

# Bredgar CEP School News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably our first term draws to a close today. Don't forget that there is a staff development day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October so the children return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Mitchell from the Butterfly Class. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for her future.

As you know, the children's attendance rate at school is scrutinised regularly by Governors, the Educational Welfare Officer and forms part of the Ofsted inspection. The school's overall attendance figure was lower than usual last year and some children's attendance this term is already a cause for concern. Whilst we acknowledge that children will be too ill to come to school occasionally, we encourage you to send them to school unless they are vomiting, suffering from diarrhoea or have a contagious infection such as chicken pox or conjunctivitis.

Having a cold, cough or sore throat is not enough to keep them away from school. School staff will always ring to discuss your child's health if they have noticed them feeling unwell during the school day. There are also a few children who are arriving late at school too frequently. As we begin Term 2, we ask that everyone makes a concerted effort to arrive at school on time and to come to school unless they are really too ill. Medical evidence of illness could be required to prove the seriousness of illness your child has been suffering from, before absence is authorised by the school.

There is a Parent Focus Forum meeting scheduled for Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Do come along if you have any ideas or thoughts on how to further improve our school. Please remember that this is not the forum to discuss individual concerns regarding your child. Please talk to class teachers or Mrs. Gower about specific concerns. Adele Spackman and Sally Murray look forward to seeing you there! Thank you to the FOBS for organising a cake sale today and to everyone who donated cakes.

Have a nice break,

David Whitehead  
Executive Head Teacher

Madeleine Gower  
Head of School

## Our Lives

The first programme of Our Lives, season two will be on line over half term. We're now planning for our next themes which will be "Remembrance" and "Christmas".

Can you make a short video about your best (most amusing or strangest) Christmas? Please send your video via our web page so we can include it in the next edition of Our Lives. You could even send a video message to Santa!

If you have a photo of a member of your family who has served in the military or civilian services please upload a copy to the Our Lives website so that we can include it in our segment on the theme of Remembrance.

## Coming up...

Friday 21st October—End of Term one  
Monday 31st October—Deadline for Year 6 secondary applications  
Monday 31st October—staff development day (no school for children)  
Tuesday 1st November—Start of Term two  
Friday 4th November—Parents focus forum 2.30pm  
Monday 28th November—Advent service 2.30pm  
Monday 19th December—Christmas Productions 1.15pm KS1, 2.15pm KS2  
Tuesday 20th December—Christmas Productions 1.15pm KS1, 2.15pm KS2  
Wednesday 21st December—Christmas service 9.15am  
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

Dear parents / carers,

### **Cake Sale**

Thank you for your support both bringing in items and buying cakes at the end of the day. We will let you know how much was raised.

### **Autumn Walk**

We will be arranging an 'Autumn Walk' treasure hunt around the village on Sunday 13th November. More information will follow shortly.

### **Bag2School**

Bags will need to be back to school by 15th November. Please keep any unwanted clothes, shoes etc. Bags will be sent home after half term.

### **2nd Hand Uniform Sale**

If you have any uniform in GOOD condition, please hand it in to the school office—we are planning to hold a uniform sale in the new year.

### **EASYFUNDRAISING**

We are having a big push on this. It is a website that offers you the opportunity to shop whilst raising money for Bredgar CEP School. There are over 2000 affiliated retailers including Next, Sainsburys, M&S, John Lewis, Amazon, Sports Direct, Tescos and Argos. All you need to do is go to their website (link below) or download the App, register then choose the retailer that you'd like to shop with. It's so simple. The link has also been shared on our Facebook page.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

If you experience any problems, please come and find one of the FOBS members, we'd be happy to help you out.

We share lots of information, dates of upcoming events, reminders and help needed, via our FB page—please search for Friends of Bredgar School.

Thank you.

## Half term football club

Total Football will be running a three day half term club on 25th, 26th and 27th October 10am to 3pm and costs £35 for that period. This will take place on the Bredgar School field. If you would like to reserve a place or like more information call 07909381479 or email [info@total-football.net](mailto:info@total-football.net)

## Love in a Box

The collection date for Love in a Box is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. You still have time to add individual items into the general collection box or prepare your own box if you wish. Thank you to those who have already donated - it is much appreciated.



## Wild on Wednesdays!

Singleton Environmental Centre, Ashford are having a Wild on Wednesdays event on 26th October 11am—1pm, activities include: crafts, pond dipping, bush-craft and much more! Course costs £5 per child and can be booked by emailing [singleton@tcv.org.uk](mailto:singleton@tcv.org.uk) or call 01233 666519

## Attendance Champions!

Congratulations to the Beaver & Bear classes who both achieved 97.14% attendance this week! Well done and keep it up!



## Joke of the week

Did you hear about the fight in the fish and chip shop?  
The fish got battered!

If you have a joke please email the office on [office@bredgar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@bredgar.kent.sch.uk)

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