patrick's	977
3rd Place	St. David's	994
Joint 1st	St. George's	1258
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Winning house can wear their own clothes in house colours on:-

Tuesday 16th April

Easter designs by Oakwood Class

