

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,

The school is beginning to become a hub of excitement as we get ever closer to the big day and the end of term. The children are looking forward to all the upcoming events planned for the final week of term.

Our infant children performed their nativity **'Wriggly Nativity'** on Tuesday and Wednesday this week - and what a treat it was. They remembered all the words to the different songs they had learned; there were lots of songs for them to remember. The narrators spoke very clearly and confidently. The shepherds, sheep, stable animals, stars, kings, princesses and camels, townspeople, angels, Mary and Joseph and the donkey all remembered where they had to go and what they needed to do when they were on the stage. The children spoke clearly and all seemed to really enjoy the opportunity. I was particularly impressed with Violet Dunn, what a very majestic Angel Gabriel she made, Elijah Snowden who spoke so clearly, Noah Charnock for his confidence in singing a small solo and Milo Carr who sang every song with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to watch - it was a lovely performance, and the children performed with such confidence and enthusiasm. They all did a super job!

Our year 6 children visited St. Matthew's on Tuesday for the **Experience Christmas Event** - their behaviour was impeccable as ever and their responses were both insightful and thoughtful. Thank you to Rev. Brain who organised this for our children - the biscuits and squash also went down very well and were much appreciated by the children!

The junior performance of **'Time for a Change'** will take place on Monday at 2.15pm. We will not be opening the doors until 2.00pm as we will be getting the hall ready after lunchtime and need the time to be able to set up. The evening performance will start at 6.00pm. We need all children dropped off between 5.30pm and 5.45pm so we can get them into their costumes and ready for the performance. The infant children will watch the dress rehearsal on Monday morning, so will be given the opportunity to watch older siblings then. We are hoping after a weekend of rest they will all be well enough to return and enjoy the opportunity to perform to parents and grandparents. Please remember we have asked that only 2 people watch each performance per family due to a lack of space and no pre school siblings please. Tea and coffee will be available before both performances.

The children are becoming increasingly tired as the weeks go on, particularly our younger children. You may find they are becoming more irritable and tearful at home - this is normal! They have now been at school for a long time and really need a break. The school days are very busy and they are also very excited - most children do not fair well with the build up to events. If you are having the odd melt down at home - you are probably not alone! Make sure your child has lots of reassuring cuddles and an early night or two!

For the **end of term party** we are asking that children wear their own clothes - they will be going on the Bethlehem walk in the morning, where the children walk around the village looking for the painted signs from scenes of Bethlehem, (they will need something warm to wear), followed by time in the church singing carols together as a school. The parties will take place in the afternoon. Please send your child into school with a small plate of party type food, do not send them in with lots of food as they will have eaten lunch already and it is only intended for them to eat; not for them to share with their friends. Please cover the plate with foil or clingfilm and label with your child's name. These plates of food will need to come into school with your child and will be kept in the classrooms until after lunchtime. A disposable plate would be preferred as we will not be able to ensure everyone returns home with the correct plate at the end of what will already be a very hectic afternoon! Please can I remind you not to send your child in with any products containing nuts as we do have children with nut allergies in school.

Don't forget to look on the school website for our **Advent Calendar**. Click on the link in the scrolling bar on the home page, this will take you to the Advent Calendar where you can click on a window each day and follow the clues to win a Christmassy treat! This can also be found on the school Jotter App. The children have all been given an answer sheet to fill out and return to the office on Friday 15th December to receive their treat. Don't forget to send in your photos of your child reading with their elf.

Our **Elf on a Bookshelf** has gone for a wander, if you have had an extra elf appear in your home please return him back to school so he can return to his bookshelf!

Thank you to everyone who donated money to **Save the Children** by wearing their Christmas jumper to school, every single child wore a Christmas jumper this year. They all looked lovely and festive! We will be accepting donations of out grown jumpers in January for next year's sale! Don't forget if you are out Christmas shopping this weekend we have our **Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal**, should you like to buy a Christmas gift for a child. To someone who has nothing, your Christmas gift can mean everything. Please do only donate if you can afford to do so, there is no pressure on anyone to donate as we understand this is a very expensive time of year and finances are already tight due to the increase in the cost of living.

If you or your child need any support with **mental health and well being** over the Christmas period or at any point please do go to our website and look on the Mental Health and Wellbeing page where you will find suggestions of books which may help to support you or your child as well as agencies who may be able to support you. We have added a link to the 'Hub of Hope.' This fantastic resource has links to a vast amount of local support including: family support, menopause support, domestic violence support, bereavement support, men's support and counselling to name but a few.

Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Cox



Yesterday afternoon the whole school enjoyed the thrills and spills of the annual pantomime trip. This year we were entertained by Mrs Smee and the crew of the Jolly Roger in Peter Pan. As Peter and Wendy soared through the air the children joined in at the tops of their voices. With Boos for Hook and cheers for Peter, the whole afternoon was a great success. A shout out to Violet and Mikel who led the singing of "Old Captain Hook" brilliantly and a huge thankyou to all the staff and volunteer helpers who will never be able to hear the same again! **We also thank FOBS who heavily subsidised this trip.**



December

11th Junior Nativity @ 2.15pm

Junior Nativity @ 6.00pm

13th Christmas Disco

15th Bethlehem Walk

15th Christmas Parties (bring your food on a named plate)

18th – 1st Christmas Holiday



January

3rd Children return to school

10th Cross Country—Capstone Park

11th New Parents Tour 9.45am

19th MYG Swimming Team Medway Park



February

1st NSPCC Numbers Day

2nd Captain Wonderweb!

5th Mental Health Week

6th Safer Internet Day

7th Parents Evening

8th Parents Evening

8th MYG Table Tennis—Medway Park

9th Pancake Races @2.30pm

21st Cross Country—Medway Park

Don't forget to remind your child to take part in the Advent Calendar quiz on our school website following the clues to win a Christmassy treat!

There will be NO PE on Friday next week for Hurstwood and Oakwood class.

The children may all wear their own clothes to school on Friday 15th December, they will be taking part in the Bethlehem walk, signing carols in St. Peter's church and enjoying their Christmas parties.



A huge Thank you to the FOBS team who held the gift sale in the hall today—The children were so excited to buy Surprise gifts for their families.

(No peaking parents!)



Please remember Monday 11th December is the last day for the gift donations for the Salvation Army. Thank you so much for your kind generosity, we have some lovely toys so far.

