

Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School



Parents As Partners

Website: www.bredhurst.kent.sch.uk



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



Newsletter 27.02.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term break and are looking forward to the new term ahead. At least the weather has brightened up after the miserable and wet ending to our last term – pancake races in the rain!

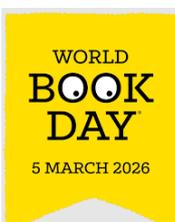
This is a longer newsletter than usual – so I apologise for the length of it! However, there is a lot of important information that you will need for the term ahead.

Unfortunately, I am undergoing further surgery on Saturday 14th March on my shoulder, following my accident in August. Hopefully this will be the final surgery and I will return after the Easter break with a fully functioning arm again! Once again, Mrs Place will be holding the reins whilst I am off. We are postponing 'Bredhurst's Got Talent' until term 5 – Friday 24th April as I cannot bear to miss another thing that the children hold as important and I will not be recovered and back to school by the original date of Friday 27th March.

The infant children have all started their new learning this term. **Fir Tree class** are very excited by their new topic of 'Furry Friends!' They will be finding out about animals, making clay animals and building homes for them. They will also be finding out about significant animals in history!

In **Forge class** the children have started learning about the natural world, what plants need to grow, weather and the human and physical features of the local environment. They started off this topic with a nature walk on Tuesday.

The three **junior classes** will be continuing on the previous term's learning. For more information about what your child will be learning please do visit our website: www.bredhurst.kent.sch.uk where you can find out information about what your child will be learning in their maths and English as well as the topic learning. Next week we will send you a topic overview for the topic learning for the term ahead.



We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. On this day the children are invited to dress up as a character from a book. They will be reading in their house teams during the day as well as taking part in other book related activities. There will also be a special worship in the morning when the children will be able to show their costumes to the rest of the school. You should have received your World Book Day voucher this week. Mrs Field has very kindly agreed once again to organise the "**Bredhurst Bar**" where the children will have the

chance to win one of five golden tickets! (to exchange for a £25 book voucher) The concept is simple and fun. We will be selling 'Wonka' style chocolate bars for £3.00. 5 bars will have a golden ticket in (one winner for each class). **Only one bar can be purchased per child.** The bars will be given out in classes for the children to all open together on World Book Day.



If you'd like to take part and support our fund-raising efforts, please order and pay using the MCAS app.

Books for schools The Facebook page is called 'Lucy's Little Library'. You scroll down to Bredhurst and click to vote. The school with the most votes wins a bundle of books! I've attached an image as I've just seen there's another page with the same name.

Hurstwood, Kemsley and Oakwood classes will be visiting Wigmore library this term, with Kemsley class being the first class to visit. Their trip to the library will take place on Tuesday 3rd March. Permissions for these trips will be on MCAS. Please do make sure you have filled them in. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to join the children on their library visit, from 2.45pm. The children may be collected from the library, any child not collected will walk back to school with their class teacher.

Please can I remind you about **school uniform** as we seem to have lots of different takes on school uniform creeping in!

- Trousers and skirts – grey
- Socks – grey, white or black
- White school shirts – not polo shirts
- Jumpers/cardigans – navy blue
- Tie – navy and gold
- Summer dress – blue check - they do not need to wear a school tie with the Summer dress
- Shoes or trainers – black. We do not mind your child wearing trainers instead of school shoes but these should be black not a multitude of colours.
- Earrings – 1 pair of stud earrings only – no hoops
- No nail varnish
- Long hair to be tied back
- PE kit – navy blue tracksuit/leggings/shorts with a house coloured t-shirt.

If there is a reason your child cannot wear any of the school uniform please contact either myself or Mrs Place kate.place@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk or headteacher@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk

As **May Day** is fast approaching we will have 2 Tag Day Donation dates coming up

- Sweet Tombola Tuesday 28th April
- Adult Tombola Tuesday 10th March
- Teddy Tombola Monday 30th March



Please send in any adult tombola prizes to the school office! For the sweet donation please donate a small bag of wrapped sweets in exchange for your child being able to wear their own clothes to school for the day.

It has been brought to my attention that we are not actually allowed to give the children a lieu day for May Day as this would mean we are not meeting our statutory days of school opening – 190 days. The Saturday of May Day does not count as a statutory school day. Unfortunately, this does mean that I have had to remove the lieu day of **Friday 26th June** from the school calendar. I understand how many of you will be

very disappointed by this, but this requirement is set by law and applies to all local authority maintained schools. If you have booked a break over these days please do not worry as you will not be issued a fine should you still take your child out on this Friday due to commitments already made.

Please can I also remind you that we would like all children, wherever possible, to attend May Day. It a community based event and an important big event for our school in terms of upholding traditions and helping to fundraise. If your child is unable to attend May Day we do ask that you notify the school office so we do not issue them with costumes and partner them in dances with children who will be attending.



We do understand that weekends are a busy time for families with many children having other commitments and extra-curricular activities to go to. However, May Day is a tradition which has taken place at Bredhurst School for over 150 years and a tradition we would very much like to continue; without your support we would not be able to. Thank you for continuing to understand the importance of this to the school and local community and for upholding the school's ethos and traditions.

I will be holding a meeting for year 5 parents regarding the **Kent/Medway Test** next term on Thursday 23rd April at 2.30pm. There will be information regarding: the tests themselves, special access arrangements, how to apply and the differences between the two tests. There will also be 3 dates available for you to book a 1:1 meeting regarding your child and the tests. Appointments will be available on: 27th, 28th, 29th April, these may be either in person or via a telephone call. Please book a slot via MCAS from the end of next week. Please only book if you are considering your child sitting the test, if you do not intend to put your child in for the test please do not make an appointment. The Medway Test registration opens on 18th May, the date for the Kent Test is yet to be announced.

Bikeability for Year 6 starts on Monday with the initial check and level 1. This is followed by a further two days for level 2. If you see our children on the road next week, practising their skills please take care, driving slowly past them. I am sure they are all looking forward to showing off their road safety skills! But we want them to be both safe and confident!



Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Cox

If your child is walking home/cycling home from school or going home with a different person than usual please let the office know.

If your child walks home on their own every day you do not need to message daily – just let us know this will be the case going forward.
You can send a message via MCAS.



We will be holding a Mother's Day Breakfast and Gift Sale on Friday **13th March**. You will be able to book yourself and your child/ren in for a tasty sausage bap, via MCAS. £3.50



For the gift sale please send your child in with a named purse/wallet and a gift bag to take home their purchase.

This week in worship we have been focusing on Lent and the importance of Lent in the Christian Churches' calendar. The children will have been given a 40 Acts challenge sheet which we think really helps with reflection and ideas at this special time:

40acts challenge for kids!



So, what is Lent?

How do you feel when you are hungry? Does your stomach grumble? Does it GROWL? Imagine not eating for 40 days.

That's what Jesus did when the Bible tells us he was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert.

You can read the whole story in Luke 4 v 1-13. Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter when we remember Jesus' time in the desert and the challenges he faced when he was there.

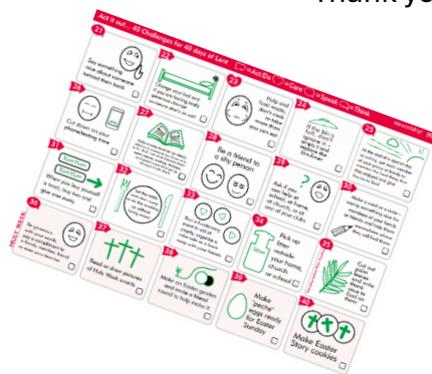
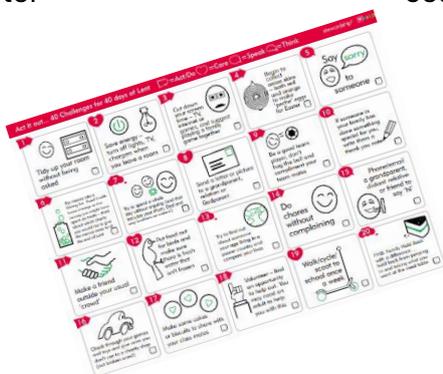
Because Jesus didn't eat for 40 days, Christians like to remember this story by giving up something themselves during Lent. Have you ever given something up for Lent? Maybe chocolate or your favourite TV show?

This year, why don't YOU go a step further and not only give something UP but give something OUT to someone else? We challenge you to take up the **40acts** challenge and carry out simple acts of acts of giving and kindness throughout Lent this year.

Will you do 10 of the **40acts**? Will you do all 40? IT DOESN'T MATTER – just make sure that the acts you do, you do WELL!

We would love you to help your child/ren spend a little time thinking about this during the run up to our Easter celebrations.

Thank you.



This is the 'just giving' link to make a donation towards the charity on-line if you wish to do so.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/charlotte-letchford-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

The Tag Day in aid of Cerebral Palsy is on Wednesday 11th March. Children can wear something green for a donation towards this Charity



Break The Rules Day – change of date!

Break the Rules Day will now take place on Friday 24th April (the same day as Bredhurst's Got Talent) rather than Wednesday 1st April. More information to follow.

Weekly Awards

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Name withheld
Forge	Tiana Sage
Hurstwood	Ellis Tickner
Kemsley	James Wallace
Oakwood	Mia Jones



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Phoebe Wickens
Forge	Olivia Arnold
Hurstwood	Leo Kirby
Kemsley	Betsy Parker
Oakwood	Fern Grant



Writers of the Week

Fir Tree	Hendrix Twinn
Forge	Emilia Hale
Hurstwood	Inimi Awofeko
Kemsley	Evie Shaw
Oakwood	None this week



Diary Dates

March

Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th	Book Week
Mon 2 nd – Wed 4 th	Bikeability Y6
Tuesday 3 rd	Kemsley to Library
Tuesday 3 rd	Netball Match
Wednesday 4 th	Cross Country Yr 3+4 Parkwood
Thursday 5 th	Dressing Up Day
Tuesday 10 th	Oakwood to Library
Wednesday 11 th	Cerebral Palsy Tag Day
Thursday 12 th	Hurstwood to Library
Friday 13 th	Mothers' Day Breakfast/Gift Sale
Tue 17 th	MYG Netball
Thurs 19 th	KS2 Football Utilita Cup MK
Wednesday 25 th	Cross Country Yr 3 – 6 Medway Pk

April

Thursday 2 nd	Easter Egg Hunt + Easter Service
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Easter Holidays Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April

Monday 20 th	Children return to school
Friday 24 th	Break the Rules Day
Friday 24 th	Bredhurst Got Talent
Tuesday 28 th	Sweet Tombola Tag Day

