

# Bredgar CEP School News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Friday, 16th October, is quite a day at Bredgar CEP School! We begin with the Harvest Festival in Bredgar Church starting at 9.15am. The children will be involved in the service and hope that you and other family members will join us for this celebration. We would ask that the children could bring some canned food items such as baked beans or fresh produce to give as part of the Harvest Festival. The church has for some years given the food to the Quays, Sittingbourne which is a charity supporting the homeless. The School would also like to raise some money for people around the world who are hungry. Farm Africa is a charity that aims to support farmers in Africa to help them use the uncultivated crop land they have to feed the people of Africa and ensure lasting rural prosperity. The children will be participating in the Great African Welly Walk during school time and we ask that you show your support by giving a donation of money to try to fill a pair of wellies with coins. The wellies will be placed in the reception area next week and will also be in church for the Harvest Festival. At the end of term, there will also be a 'welly wanging' competition....more details to follow shortly but try to be at school for 2.30pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October!

After the Harvest Festival, you are welcome to come back to school for a tour of our recently completed and much appreciated children's toilets and cloakroom. A cup of tea or coffee will be supplied and then we would encourage you to stay for the first Parent Focus Forum of the year. This is an opportunity to share your ideas with the school to further enhance life at Bredgar School as well as give your thoughts on matters raised by the school. Thank you to Mrs. Gambrell and Mrs. Hinton who have offered to be the year group representatives for Year 3 and 6 respectfully. Anyone can come along but to have a class representative from each year group would be wonderful. We will be talking about how the school will report to parents throughout the year and about how to further develop communication between school and home.

Have a restful weekend.

Best Wishes,

David Whitehead      Madeleine Gower  
Executive Headteacher    Head of School

## PESE result information

The parents and carers of those children who took the PESE (11+) test will receive their results either on 14<sup>th</sup> October by email or 15<sup>th</sup> October by post. From the 16<sup>th</sup> October, the school would encourage you to collect the more detailed result breakdown from the school office. If it would be easier for the results to be emailed to you, please let the office know. Mrs. Gower is happy to speak with anyone who may need further advice - please contact the office.

## Coming up...

Friday 16th October—Harvest Festival 9.15am  
Friday 16th October—Parent Focus Forum 10.15am  
Wednesday 21st October—FOBs AGM 7pm  
Friday 23rd October—Visit classrooms & 'welly wanging' 2.30pm  
Friday 23rd October—Last day of Term 1  
Monday 2nd November—Staff development day  
Tuesday 3rd November—Start of Term 2  
Wednesday 4th November—Year 6 swimming

## FOBS News

### Friends of Bredgar School AGM

This is being held on Wednesday 21st October at 7.30 at the school. There are 2 Committee positions available, Vice Chairman and Secretary. These positions need to be filled by parents / carers otherwise the FoBS charity that raises much needed funds for resources for our lovely school will not be able to continue.

### Bag2School collection

Thank you for all the filled bags brought in, we had a great response. We will let you know as soon as we know how much our collection raised.

### Christmas Fayre

This will be on Sunday 6th December 11am-3pm. Stalls are £15. If there is anyone who would like a stall or volunteer please let us know. *Please follow us on our Facebook page - friends of Bredgar school.*

## Sickness

We have unfortunately had several children who have succumbed to a sickness bug the past few weeks. This is just a reminder that if your child is unwell and unable to come to school to please report this to the School Office before 10am. If your child has sickness and / or diarrhoea please keep your child off for 48 hours from the last occurrence of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to prevent the bug spreading through the school.



## Forms

We have sent several forms home in the past couple of weeks: data form, Home School Agreement and trips permission form. If you have not already done so please could you return them to the Office as soon as possible. It is particularly important that you check the information on the data form, especially phone numbers, so we are able to get hold of you in the event of an emergency.

## Harvest Festival at Bredgar Church

There will be a Harvest Festival service on Sunday 18th October. This will be at 10.30am in St John the Baptist church Bredgar. There will be a lunch in the village hall at 12noon and this can be booked via the Farm Shop (donations to the cost of lunch gratefully received). Rev. Marian has invited all of Bredgar school children to this service.

## Enjoy meaningful conversation?

Thursday Group would love you to join us..... We meet informally on Thursdays 9.30-11am for coffee, cake and friendship and we chat and discuss deep stuff like God, the meaning of life and death and how do we make a difference in the world. (As well as some not so deep stuff....)

Ring Kate Hopper on 01622 884494 or 07538230863 for information.

## Attendance Champions!

Congratulations to the Beavers Class who achieved 97.2% attendance this week! Well done and keep it up!



## Joke

Q.      What did the dog say when he sat on sandpaper?  
A.      Ruff!

Do you know any good jokes? Can you do better than this? E-mail the school office [office@bredgar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@bredgar.kent.sch.uk)

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