

Breakwater Academy Newsletter



Work together, learn together, achieve together.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The year has raced by as we head into the final term of the academic year. Thank you for all the support that we have received this year so far.

Sports Day

We have set the date of our sports day for Thursday 6th July, with a reserve date of Friday 7th July in case of bad weather on the original date. Rubies, Emeralds and Amethyst will have their sports day in the morning, while Opals, Sapphires, Jets, Topaz and Diamonds will have their sports day in the afternoon.



Parents are warmly welcomed to come and share in this event with the children. We will also be having a picnic lunch for children and parents that day on the school field from 12:00pm – 1:00pm. You are welcome to stay after the Key Stage 1 event, come in early before the Key Stage 2 event or stay all day if you would like to share in the fun of both events!

E-safety

Can we please remind you of how important it is to keep your child safe while they are online. We have had reports of a few incidents recently where children have received unpleasant messages on social media or apps, some of which have age limits of 13+, therefore primary aged children should not be accessing their content.

A few top tips for keeping your children safe whilst online:

- Ensure all computers, laptops, tablets or phones are being used where you can see what content is being accessed.
- Ensure parental locks have been engaged so that children cannot access content that isn't age appropriate.
- Talk to your children about not giving out personal information while online.
- Visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> for help and advice about keeping your child safe online.

Water Bottles

Please remind your child to bring a water bottle into school with them every day. Now that we are in the summer term and weather is hot, the children need to stay hydrated and having a water bottle in school allows them to drink all that they need throughout the day.

Uniform

Please can we remind you of how important it is to write your child's name into every piece of their uniform especially as the weather gets hotter and the children take their jumpers or cardigans off. We have had quite a number of items in lost property this term. If your child's name is written in their uniform, we have monitors who will go through lost property a couple of times a week and return items to their owner. However, if there are no names, we have no way of returning the items.

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.

So far attendance for each class this year looks like:

Class	Attendance
Rubies	93.7%
Emeralds	92.2%
Amethyst	92.6%
Opals	95.4%
Sapphires	92.2%
Jets	93.5%
Topaz	93.7%
Diamonds	94.8%

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

It is also vital that you keep us updated with changes in contact details, especially mobile numbers. We never want to be in a situation where your child is sick or has hurt themselves and we are unable to get in touch with you.



Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assemblies will continue every Friday at 2:30pm in the final term of the year as follows:

Date	Class
Friday 9 th June	Amethyst
Friday 16 th June	Emeralds
Friday 23 rd June	Rubies
Friday 30 th June	Topaz
Friday 7 th July	Jets
Friday 14 th July	Opals and Sapphires

On **Friday 21st July**, the last day of the academic year, we will be having a special assembly at 2:15pm for our Year 6 leavers. All parents are welcome as we say goodbye to Diamonds class before they start the next stage in their education.

Summer Fair

This year's summer fair will be on Saturday 8th July from 12:00pm until 2:00pm. We anticipate that this will be a very exciting event for everyone, so we hope to see many of you there!

If you would like to offer your help on the day of the fair, please see Clare James or come in to the school office to let us know that you would like to support us.

Young Writers

This term we received some exciting news regarding some of our students who submitted poems for a Young Writers poetry competition in February. Across the country, 46,000 entries were received, for the KS1 and KS2 competitions. We are extremely pleased to congratulate the following children whose fantastic poems have been selected for publication by the competition organisers:

Kallie Burtenshaw, Dylan O'Connor, Alexis Pal, Armani-Rose Jacobs, Adele Mack, Finley Kavanagh, Archie Fossella, Willow Allen, Isabelle Kennard, Amani El Mihy and Jack Parker.

Sporting success

Congratulations to the year 3 and 4 tennis squad who took part in the annual 'Road to Eastbourne' tennis competition on Wednesday 17th May at Seahaven Academy. Both Ellis Tuppen-Bourne and Leyla Glenn won their matches against tough opposition while Jasper Banwell and George Andrew worked hard to improve their service action. Well done to all those pupils who represented Breakwater Academy. The afternoon was a great success and Ms. Miles-Lewis is looking forward to a summer ahead of great tennis.

Choir

Choir club will be performing in our assembly on Friday 9th June. If your child is in choir, please join us so that we can celebrate the successes of the children. Assembly starts at 2:30pm.

Diary Dates

May 2017	
29 th – 2 nd June	Half term
June 2017	
5 th	INSET day
6 th	Children back to school
July 2017	
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	2:15pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly Last day of term