

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



Newsletter 21.11.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very different feel this week, with the cold weather finally arriving. Please make sure your child is sent to school with a warm coat as the playground is quite exposed and the wind whips across it, making it feel very cold. We do try to ensure all children are given the opportunity to be outside as much as is possible.

The **school council** have been busy talking to the other classes regarding the play equipment, which clubs they would like to have run for them next term! Watch this space...! We are also looking for donations of outgrown scooter and bikes – in working order - for the children to use at lunchtimes. Just in case you are having a pre-Christmas clear out!

Don't forget we will be selling **preloved Christmas jumpers on Monday 1st December**. If you have a Christmas jumper your child has grown out of, please drop off to the school office so we can recycle them amongst our school community for a very small cost. The money made from this goes to the **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal**.



Hopefully you have now ordered your tickets via **MCAS** for both the **infant and junior nativities**. There will be 2 tickets/performance for each family. If you would like more tickets there is an option to be added to a waiting list via messages in MCAS.

- **Infants Tuesday 9th December at 2.15p.m. and Wednesday 10th December at 4.00p.m.**
- **Juniors Monday 15th December at 2.15p.m. and at 6.00p.m.**
- **The doors will open approx. 15 minutes before each performance**

The infant children will stay at school for the extra 30 mins until their performance time and will all be sent home straight after the play. The junior children will need to be collected before the evening performance and return to school at 5.45pm.



Football match

Our KS2 Football Team had their second league game on Tuesday 18th November against Sandling Primary School. The whole team played brilliantly showing their football skills and awareness on the pitch. This showed in the scoring as we won 24-0. Well done to the whole team.

Kairo, Freddie, Marcell, Harper, Jude, Tate, Thomas and Felicity. We now have four matches left in the league. Our fingers are crossed.



Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal – BE A STAR

We are again collecting toys/gifts for the Salvation Army Christmas present Appeal. This is a very worthwhile charity that tries to give every disadvantaged child/teenager a toy/present at Christmas.

If you can spare an extra gift we would love to accept it – this can be for any age group for example:-

0-3 dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles.

3-5 dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles

5-9 educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords

9-12 games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats

13-16 books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers.



Please be aware there is NO pressure to purchase any item this is purely a voluntary donation as we fully understand Christmas is a very expensive time for all families. ***Any donations can be handed into the office for our display in the hall from 1st December.*** These will then be collected by the Salvation Army before we break up.

Kent County Council is partnering with researchers at UCL, Durham and Newcastle Universities to invite parents from our school to take part in the **SHINE Parent & Carer Survey**.

Data shows there are differences in the health and wellbeing of Reception and Year 6 children. This study is helping to explore why this may be.



This 20–30-minute survey is designed for parents and carers of Reception and Year 6 children. If your child is in year R or year 6 you will have had this information sent you in an email via MCAS, you will just need to complete the online surveys.

Next Friday is our **Advent Event** starting at 2.30p.m. on the front playground. All welcome to watch the children hang their decorations on the tree whilst singing Christmas Carols – Teas, coffee, hot chocolate, mince pies and a raffle are on offer to make this extra special.

Wrap up warm and have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Cox





Make sure you order your child's Christmas Dinner by Wednesday 3rd December. This is now available to book on MCAS. The date of Christmas Dinner is Thursday 11th December. If you do not order a dinner you will need to provide your child with a festive packed lunch.

Healthy lunchboxes – We have noticed that many children are bringing in their lunch boxes with very unhealthy choices. Chocolate bars are NOT ALLOWED and will be sent home. Please ensure your child has a healthy lunchbox ie sandwich/roll/wrap fruit or cucumber/tomatoes and only ONE chocolate biscuit (penguin, two finger kit-kat, rocky etc). Chocolate bars are NOT ALLOWED and will be sent home.



The final day for After School Clubs will be Friday 5th December due to the Christmas Events which will be taking place during the last weeks of term. Next term there will be new after school clubs for you to sign your child up to.

Are you eligible ?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



Please come and speak to us if you believe you may be eligible or go to the Government website to check. [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

Not only will your child receive a free school meal throughout their education (not just in years R, 1 and 2) but you will receive food vouchers during the holiday period and a heating allowance. It also allows your child to access free holiday clubs and activities.

In addition to this the school receives an extra **£1,480** each year, for each child in receipt of a free school meal, which can make a big change to the interventions and support we can offer. Even if your circumstances change your child will continue to receive a free school meal throughout the whole of their time at school once they have been accepted.

FOBS Update

On Monday 17th November we held our FOBS AGM. I am pleased to be able to report that FOBS have a very healthy balance of 9.3k for us to spend on the children in our school.

Our current plans for spending the money raised is to further develop the Fir Tree outside area by levelling the top area and having a sand shed for the children to play in, with buckets, spades and toys for digging, complete with a gardening area for the children to nurture and grow plants. The older children would also like an outdoor stage area, complete with benches to watch their shows! Finally, the children across the school have spoken about an area for reflection, where they can go to should they need a quiet moment in the school day, again they would like this outside area to have benches and be a welcoming place to sit. These projects will cost us a large amount of money as we want these areas to be nice places for your children to learn and play. The money raised will be used for these projects.

The FOBS team have previously signed us up to the school lottery and easy fundraising. There will be further information on these on the FOBS newsletter which will soon be shared with you.

There were several ideas raised during the meeting, one of which was to have a voice for each year group who becomes the spokesperson and go between for that year group; between their year group and the FOBS team, putting messages sent from FOBS onto their year group chats and relaying ideas back to the chair – Beth Watkins (Jude's mum). If you think you can help with the coordination between your year group and FOBS team, please give your name and number to the school office and they will pass this on. This will stop having to have such a large FOBS WhatsApp group.

We are also looking at having mini teams who take charge of an event, i.e. Easter Egg team, gift sale team, Break the Rules day team, raffle team, tea towel team, pumpkin plant growing team...If you feel this is something you would be interested in taking on board, whether on your own or with a group of parents please come and speak to Mrs Cox or the school office and they will be able to tell you more about what these jobs entail.

The Gift Sale will take place on Friday 12th December – any volunteers are most welcome. If you would like to help run a stall, please see Mrs Lindsay (Millie + William's mum) or pop into the office for more information. Please make sure your child is sent into school with their money in a named purse/wallet/envelope and a gift bag to take their presents home.



Weekly Awards

Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Aubrie Benton
Forge	Liam Neary
Hurstwood	Luna Peters
Kemsley	Thea Clarke
Oakwood	Oscar Sheridan



Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Edie Gardiner
Forge	Noah Charnock
Hurstwood	Hettie Oxley
Kemsley	Sylvie Wright
Oakwood	Mia Jones



Writers of the Week

Fir Tree	Finley Watts
Forge	Florence Snowden
Hurstwood	Marnie Turner
Kemsley	Jude Liston
Oakwood	No writer this week



Diary Dates

November

Wednesday 26 th	KS2 Netball Match (Away)
Thursday 27 th	MYG Badminton
Friday 28 th	Advent Event



December

Monday 1 st	Christmas Jumper Sale
Wednesday 3 rd	Yr6 Christmas Experience
	Choir at Rochester Cathedral
Thursday 4 th	Whole School Panto
Monday 8 th	Infant dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th	Infant Play 2.15
Wednesday 10 th	Cross Country
Wednesday 10 th	Infant Play 4p.m.
Thursday 11 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 12 th	Gift Sale
Monday 15 th	KS2 Play
Tuesday 16 th	Bethlehem Walk
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Parties

