

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,

How lucky were we with the snow as the children walked up the road to the Village Hall Grotto, what a lovely start to a very exciting and busy Friday! The children enjoyed the experience and left clutching gifts. What a lovely start to our advent event. Thank you to June Cox who organised the treat for the children, as well as organised the Village Christmas Fayre. Our choir will be singing at the Village hall Fayre on Saturday at approx. 2.30pm, should you like to come along, join in the festivities and listen to them sing.

We have certainly had a busy week in school as we start the lead up to Christmas. This week the children have been busy practising for their nativity plays. I have heard some wonderful singing from some very 'wriggly' infant children who were even brave enough to sing to the parents on a parent tour of the school for next year's R intake. I hear snippets of singing and acting throughout the day from my office; the song 'Please can we have a room' from the junior nativity sounds beautiful. I can't wait to see the performances! The children are really enjoying the opportunity to act and sing and are looking forward to showing their performances to parents, grandparents and family members over the next couple of weeks. Our **infant nativity** is due to take place on Tuesday 5th December at approx. 2.30pm. The doors will be opened at approx. 2.00pm where there will be the opportunity to buy a tea or coffee and purchase a raffle ticket for the Christmas hampers. On Wednesday 7th December we will be opening the hall as soon as the rest of the school have been safely sent home. Once again tea, coffee and raffle tickets will be on sale. We aim to start the performance at approx. 4.00pm. The children will be able to return home as soon as we have them changed back into their own clothes. If you are not watching the performance that evening please come onto the front playground at approx. 4.45pm to collect your child.

This year we also have 2 performances for the **junior nativity** and we are using the school hall rather than St. Matthew's Church for the performances. Although the church is a beautiful building and creates a lovely atmosphere we spend a long time walking the children to and from the church in the cold and wet weather to rehearse. Hopefully, this way they have stayed in the warm and managed more time actually rehearsing too. We have issued 2 tickets per family for both performances. On Monday 11th November, our doors will open at 1.45pm for the 2.15pm performance and at 5.30pm for the 6.00pm performance. Once again we ask that you do not bring younger children, particularly pre-school as they can be very distracting to the children who are performing. All infant children will be watching the junior dress rehearsal and all junior children will be watching the infant dress rehearsal.

Our **advent event** was a lovely opportunity for the whole school community to get together, singing in the start of the advent period. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Beck who once again supplied us with our Christmas Tree. The children love putting their decorations on our school tree and the lights being switched on, it does feel special when the school and community come together in this way. I think everyone enjoyed the opportunity to spend time at the Christmas Fayre after the advent event, this year too, with people buying a well need hot drink after the cold of the outside! Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to run stalls and Hannah Jones for organising.



Thank you to June who also selected our 3 winners from the **Christmas decoration competition**. The winners were:

1st Maya Kyle

2nd Jiya Gore

3rd Victoria Murphy

We had so many lovely entries. They look wonderful hanging on our tree.

The children were full of excitement this morning as our elf made a return visit to us, she was spotted on the heater in the corridor! Well done to our eagle eyed children!

We also had a visit from another elf, who was found in the library reading a Christmas book! **'Elf on a Bookshelf!'** The children are looking forward to finding out what he has got up to over the weekend!

We would love to see whether any other elves have been seen reading with the children at home. If you have any pictures of your child reading with their elf please send them to rebecca.meade@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk We would love to share them with the rest of the school.

Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Sage have been very busy making an **Advent Calendar** on our school website. 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.

Next week looks set to be as busy as this week has been. It is always a whirlwind up to the end of term!

- Monday 4th December - Infant dress rehearsal, Rock Steady Concert, parents join us for 2.45 for a 3.00pm start. Pre loved Jumper sale after school.
- Tuesday 5th December - Experience Christmas at St. Matthew's Church - year 6 pupils @ 10.00
Infant Nativity@ 2.30pm
- Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Dinner
Christmas Jumper Day
Infant nativity @ 4.00pm
- Thursday 7th December - Whole school to the Hazlitt theatre for Peter Pan, we should be back at school for 4.00pm.
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Gift Sale, don't forget to send the children in with money in a named envelope or purse/wallet with gift bags.
2.30 pm school choir to Hempstead Valley

Yesterday, a group of our year 5 and 6 children took part in the Mini Youth Games Badminton Competition. Mr Peters said they were fantastic as a team, all playing well and on the games they lost, it was only by one or two points. Mr Peters felt the games could have gone either way. Rory and Jacob formed a formidable partnership with Jacob returning the shuttlecock to win valuable points. Rory used his excellent placement and deadly smash shot, to win several much needed points, his smash shot was far too good for any opposition! Alexis McCaffery stepped up to the plate by joining the team at the last minute, she made lots of accurate return shots (thank you to her uncle for practising with her!!!) Holly worked hard on perfecting her serves to ensure they were accurate. Neriah, was very versatile, playing with any partner in the mixed and girls games. Jarin showed consistency and was a brilliant support to the team, with his positive mindset. Dominic was superb, always in the right position to place a return and make the game difficult for his opponent. They were place 16/23 overall and were a true credit to the school.

We do have a nasty cough going around as well as covid once again! Please may I remind you to notify the office if your child is absent from school on either 01634 231271 by 9.15 or via email: office@bredhurst.kent.sch.uk Several of the children are starting to flag now as we draw towards the end of term, it has been an exceptionally busy term!

I hope you all have a restful weekend in this busy time of preparation and excitement,
Michelle Cox

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December

- 4th Christmas Jumper Sale
- 4th Rock Steady Concert @2pm
- 5th Year 6 Experience Christmas
- Infant Nativity - 2.30pm
- 6th Infant Nativity – 4.00pm
- 6th Christmas Dinner

Wear Christmas Jumper (£1)

7th Whole school Panto! Back at 4pm

- 8th Christmas Gift sale
- Choir to Hempstead Valley
- 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
- 11th New Parents Tour 9.45am
- 20th MYG Swimming Team Medway Park
- February
- 1st NSPCC Numbers Day
- 2nd Captain Wonderweb!
- MYG Table Tennis Team Medway Park
- 5th Mental Health Week
- 6th Safer Internet Day
- 7th Parents Evening
- 8th Parents Evening
- 9th Pancake Races @2.30pm



<u>Stars of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Evelyn Alderman
Forge	Ellis Tickner
Hurstwood	Patience Beck
Kemsley	Alexis McCaffery
Oakwood	Austin Humphries

<u>Writer of the Week</u>	
Fir Tree	Noah Charnock
Forge	Rocco Reid
Hurstwood	Lennie Smith
Kemsley	No Writer this Week
Oakwood	Dannie Frankham

<u>Spirit of Bredhurst</u>	
Fir Tree	Harrison Watts
Forge	Indie Sherwood
Hurstwood	Jamie Jackson
Kemsley	Jacob Addison
Oakwood	Luke Wallace