

Bredgar CEP School News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you had a very pleasant Christmas. The children have certainly been telling us of many exciting adventures and presents!

We are seeking volunteers to come and hear children read. If you or a family member would be interested in committing some spare time, please do let either a class teacher or Mrs. Gower know. Some training will be available if needed. A Disclosure and Barring Check will be required before starting to volunteer in school and regard to confidentiality is essential.

The next Parent Focus Forum will be on Friday 15th January at 2.30pm held in the Learning Loft at school. This is an opportunity to share your ideas and suggestions with the school. Two Governors, Adele Spackman and Sally Murray will be hosting the meeting and Mrs. Gower will join towards the end to answer some queries. Mrs. Gower also wants to take this opportunity to talk about a new safeguarding procedure that will be introduced to the children soon. Do come along if you can or you can liaise with the class representatives if you are unable to attend. They are: Foundation Stage- Hayley Forrest; Year 1- Aidan Boulten; Year 3- Amy Gambrill; Year 5- Rebecca Cooper-Helene; Year 6- Vicky Hinton.

Education Sunday will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church, Bredgar on the 24th January at 10.30am. The act of worship will be led by the ExCiTe group and there will be a range of contributions by the children. It would be lovely to see lots of families from school there.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

David Whitehead
Executive Head Teacher

Madeleine Gower
Head of School

Clubs

Thank you to those who have already returned their club form. Hockey club is continuing from last term with the same group of children. You should have received a text today confirming your child's place at football club which starts next Tuesday 12th January. This club is now full.

There are still spaces in Debating club. If your child would like to go to this club please drop the club form into the office next week. Debating club will now not start until Tuesday 19th January (lunchtime) as Mrs Goodwin will be at the Sporthall Athletics next Tuesday, during lunchtime.

E-Safety Information

Some children were lucky enough to receive a computer, tablet or hand held device for Christmas. For advice and information about keeping your child safe whilst online, you can look at the e-safety pages on the School website www.bredgar.kent.sch.uk under the 'For Parents' tab. It's worth remembering that many of the popular media sites such as FaceBook, Kik and ooVoo have a minimum age of 13 years. There are steps that parents and carers can take to protect their child whilst online so that the many benefits of internet access can still be enjoyed.



Money raised

We are please to let you know that Toby and his helpers raised £38.40 with their sweetie sale (& donations from family) prior to Christmas . Money raised is going to Knit for Peace. Well done!

Coming up...

Monday 11th January - Badger class Sporthall athletics
Tuesday 12th January—Beaver Sporthall athletics
Wednesday 13th—Badger class Greek day
Thursday 14th January—Beaver class road safety presentation by Smart Brothers
Friday 15th January—2.30pm Parents focus forum, Learning loft
Wednesday 20th January—Year 3 swimming restarts
Sunday 24th January —Education Sunday, 10.30am Bredgar church
Friday 12th February—Last day of Term 3
Monday 22nd February— Start of Term 4

FOB's News

Welcome back, hope you all had a nice Christmas and Happy New Year! Reusable bags are still available from the Office at £4 a bag.

Watch this space for lots of exciting things to come....

Winter Guidance

Now the weather is getting colder it is worth mentioning the procedure for alerting parents should the school need to close due to snow and ice. Every effort will be taken to keep the school open although under some unavoidable circumstances, it may be necessary. Bredgar CEP School will make every effort to prepare for snow this winter by gritting pathways, clearing access points and suggesting the best drop off point using local knowledge. To find out whether the school is open, go to www.kentclosures.co.uk and search for Bredgar CEP School. It is also possible to sign up to this website so that you can receive email alerts. School will also endeavour to send a text to parents. Local radio stations such as BBC Radio Kent and Heart FM may also include school closure information. It is important that children come to school with **suitable warm clothing** and that you consider sending a **packed lunch** just in case there is difficulty in the school lunches being transported to school. If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a **back-up plan** in place with another family member or parent and inform the school.



Greek Workshop Badger Class

The Badger class are having 'Greek workshop day' on Wednesday 13th January where we have invited a company to come in for the whole day to explore the topic. We are hoping that children will come to school dressed in Greek costume, Mrs Stephens has sent home ideas for this, although this is not compulsory. It looks to be a good day!



Sportshall Athletics

The Badger class are going to the Swallows on Monday 11th January to join other local primary schools for the Sportshall Athletics Days. The majority of the Beaver class will be going on Tuesday 12th January. Please make sure your child has their sports kit (including trainers) with them and have a packed lunch and drinks, as we will not be returning to school until approx. 1.30pm.



Special Fun Lunch—Thursday 21st January

Principals are having a special fun lunch on Thursday 21st January and there will be a change to the published meal. Yesterday children should have had a leaflet showing the menu for the day and with a return slip if the meal is wanted. Please could you return the slip to the office by Wednesday 13th January as we will be pre-ordering the correct amount of meals with Minterne kitchen. Please return the slip even if your child has a free meal as it still needs to be pre-ordered.



Attendance Champions!

Congratulations to the Badger Class who achieved 100% attendance this week! Well done and keep it up!



Joke of the week

Q. Did you hear about the man who bought a paper shop?
A. It blew away!
Have you got a better joke? Please email the office on office@bredgar.kent.sch.uk

We believe that we should all show respect for God, for each other and for ourselves.