

# 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



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. I am not sure what has happened to the weather upon our return; I don't think I have ever seen rain quite like it! We even had a waterfall running down the inside of Forge classroom on Wednesday, and the children had to all be evacuated! We have since had the roofers out to repair the leaking cladding!!!! What an exciting start!

During the Summer break, for those of you who do not already know - I broke my collarbone - in the sea whilst on holiday. Luckily it was the last day of our family holiday! I received a call from the hospital yesterday (when on the gate!) to say that it is to be operated on this Sunday! I will be having a plate and pins so will be out of action for a couple of weeks, but am glad they have finally made a decision about what to do! I will therefore not be in school for the next couple of weeks, leaving the school in Mrs Place's very capable hands. Not quite the start I would have liked to the new school year! As always should you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office. There will be no newsletter next week as Mrs Place will have enough to deal with in my absence! Any information will be sent home via MCAS. I will continue to be in contact with the school so should anything urgent arise I will be informed.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bristow on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Ottilie Rose, who was born on 7th August weighing 7lb and 10oz. I am very pleased to say both mum and baby are doing well. We are all looking forward to a visit soon!

Well done to all our new **reception** children. Dare I say, what a smooth start to school - the children have managed the transition into school very well! It is a very emotional time for parents, when your little ones start at their primary school, especially if they are your first child, they always seem so tiny, especially compared to the older children in the school! We have all been amazed by them and it is like you have always all been part of the school! The children have been so calm and have taken everything in their stride! We really haven't had many tears at all this year, but please be prepared for the weekend as they will all be tired by the end of today, prepare yourselves for 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 the second week they start to get emotional, it is almost like reality has hit and they start to realise they have to do this EVERY day!!! I have also been super impressed with the rest of the school, what a brilliant calm start to the new year!

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

**Fir Tree:** Thursday - PE. Friday - swimming. They should come into school in their PE kits for ease of changing both days. Only year 1 for 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:** Wednesday - PE and swimming. Please come into school in PE kits.

**Oakwood:** Friday - swimming. Please come into school in PE kits.



In **Fir Tree** class the children have begun their topic 'Let's Read a Story.' During this term they are going to be reading traditional stories and developing language skills using common story phrases. They will be looking at the different settings for the stories whilst exploring the profiles of the characters. There will be lots of creative opportunities during this topic, including role-play, as well as making accessories and props for some of the characters they will meet. They are also going to be learning about their own bodies and look at what they can do, how we move and how our bodies work to help us learn new things. We are hoping this will definitely be a 'Happily ever after' first term at school.



In **Forge** class the children have started the topic 'Tales with a Twist'. They will be reading a variety of well-known traditional fairy tales and traditional tales with a twist! They will focus on the variety of settings found in the tales which will guide their learning towards finding out about physical and human geography, and their key features. The children's interest will then lead which specific settings they will look at more closely to identify the key human and physical features.

**Hurstwood** children have started the topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. In this topic they will learn about how people's lives changed from being hunter gathers to farmers, from living in caves to living in houses, from wearing furs to wearing clothes. They will learn about changes in housing, farming, technology and daily life as well as studying the historic sites of Stonehenge, Skara Brae and Maiden Castle. They will also be finding out about cave paintings in Europe and how early people recorded their lives. They will explore the techniques and media that they used, creating their own pigments to create their own composition.

In **Kemsley** class the children's learning will be focussed around natural disasters. They will be learning about what natural disasters are; how and where they form and then, consider the impact that they have on the physical and human geography of places in the modern world and historical societies. In doing this, they will analyse the social, economic and cultural impact natural disasters have on places around the world by learning about recent disasters that have occurred. In Art, they will take inspiration from William Turner's, Eruption of Vesuvius, in order to create their own representation of his work.

In **Oakwood** class the children have started looking at the book, 'The journey.' and will be using this to write descriptions of settings. In history they will be learning about what life was like in Victorian England and the influence Charles Dickens had on the Victorian period and the local area, particularly in relation to education and healthcare. In art they will be studying William Morris and his wall-paper designs.

To find out more about our curriculum, look on the curriculum page of our website where you will find our overviews along with the statements of intent for each curriculum area. We are on year B of our 2 year rolling cycle.

### Reading:

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) This is the book they will have been reading during their guided reading sessions. For some of the year 2 children these books may have longer chapters and 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.

**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 next Friday, 13th 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 celebration worship next week. We are also adding any children to our library display.

**Clubs** will be starting the week of **Monday 15th September**. Watch out for the alert which will be sent out early next week to notify you that you can sign your child up for after school clubs. You will be able to sign up for clubs through the **My Child at School App**. This term it will be Multi-sports for Yr 1+2 on Mondays, Football Yr 5+6 on Tuesdays, Football Yr 3+4 on Wednesdays and Basketball for Years 3—6 on Thursdays. Choir club for Yr 3 - 6 will also take place on a Thursday. Sorry there no clubs for Reception Children this term. A variety of lunchtime clubs will be running and there is no need to sign up for these.

Don't forget to continue to look on the new, updated, school website regularly where you can find any information regarding the curriculum, the school day, school policies, clubs, results etc. [www.bredhurst.kent.sch.uk](http://www.bredhurst.kent.sch.uk)  
Thank you to Mrs Jarvis for her hard work on this through the Summer. It has gone live although it is not yet finished.



Have a wonderful weekend and I will see you all as soon as I am recovered from my surgery!

Michelle Cox



We will soon be voting for our new School Council and House Captains.

Watch this space to find out who will be voted into these positions by the rest of the children.



#### Key Events.

- **Year R and 1 Phonics Talk in school hall on Wednesday 17th September at 9.00. This will be very useful for all new parents and a refresher for year 1 parents**
- **Thursday 18th September Flu Immunisation for the whole school.**
- **Friday 26th September Macmillan Coffee morning—all welcome after you have dropped your child off in the school hall.**



We are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**, which means **NO NUTS, NO PEANUT BUTTER OR CHOCOLATE SPREAD** (as these usually contain nuts) we do have children with nut allergies in our school. For break/snack time the children may have a cereal bar, fruit or fruit snack this includes 'yo yo bear' type fruit snacks.



Please can I remind you we have a **no jewellery rule**. The children may wear a pair of stud earrings and a watch only. Necklaces, bracelets and hooped earrings are not allowed to be worn, unless for a medical/religious reason.

**Any mobile phones bought into school MUST be handed into the office at the start of school and collected at 3.30p.m.**

**NO access will be allowed throughout the day.**



## Welcome back 2025-2026



### Diary Dates

#### September

Thursday 11th	Kent 11+ Test
Monday 15th	CAT Test Yr 6
Tuesday 16th	CAT Test Yr 6
Wednesday 17th	Yr R Phonics Meeting 9a.m.
Thursday 18th	Flu Immunisation (Whole School)
Saturday 20th	Medway 11+ Test
Monday 22nd	Girls Football Tournament
Friday 26th	Macmillan Coffee Morning

School Meal Price has increased this year for Key Stage 2

The price of a school meal is now £3.00/day.

#### Stars of the Week

Fir Tree	Ellie Hayes
Forge	Hudson Horton
Hurstwood	Whole Class
Kemsley	Charlie Fifield
Oakwood	Marcell Ward



#### Spirit of Bredhurst

Fir Tree	Emma Watson
Forge	William Huddleston
Hurstwood	Name Witheld
Kemsley	Victoria Daniels
Oakwood	Lennie Smith

