

Bredgar CEP School News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The annual 'Welcome Service' is this Sunday, 25th September at 10.30am held at Bredgar Church. We do hope that as many of you as possible are able to come along so that the whole school community can worship together. All the children have contributed something to the Service ranging from artwork, writing and making cakes and biscuits. We look forward to seeing you there.

As you know, the school is required to carefully track the attendance rate of all its pupils. We are pleased that usually our overall attendance rate is very good although last year, it did see a dip. Whilst we acknowledge that some absence is unavoidable due to ill health, it is important that children attend school as much as possible. Our aim for this academic year is that the whole school attendance figure is at least 97%. Please do support the school and most importantly, your child's education by avoiding any absence other than ill health.

Just a reminder that some pupils are eligible to receive additional funding from the Government. If your joint family income is below £16,190 and you are in receipt of a particular welfare benefit, then your child may be eligible. The staff in the school office will be able to give you more details or you can look online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>. It may mean that your child gets free school meals as well as the school receiving additional funding which will be spent to enhance their educational achievements and experiences. Please do consider whether you should apply.

See you on Sunday,

David Whitehead
Executive Head Teacher

Madeleine Gower
Head of School

School photos

Children will be having their individual school photos next Friday 30th September and also with any siblings they have in school. The photographer is happy to take your child's photo with any non-school siblings if you take them to the village hall before school from 8.30am.



Cake Sale for dementia

Mrs Wootton is taking part in the Memory Walk on 1st October, to raise money for The Alzheimer's Society. To try and increase her fundraising she will be holding a cake sale on Friday 30th September after school. If you could help her raise money through cake donations Friday morning, or buying cakes in the afternoon, she would greatly appreciate your support as this is a cause close to her heart.



Coming up...

Sunday 25th September—Welcome Service, Bredgar church 10.30am
Friday 30th September 2016—Individual School Photos
Thursday 6th October—FOBs AGM 7.30pm
Friday 14th October—Harvest Festival 9.15am Bredgar church
Friday 21st October—End of Term one
Monday 31st October—staff development day (no school for children)
Tuesday 1st November—Start of Term two
Wednesday 21st December— Last day of Term two
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th January—staff development days
Thursday 5th January—Start of Term Three

Friends of Bredgar School A.G.M Thursday 6th October

The Friends of Bredgar School will be holding their A.G.M. on Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm at the school.

This is a meeting where we discuss the fundraising success / achievements of the last academic, fundraising ideas for the upcoming year and most importantly how our funds are best spent to benefit the children within the school.

The Fobs Committee currently consists of Lucy Loudon (Chairman), Anna Hinde (Vice Chairman) and Claire Aspey-Phillips (Secretary).

Along with our Year Representatives:

Mellanie Shilling / Karen Harvey YR 1

Zoe Holloway YR 2

Kay Day YR 3

Lucy Loudon YR 4

Maxine Dawes YR 5/6

THE POSITION OF TREASURER IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR TEAM.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE FROM BEARS.

All Parents / Carers are Friends of Bredgar School and we warmly invite you to come along to the meeting for you to find out a little bit more about what we do and how the FOBS team works.

Bredgar School is a small school. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Please follow us on Facebook: Friends of Bredgar school

Love in a Box

With apologies for mentioning Christmas whilst still being in September, we do want to let you know that we will be preparing 'Love in a Box' Christmas presents again this year. You are welcome to **either prepare a whole box yourself or donate a few gifts** which will then be made up into boxes by the Year 6 prefects. A full list of items that are suitable to include can be found at <http://www.msrm.org.uk/how.html#put> - items such as skipping ropes, playing cards, pencils, felt tips, paper, soft toy, hat, scarf, gloves, toothbrush, toothpaste and flannel are useful for most age ranges. The boxes need to be ready to go by the beginning of November. There will be a box in the reception area ready for your donations - thank you very much for your support.



Attendance Champions!

Congratulations to the Beaver and Bear classes who both achieved 98.6% attendance this week! Well done and keep it up!



Joke of the week

Q. What is the tallest building in Sittingbourne?
A. The library as it has the most stories.

If you have a 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.