

# Breakwater Academy Newsletter



*Work together, learn together, achieve together.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year it has been! We are so proud of all the children this year with what they have achieved both academically and pastorally. As a staff team, we have very much enjoyed being a part of your community this year and are looking forward to an even more successful year in 2017/18.

## Sports Day

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, we had both our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 sports day. We were very lucky with the weather, as it stayed dry for us the entire time. Both events were a huge success with children, parents and staff having an enjoyable time. A massive thank you must go to Miss Miles-Lewis and Mr Bailey for organising such a wonderful collaborative event that brought together all members of the school community.



## New class names

As I am sure you will have already heard from your children, next year we are changing the class names from gems to a seaside theme. Therefore, the class names for next academic year are:

EYFS (Miss Smart)	Jellyfish
Year 1 (Miss Forrester)	Octopus
Year 2 (Miss Waite)	Turtles
Year 3 (Miss Barry)	Shells
Year 4 (Mr Bailey)	Pirates
Year 4 (Mr Dutton)	Buccaneers
Year 5 (Miss Avenell)	Driftwood
Year 6 (Miss Bishop)	Orcas

## Rounders

Congratulations to the U10 girl's rounders team who played their first match against Denton last Thursday afternoon. Strong fielding from Grace Davey and Sammy Godden settled the team who held a strong defence against the hitting power of Denton. In our own innings, we scored three full rounders and numerous halves to win by a strong nine and a half rounders to seven. Well done to all those pupils who represented the Academy.

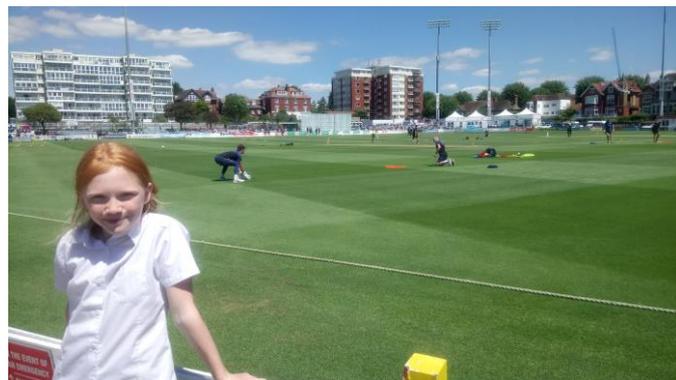
## Bike It

This year Breakwater has taken part in many exciting Bike events such as Learn to ride and Bike skill sessions, Fancy dressed bike/scooter and many more. Sainsbury's also kindly donated a voucher which allowed

us to hold a Bike It breakfast. There has also been an increase in the amount of children that cycle and scoot to school each day. All of this has won Breakwater a Bronze Award! Well done to everyone that took part.

## Cricket Trip

Our sports award winners had a great day out at Sussex v Gloucester at the County cricket ground in Hove. The day started with a tour of the ground and museum followed by some fun cricket skills test set up by Sussex CC. We had a wonderful afternoon watching Sussex bat until tea time. We were lucky to receive a brand new set of cricket equipment, which together with watching our local cricket heroes, inspired the group to continue working hard on their own cricket skills in school and club.



## Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all those pupils who represented Breakwater Academy at the South Down Junior swim Gala on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Although our squad was small we were able to achieve some excellent results in the pool. The year 3 and 4 team worked hard in their relays and combined with the year 5 swimmers to win bronze in the freestyle relay. The year 5 team were exceptionally strong with Lleyton Wood coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in his age group in the boys backstroke. Indie McKeon represented the Academy in over 6 races and won bronze in the Breaststroke race. Remarkably, Rebekah Marsh also competed in both her own age group (year 5) and in the year 6 events. She shone throughout the Gala, winning the year 6 girls' backstroke race in a Gala record breaking time!



Well done to all those pupils took part. We look forward to our representation again next year.

## Gardening Club

We have had a marvellous growing season this summer with lots of sun and rainy days to get our seedlings going. Lots of weeding has helped our bed of flowers, herbs and vegetables grow. With the summer holidays ahead, all gardeners have now taken the best crops home to look after and enjoy.



## Preston Manor

This term year 3 and 4 took part in a brilliant trip to Preston Manor to celebrate their Victorian topic. The children all dressed up as Victorian servants and wrote letters applying for jobs at the Manor. Once at Preston Manor the children took part in a Victorian re-enactment workshop where they got to experience what it would have been like to live and work in this era. They also visited Preston Manor gardens, church and Brighton Rockery. The children had an amazing day and we want to say a special thank you to all those who helped to make this day so enjoyable.



## Adjustment to term dates

I hope that you all received the letter regarding the change of INSET days for the next academic year. We have decided to change the INSET from January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October a staff training need.

## 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.

Overall this year, each individual class attendance was:

Class	Attendance
Rubies	94%
Emeralds	92.1%
Amethyst	92.8%
Opals	95.8%
Sapphires	92.3%
Jets	93.2%
Topaz	94.2%
Diamonds	94.5%

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. If you get a new mobile number over the summer, please let us know first thing in September.

## Water Bottles

All pupils will be given a brand new water bottle in September. Please save your money on buying your child a new one!

## Outstanding Money

If you know you have any outstanding money due to the school because of school dinners, after school club, breakfast club or school trips, please see Mrs Wales in the school office to arrange payment.

## Diary Dates

July 2107	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term
September 2017	
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET days
6 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school
20 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School photos