

Breakwater Academy Newsletter



Work together, learn together, achieve together.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We have an exciting term ahead and we look forward to sharing more of your children's learning with you throughout the year.

Children's work

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming in to see their children's work at the end of last term. As this was such a popular event, we would like to invite parents in again on Friday 26th May at 2:30pm to share in their children's work once more. A letter will be sent nearer the time to confirm details.

Attendance

As you know, it is incredibly important that children attend school on a regular basis so that they are not missing learning that could lead to gaps in their later school lives. Please endeavour to send your child in unless they are unwell enough to attend. The Government requirement is for children to be in school for 96% of the time. This equates to seven school days off a year for sickness.

Can we remind all parents to ring the school office before 9.00am if your child is unwell and unable to attend lessons. We do have a statutory safeguarding responsibility to ask the police to complete a welfare check if we haven't been able to contact anyone on a child's contact list to find out why they are not in school. With this in mind, please can we remind you to update your contact details if you get a new mobile number. This is also very important in case we need to contact you if your child hurts themselves or is sick whilst in school.

Could we also remind you to 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 throughout the Spring term. 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 21 st April	Diamonds
Friday 28 th April	Topaz
Friday 5 th May	Jets
Friday 12 th May	Opals
Friday 19 th May	Sapphires

Food bank

We have been in conversations with a lady named Dawn Woodgate from Seahaven Storehouse.

We understand that in this current climate it is becoming more difficult to make finances go around and a little bit of help can provide a bit of relief when finances are stretched. Seahaven Storehouse helps people who find themselves in a situation where they may be struggling to pay bills or make ends meet. With this in mind, Dawn would like to bring the Storehouse (food bank) to our school to support families who may need a little extra help in providing store-cupboard essentials.

If you would like to find out more about Seahaven Storehouse, and how you can access this, Dawn will be attending our coffee morning on Wednesday 26th April. She will bring with her a basic food parcel for a family so that you can see what it is that they are offering to provide.

Coffee Mornings

We will be continuing with our weekly coffee mornings on Wednesdays at 8.45am for parents and carers. It would be magnificent to see as many of you as possible coming along. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents as well as chat with the senior leaders in school and provide us with clear feedback on your views of school.

Polite Reminder

Breakfast & Seagulls

Just a reminder to those parents/carers who access the Breakfast Club and Seagulls (after school club). Please endeavour to keep payments up to date to ensure that your child/children can use the facilities. Thank you.

Dinner Monies

Please ensure that school dinners are paid for on the day that they are taken (£2.10) or by Parent Pay.

All outstanding monies should be brought up to date as soon as possible. Thank you.

Diary Dates

May 2017	
1 st	May Bank Holiday
8 th – 11 th	Year 6 SATS tests
26 th	2:30pm – Parents in to share children's work Last day of term
29 th – 2 nd June	Half term
June 2017	
5 th	INSET day
6 th	Children back to school
July 2017	
5 th	STEP Year 6 Graduation Day
6 th	Sports Day
7 th	Reserve Sports Day
14 th	End of Year Reports sent to parents
18 th & 19 th	Optional parents evenings following EOY reports
21 st	Last day of term