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Dear Parents and Carers,

As every year passes so our community continues to grow. A tribute to any organisation is how in both the good and not so good times people are there to support each other. The community (I include parents, carers as well as staff in this) at Breakspeare surpasses all expectations in its ability to positively manage any situation that arises.

This year we have experienced some fantastic achievements, not least the incredibly positive assessment of our ASD provision. These landmarks define the commitment of both the staff and students to the teaching and learning that takes place here at Breakspeare School on a daily basis.

At the culmination of the year it was a privilege to read the students' end of year reports. I am very proud of their progress and must congratulate the staff on their dedication to maintaining excellent practice. The students have clearly grown in confidence, developing their independence and communication whilst deepening their understanding about the world around them.

And so the summer holidays are here, however in school, work will continue, albeit work of a slightly different nature. The school infrastructure is in need of some major improvements and the following work has been commissioned to take place during the holidays:

- The transport area of the school will be restructured and rebuilt. This essential reorganisation will have a positive impact on the students' end of day experiences as they board the buses and taxis.
- The entire drainage network will be serviced; this crucial work will provide us with safer maintenance of the building.
- Class 4 will have new flooring installed improving routine cleaning and hygiene.
- Class 2 will be completely refurbished providing the students with a much-improved teaching and learning environment.



In September 2016 we will have 78 students at school. Please find enclosed information about your child's class next year. Some students will move to new classrooms and have a new teacher and class friends. The transition for these changes has already begun as we want to ensure that the students new academic year begins positively. Our new students are Karen, Yasmin, Jakaya, Ali, Syed, Marlon, Mckenzie and Hamid.

Continuing with our international School Exchange project we will have 5 students from upper school travelling with staff to our German Partner School during the first week of September. This is an invaluable social and educational experience for our students, which will serve to enrich their lives in so many different ways.

As always as the year finishes we have to say fond farewells to members of staff who are leaving us. So I would like to say 'Thank you' to Vicky Rees and Andie O'Brart, two of our lower school teachers, for their positive contribution to our school community during this academic year. And to wish them every success in their new teaching roles.

We will have some new members of staff joining us in September; Jo Halward is our new site manager, Francesca Fry will be the class teacher in Class 7 and our new learning support assistants are Jade Stockwell, Katie Kirby, Stacey Appleby, Lindie Mason and Jane Nelson. Our new lunchtime learnings support assistants are Helen Booker-Grice, Karin Miller, Madeline Dear and Tina Lavin. We welcome them all to Breakspeare Community.

So now I would like to wish you and your family a peaceful, happy holiday. I'm already looking forward to seeing the students refreshed and relaxed in September.

Best Wishes,

Merja

