

Bredgar CEP School News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good Easter. We've certainly all enjoyed the warmer weather this week – what a shame it didn't coincide with the holiday! As the sun is shining more strongly now, please remember to send your child to school with a sunhat and to consider applying sunscreen before school.

On the final day of term, we held an Easter themed competition. The winner from each year group earned 10 housepoints as well as an Easter egg kindly donated by FOBS. The winners were: Elliot, Hollie, Rebecca, Bradley, Leo, Joel and Annabel. The two 'runner up' positions from each year group earned 5 housepoints plus an Easter egg and were: Kylah, Elsa, Rocky, Freddie, Polly Anna, Lucas, Charlie W, Lydia, Amelia, Matilda, Eva M, Lewis & Elijah, Jamie & Jacob and Robert & Amber. This means Bexon gained 45 housepoints, Swanton 40, Primrose 30 and Orchard 25.

The whole school's attendance percentage from the beginning of the year is 96.65%. This is just slightly below our target of 97%. Unfortunately, the percentage for unauthorised attendance has doubled compared to last term. Only in very exceptional circumstances should children miss school for anything other than illness or attending appointments that cannot be arranged outside the school day. Holidays are almost certainly unauthorised. Despite that, pleasingly, there are 53 children who have personal attendance figures above 98% which includes 17 children with 100% attendance who are: James, Edward, Robert, Jack L, Matilda, Daniel J, Ruby, Jasmine, Eviee, Munashe, Charlie P, Issabell S, Hollie, Bruno, Henry L, Elliot and Ralph H.

Finally, the school received some sad news over the holiday. Mr. Brian Robinson, who was a volunteer reader until a few years ago, passed away on Easter Monday. Mr. Robinson was a kind and gentle man who gave very generously of his time to the school. He read with groups of children and had the gift of encouraging even the most reluctant of readers to engage with and enjoy books. His generosity continues as he asked for donations from his funeral to be given to the school to enable new books to be bought for the children. We are extremely touched that Mr. Robinson remembered the school and will ensure that the books bought with this money contain a reference to him.

Have a nice weekend.

David Whitehead
CEO

Madeleine Gower
Head Teacher

Attendance Champions!

Congratulations to the Badger class who have achieved 99.3% attendance this week! Well done and keep it up!



FOBs News

Bredgar School's 150th Anniversary fete!

Save the date for Saturday 9th June as we would love to see as many people there as possible. This will be a celebration of 150 years of Bredgar school so if you know people who used to attend the school please share the date with them too.

Thank you to those who are advertising in the fete brochure and another thank you to those who have agreed to have an advertisement board up.

Any ideas, or questions about the fete please email friendsofbredgar@gmail.com

Easyfundraising, go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Online Safeguarding Information

Fortnite: Battle Royale is a very popular game currently. On the school's website under the E-Safety tab, a poster has been added about the game outlining the risks and offering top tips for parents. Click on the poster to enlarge it.

Don't forget to use the NetAware app to help you stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world. NetAware <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> gives you the vital information about the popular apps and shows the risk of your child being exposed to inappropriate content.

Beehive Quiz Night

The Beehive will be holding a child friendly quiz night on Wednesday 2nd May. Book with the office now £7, collect your child at 5.30pm. Fun to be had and prizes to be won!

Confirmation Classes

Rev. Alan spoke to the Beaver children a couple of weeks ago about Confirmation. Rev. Alan is keen to support any child wishing to be confirmed and you are welcome to either contact Rev. Alan directly on 01795 471483 or via email aepinnetgar@gmail.com or you can speak to the Office at school and we will pass on the information.

Dates for your diary

Friday 20th — Saturday 21st April — stargazing Beaver class
Friday 4th May — School Health team seeing Reception children for height, weight and eyes
Monday 7th May — Bank Holiday
Monday 14th — Thursday 17th May — SATs Year 6
Friday 25th May — Staff development day
Monday 28th May — Friday 1st June — Half term
Saturday 9th June — 150th Anniversary fete
Friday 22nd — Sunday 24th June — Year 6 trip to Swattenden
Tuesday 24th July — Last day of academic year

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