

Bredgar CEP School News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the small group of mums who came to the Parent Focus Forum meeting on Tuesday. Several different topics were discussed. A response will be made each week on the newsletter to the questions asked.

It has come to our attention that several children in the Badger and Beaver classes have Instagram and Snapchat accounts. It is important to highlight that the common social media sites stipulate that the minimum age for children to have accounts is 13 years. However, as it appears to be becoming common place for children under the age of 13 to hold accounts, it is even more important to raise their parents' awareness of how to protect their children. The e-safety presentation next Monday and Tuesday will address this but in the meantime, the following addresses take you to parent safety information - for Instagram <https://help.instagram.com/377830165708421/> and Snapchat at <https://support.snapchat.com/ca/abuse> There is a site for children under the age of 13 called 'Snapkidz' which does not include messaging capabilities or the collection or transmission of personal information – the above link for Snapchat provides more information about Snapkidz. There is more information on the school website about e-safety and how to report any incidents.

A big thank you to the FOBS in advance of Saturday evening for hosting the Barn Dance at Highsted School. Come along and bring some friends – tickets will be available on the door. See box opposite for more information.

Best wishes

David Whitehead Madeleine Gower
Executive Head Teacher Head of School

Parent Focus Forum – Lunchtime Arrangements and Clubs

The recently trialled lunchtime arrangements were discussed. The vast majority of Parents appreciated that the overarching reason for the change was due to Health and Safety reasons. In the main, children have also expressed their support to the new arrangements. A concern was that clubs would not be run during lunchtimes now. Happily, clubs will continue to run just as before and to help the children remember to attend the various clubs, staff will blow a whistle on the playground to remind children that clubs are starting.

Reading Books

Sadly, we have discovered that some of our reading books have had words crossed out and alternative words written in them. The substitutions offered could be considered to be more grammatically correct, however as the books are written for beginner readers, the printed words will have been carefully chosen and appropriate to the level of knowledge for these children. We are extremely keen that our children are taught how to respect books and to understand that writing in books is unacceptable. Therefore should you find that your child's book has some writing in it, please make it known to the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Coming up...

Monday 9th February—Safer internet presentation 9am
Tuesday 10th February—Safer internet presentation 2.45pm
Wednesday 11th February—Butterfly class maths workshop 9.10am
Thursday 12th February—Last day of Term 3
Friday 13th February—Staff development day
Monday 23rd February—Start of Term 4
Tuesday 24th February—Beaver trip to Dickens World
Friday 27th February—Swimming Year 4
23rd-27th March—Bikeability
Thursday 26th March—Badgers proposed trip to Natural History Museum
Wednesday 1st April—Last day of Term 4
Monday 20th April—Start of Term 5

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BARN DANCE

Barn Dance Saturday 7th February 2015

The barn dance is tomorrow, Saturday 7th February at Highsted School from 7pm-10pm.

It is going to be a great night for adults and children alike.

There will be a live band and bar. Bring your own nibbles and some money for the raffle.

Tickets are available on the door tomorrow night: £7 for adults, £3 for children, third child goes free.

The school fete will be on Sunday 5th July so save the date

As always we can be contacted via our Facebook page or via email: friendsofbredgarschool@gmail.com

Messy Church

3 - 5 pm
Milstead Village Hall
Saturday 7 February



"The Dreamcoat"

Come and join us with your family for craft activities, songs and tea. (Children must be with an adult please).

Find out more from

Rev Marian Bond: 01622 884387, bredgarvicarage@hotmail.co.uk
Phebe Chamberlain 01795 830267, phebe.chamberlain@tiscali.co.uk

It's church...but not as you know it! www.messychurch.org.uk

Butterfly Maths Parent Workshop

There will be a Maths Workshop on Wednesday 11th February at 9.10am in the Village Hall for Butterfly parents. Miss Hyams will be sharing some of the activities; methods and resources that we are using to help with maths learning in class. If you are unable to attend on Wednesday then Miss Hyams will be available in the classroom on Thursday 12th February at the end of the school day to review what was covered in the previous days workshop. If you have not already done so, please return the reply slip asap indicating whether you are able to attend



Wanted!

Please could you bring any old newspapers to the Office for use in Art. (No issues of The Sun please). Thank you.



Archery Club

Please note that the finish time is 4.30pm and not 4.15pm as previously circulated.



Attendance Champions!

Congratulations to the Bears Class who achieved 99.3% attendance this week! Well done and keep it up!



Joke

Q. What is an Ig?
A. An Eskimo's house without a loo!
Can you do better? Know a really good joke? E-mail your jokes to the office on: office@bredgar.kent.sch.uk and see yours in print!

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