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# **Breakwater Academy Newsletter**



Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The holidays seem a dim and distant memory, and already we are a few weeks in to the spring term, although it doesn't really feel much like Spring at the moment! Attached to this letter is a list of dates for this term, up to the Easter break. Please make a note of any dates particularly relevant to your child's class. At the beginning of the academic year I promised that you would have an opportunity to come into school and experience some of the learning with your children – those opportunities start after half term. More details on how those mornings will be structured will come to you nearer the time.

## **Bugs, colds and absence**

Over the past week or so, we have had many children (and staff) absent from school due to illness, which in this case has been either sickness/vomiting or coughs and colds. On Friday we had almost 30 children off sick by the end of the day, and three members of staff. Please remember to call the school office to inform us if your child is sick, and it is really important that we are able to contact you if your child becomes unwell whilst at school. **Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you on our records.**

In order to stop the various bugs spreading, we have been encouraging the children to wash their hands regularly, and, following advice from the NHS, have also been encouraging them to apply antibacterial hand gel when they return to class. Let's hope as the weather improves that the number of bugs decreases.

## **Severe Weather**

As you will be aware, a cold weather alert has been issued for much of England for this week. There is an adverse weather policy on our website for you to read, but in the unlikely event that school is closed due to adverse weather such as snow or flooding, then the procedures we follow as a school are detailed in that policy. In short you would be informed by parentmail, a message would be put on the school website, and I would also inform Heart Sussex, the local radio station. This reinforces the need for up to date contact details for you, should we need to contact you.

There will be more information to come about the events mentioned below, but until then, stay wrapped up!

Best Wishes,

Zoë Griffiths, Head teacher

## Dates Spring Term 2019

| February 2019                                          |                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>                                | Safer Internet Day                                                                         |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                             | Phonics Information Morning for Parents (Year 1 and 2) 9.00am                              |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>                                | INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED                                                                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>                    | Half Term                                                                                  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>                                | Children return to school                                                                  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>                               | Reading Information Morning for parents (Yr 3 – 6) 9.00am                                  |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>                             | Parents evening (all classes)                                                              |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>                              | Parents evening (all classes)<br>Reading Information Morning for parents (Yr 3 – 6) 9.00am |
| March 2019                                             |                                                                                            |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>                               | World Book Day                                                                             |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                             | Maths Information Morning – Reception parents 9.00am                                       |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>                                | Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)                                                                |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>                               | Maths Information Morning for parents Yr 1-6 9.00am                                        |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>                             | Maths Information Morning for parents Yr 1-6 9.00am                                        |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Scholastic Book Fair                                                                       |
| April 2019                                             |                                                                                            |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>                              | Easter Concert to parents 2.30pm                                                           |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>                                 | Last day of term<br>Easter Egg Hunt                                                        |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>                             | Children return to school                                                                  |