

Breakwater Academy Newsletter



Work together, learn together, achieve together.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the first half term at Breakwater Academy draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support and encouragement. The children have been working extremely hard and have settled well into the new routines.



School Uniform

We have been very proud to see our children looking so smart in their new school uniform. Please can you ensure that your child has their full school uniform on each day, including a coat in the Autumn and Winter months. We will endeavour to get the children outside as much as possible at playtimes so they will need extra layers to keep them warm. Could you also please ensure that **every piece of clothing brought into school is named** so that if your child does misplace their belongings we can reunite them quickly.

Please can you also discourage your child from wearing 'added extras' to school. Items such as plastic wristbands; friendship bracelets; large, bright hairbands; brightly coloured socks or laces are lovely for the weekend, but are not appropriate for the normal school day. If children wear these to school, we will be asking them to remove them.



P.E. Kit

All pupils in all year groups will need a P.E. Kit. Kit should be brought into school on a Monday, left all week and taken home on Friday (you might want to provide a pair of black tracksuit bottoms for when the weather

becomes colder). **Please also remember to name each item of clothing that your child brings into school.**

Attendance

Can we please ask all parents to ring the school office before 9.00am if your child is unwell and unable to attend lessons. It is incredibly important that children attend school on a regular basis so that they are not missing out on learning that could lead to gaps in their later school lives, so please endeavour to send your child in unless they are unwell enough to attend.

Could we also ask that you update the office if anyone new will be collecting your child regularly from school. We will only release your child to the named adults you have stated, so would need written permission if anyone else is going to collect them. If there is a change of plan and you need to inform the office that someone else is going to be collecting your child, please endeavour to do this before lunchtime so that the message can be passed on safely to the class teacher.

Celebration Assembly

Every Friday in school we have a celebration assembly to celebrate the exciting achievements of the children throughout the week. From Friday 4th November we would like to invite you to join us for the celebrations. The assembly will start at 2:30pm each week, please enter the school at the back of the hall via the Key Stage 2 entrance. Parents of those children who are going to be celebrated as Stars of the Week will receive a text message on Thursday afternoon informing them and inviting them to join the assembly. We will also have three or four children from different classes sharing some of the learning that they have been doing that week. Please see below for when your child's class will be sharing some of their learning. Your child's class teacher will inform you if your child is going to be speaking that particular week.



Date	Class
Friday 4 th November	Diamonds
Friday 11 th November	Topaz
Friday 18 th November	Jets
Friday 25 th November	Sapphires
Friday 2 nd December	Opal
Friday 9 th December	Amethyst
Friday 16 th December	Emeralds

School Drop off

Please can we remind parents to please not park on the zig-zag lines outside of school to drop off their children. The lines have been placed there to keep the children safe at the beginning and end of the day, so please help us to look after your children's safety. Please also remember to be courteous to our neighbours by not parking over their drive ways.

Lunch Boxes and Water Bottles

We understand that some children can be very fussy about what they eat and we are sure that you will be familiar with this scenario at home! However, when packing your child's lunch box, can you please ensure that the food you provide for your child is as nutritious as possible. We have noticed some stray chocolate bars sneaking into lunchboxes quite regularly. Although we understand that the children may enjoy these as a treat, it is not recommended as an everyday occurrence.



Secondary School Preferences

It is time for Year 6 pupils to make their Secondary School preference choice! If your child is in Year 6, you should have received your application pack for your secondary school preferences. Please read it carefully. We would encourage you to make your application on line (closing date is 31st October).

Lining up

The children in Key Stage 2 have settled really well into their lining up routine in the mornings. In the Key Stage 1 Playground, please could we encourage parents to say goodbye to their children when the whistle goes and allow the children to line up independently. This will allow us to get the children into school promptly and start their learning.

Parents Evening

Please remember to sign up for a slot to see your child's class teacher at parents evening on Wednesday 2nd November or Thursday 3rd November from 3:30pm – 6:00pm.

Open Day for 2017 EY children

If your child is due to start school in September 2017, we will be having an open day on Thursday 10th November. At the meeting, we will share a little about the school, our expectations, how our Early Years class works as well as being able to take a tour of the school. We will be inviting people in at 9:30am, 1:45pm and 7:00pm. If you would have a child ready to start school next September, please let the school office know which time you would like to attend.

Head Lice

Please take time to check your child for head lice on a regular basis. The link below is advice from the NHS on how to best treat head lice:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Headlice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Breakfast and After School Clubs

There are still some outstanding balances from Breakfast and After School club in the Summer term. If you still owe money, you will have received a letter from the school. If you are having difficulty in paying for this, please come in and speak to us about it.

Diary Dates

October 2016	
20 th	Harvest Festival 9:15am & 2:15pm
21 st	Last day of term
24 th – 28 th	Half Term
31 st	Children back to school
November 2016	
2 nd	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm
3 rd	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm
10 th	Open Day for prospective new 2017 EY parents 9:30am, 1:45pm and 7:00pm
18 th	Children in Need
December 2016	
19 th	Whole school Christmas production 9:15am & 2:00pm
20 th	Christmas Lunch
21 st	Last Day of term