

# Breakwater Academy Newsletter



*Work together, learn together, achieve together.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another term draws to a close, we are very pleased at how hard the children are working and the progress that we can see in their learning.

### Coffee Mornings

Every Wednesday we will be having a coffee morning for parents. This is an opportunity for parents to meet and catch up as well as for parents to come in and meet with school leaders. Each week there will be different leaders from school for you to meet. Please come along and have a chat, we really want to hear how you feel things are going at the school. The only way we can continue to move the school forward is if we know what you feel is working and what is not. Plus, there will be a range of biscuits on offer!



### Attendance

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. Can we please ask all parents to ring the school office before 9.00am if your child is unwell and unable to attend lessons.

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.

### 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.

### Celebration Assembly

It has been wonderful to see so many parents joining us for our celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon. If you have been unable to join us so far this year, why not make it a New Year's resolution to join us in 2017! 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 this term. The assembly starts at 2:30pm each week.



Date	Class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Opals
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sapphires
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Amethyst
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Emeralds
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Rubies

### Leavers

It is with deep sadness that Mrs Sue Harris will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Mrs Harris has worked with the school for 12 years as a teaching assistant. Mrs Harris has been given a wonderful opportunity as a Pupil Intervention Supervisor at Peacehaven Community School. We thank her for her years of dedicated service to the children at the school but wish her all the best for the future.

### Road Safety

There have been reports of a number of near misses outside of the school recently where children have run across the road without looking. Please have a conversation with your children about how to stay safe when crossing roads.

Can we also 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. It is extremely difficult for children to cross the roads safely if people are parked on the zig-zag lines.

### Parents Evening

Next half term will see another set of parents evenings. Please add the dates to your diary: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. More information will be sent out in a letter nearer the time.

### Head Lice

We all know how frustrating it can be when your child gets 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>

Can you also please ensure that all long hair is tied back to prevent the spread of head lice.

### PE Events

On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February over 30 students from years three to six took part in our annual Cross country championships at Breakwater. All athletes worked hard to sustain their endurance throughout the race with the following students gaining podium finishes:



Year 6: Ronnie Dinnage, Sid Jones-Hogben and Jacob Aldabashi

Year 5: Logan McAteer, Alfie Waller and Sammy Godden

Year 4: Emlyn Jones, Louie Head and Harry Kempell

Year 3: Kyro Lambert, Taylor Hardy and Princess Saitta

Well done to all the children who participated and a big thank you to Ms Miles-Lewis and Mr Bailey for all the sporting events that they have organised for the children this term.

### Dinner Money

Please can any outstanding money be paid as a matter of urgency and in future dinners be paid for on the day on which they are taken.

### Seagulls & Breakfast Club

Please can we ask that any outstanding monies be cleared by the end of term.

## Diary Dates

February 2017	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
10 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
20 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school
March 2017	
17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents evenings – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of term
April 2017	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school