

Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School



Parents As Partners

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Bredhurst Church of England Primary Vision:

To learn and grow through the guidance and love of God.

Jesus said *"It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."*

Drawing on the parable from St Matthew's Gospel, all at Bredhurst are included and encouraged to grow and flourish; to be the best they can be.

Self Control

Perseverance

Inclusion

Respect

Inspiration

Trust



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our parents and families and welcome to Bredhurst School to our new parents! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Summer. The school has been a very busy place this Summer with new LED lights and new Fire Doors installed throughout. We had hoped to have completed the work in the Fir Tree area by the sand shed over the break but the company we are to use were unable to fit us in during the break. Hopefully we will soon have a completed area for the children to use.

Well done to all our new **reception** children. The children have managed the transition into school exceptionally well! We have been so impressed by them all. It is a very emotional time for parents when your little ones start primary school, especially if they are your first child. They always seem so tiny, especially compared to the older children in the school! However, be prepared for the weekend as they will all be tired by the end of today. Do expect to have tired, emotional children. Even though they may have been at nursery prior to starting school, being in the school environment with the new routines and new experiences they are encountering is very tiring for them. Next week they will all be staying for their lunch. Hopefully they will come in the same as this week, calm and ready for the day ahead. If they do not, please do not worry; often it is on the second week they start to get emotional. The novelty wears off, they get tired and they start to realise they have to do this EVERY day!!! The rest of the school have had great start to the new academic year too. What a super calm start to the new academic year!

We are hoping to start swimming next week (weather permitting)!!!!

Fir Tree: **Thursday** - PE. Friday - swimming. They may come into school in their PE kits for ease of changing both days. **Only year 1 next week for swimming.**

Forge: **Tuesday** - PE and swimming. Please come into school in PE kits.

Hurstwood: **Wednesday** - PE and swimming. Please come into school in PE kits.

Kemsley **Tuesday** – PE and **Wednesday**- Swimming. Please come into school in PE kits on Tuesday only

Oakwood: **Friday** – swimming and PE. Please come to school in PE Kits.





Reading:

I am sure you are now all used to our reading system with books being changed on a Wednesday, but if you are new to the school or your child has changed class you may like a reminder for how it works.

The whole school will be required to bring in reading records every **Wednesday**. These will be being sent home next week for Fir Tree and Forge classes.

Each Wednesday children in **Fir Tree and Forge class** will bring home a book which is matched to their current reading level. In order for us to be able to change these books, we need the book and reading record returned every Wednesday. **We will not be changing ANY books on any other days.** However, you will be able to choose a reading for pleasure book from the Reading Shed outside Fir Tree class to share with and read to your child. These may be changed as often as you wish. In addition to this they will also have access to an online book, on the Collins site (the log in will be sent out next week to new parents). This is the book they will have been reading during their guided reading sessions. For some of the year 2 children these books maybe longer chapter books which will be allocated every 3 weeks. We recommend they read a chapter each time they read to you. Please do not worry about filling out the reading record book, a signature when your child has read will suffice. We keep our own records in school. **Please aim to listen to your child read every day for 10 minutes as well as read to them for pleasure** – reading to your child cannot be underestimated – it really can make all the difference to their academic performance now and long term.

Hurstwood, Kemsley and Oakwood classes will also be sent home with a reading book and reading record book. These also need to be brought into school every Wednesday. The books will be changed when your child has finished reading them. As with Fir Tree and Forge class, please do not worry about filling out the reading record book, a signature when your child has read, again, will suffice. Again, please aim for your child to read every day for 10 minutes as well as continuing to read to them for pleasure.

If your child joined in with the **Library Summer Reading Challenge** please send them in with their certificate by **Monday 14th September** as we would love to celebrate their achievement and find out about the books they read over the Summer break. We will be sharing these during worship on **Monday 14th September**. We are adding pictures of the children to our library display.

The children will be leading **worship** this term with their class. As always, parents, grandparents etc. are welcome to join us to watch their child. Please see the dates below for each class led worship. They will take place from approx. 9.05 – 9.30.

Tuesday 15th September	– Kemsley class
Thursday 24th September	– Forge class
Tuesday 29th September	– Oakwood class
Thursday 8th October	– Hurstwood class
Thursday 15th October	– Fir Tree class



Unfortunately, with the changes to **clubs** we have not had many children sign up to them. We do not want our children to miss out on the after school activities we provide for them but we cannot run them at a loss as we no longer have the Sports Premium Funding which previously funded them. In order to make the clubs accessible for everyone we have decided to make choir a **free club** and the **Sports Clubs** will now have a charge of only **£1.50/session**. This will be added on to your account in MCAS, when your child attends like we do with school dinners and uniform so you will not have to pay the whole terms money in advance. We are hopeful with the 10 sessions now only costing £15 and parents being able to pay for the club when their child attends, clubs will be more accessible. Clubs will be starting the week of **Monday 14th September**.

If you have already signed up your child you will be fully refunded next week and you will then need to resign them up for the club they wish to attend at the new amount.

You will have received information in a previous newsletter regarding **Free School Meals** as the eligibility has changed – please do have a look to see where you may be eligible, even if your child is in year R,1, 2 you can still claim as the school is able to access more funding for your child and you may be eligible for winter fuel allowance and food vouchers.

If you are on Universal Credit, your child qualifies. It won't depend on what you earn. It won't depend on your hours. If you are on Universal Credit, your child qualifies. It really is that clear.

Other qualifying benefits remain the same as before:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, where you are not also receiving Working Tax Credit and your annual income does not exceed £16,190
- Child Tax Credit, where you are not also receiving Working Tax Credit and your annual income does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in England already receive free school meals automatically under Universal Infant Free School Meals, regardless of household income. The September change makes the biggest difference for children in Year 3 and above who have been missing out because of the earnings threshold.

Need a quiet space? Or a friendly face to chat to? Starting this month in St Peter's church there will be the opportunity to join parishioners in the church. You can take time for personal, quiet reflection or a chat and a coffee. Come and see how the church has been remodelled, with a new area to meet and chat and an area to make a cuppa. The church will be open from 9am to 11.30 starting from Wednesday 9th September, stay as long as you wish. So, drop the children at school and drop into the church to say hello.

REMINDER – Jewellery is NOT allowed to be worn in school with the exception of STUD earrings, which need to be tapped up for PE. Please do not send your child in with hoop earrings.

Please have a look at the diary dates below for upcoming events.

Enjoy the weekend,

Michelle Cox

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Name Witheld
Forge	Emma Watson
Hurstwood	Joey Avis
Kemsley	Elijah Snowden
Oakwood	Betsy Parker



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Pippa Kirby
Forge	Carter Williams
Hurstwood	William Lindsay
Kemsley	Sophia Larkin
Oakwood	Fletcher Relf



ASTHMA INHALERS NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN A BOX WITH THE PRESCIBED LABEL ON. IF YOUR CHILD HAS ASTHAM PLEASE SEND IN AN INHALER FOR US TO KEEP IN THE CLASSROOM FOR THEM TO USE.



Diary Dates

September

Wednesday 9 th	School Tour for 2027 intake
Thursday 10 th	Kent Test
Tuesday 15 th	Kemsley class worship
Wednesday 16 th	Phonics talk for new year R parents 9.00 – 9.30
Thursday 17 th	School Tour for 2027 intake
Thursday 24 th	Forge class worship
Friday 25 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00- 10.00
Tuesday 29 th	Oakwood class worship



October

Thursday 1 st	PGL meeting year 6 parents @2.45
Friday 2 nd	Individual photos
Tuesday 6 th	Hurstwood trip to Kent Life
Wednesday 7 th	Harvest Festival
Thursday 8 th	Hurstwood class worship
Tuesday 13 th	School Tour for 2027 intake
Thursday 15 th	Fir Tree class Worship
Tuesday 20 th	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 st	Parents Evening
Thursday 22 nd	Staff Development Day
Friday 23 rd	Staff Development Day



Monday 26th – Friday 30th – **HALF TERM BREAK**

November

Monday 2 nd	Children return to school
Thursday 5 th	School Tour for 2027 intake
Friday 13 th	Firework Display
Tuesday 10 th	School Tour for 2027 intake
Thursday 19 th	School Tour for 2027 intake
Friday 20 th	Flu vaccine



December

Tuesday 1 st	Advent Event – all welcome from 2.45
Friday 4 th	Pantomime at the Hazlitt Theatre (whole School)
Friday 18 th	Christmas Parties

