



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

May half term:
27 – 31 5/19

Last day of summer term:
19/7/19

First day of autumn term
4/9/19

Autumn half term:
21 – 25/10/19

SCHOOL CLOSED
25/11/19

Christmas Holiday:
Last day: 20/12/19
First day back: 6/1/20

Event Dates

KS2 SATS week: 13/5/19
 Music assembly: 22/5/19
 Phonics testing: 10/6/19
 Sports Day (school):
 21/6/19
 Sports Day (nursery):
 28/6/19
 Y6 transition day: 4/7/19
 R & N welcome
 meetings: 4/7/19
 Reports: 12/7/19
LEAVERS assembly:
17/7/19
 Transition to new classes:
 18/7/19

Yr 6 SATS

Good luck to all the Yr6 children who take their end of KS2 SATS next week. They have been working extremely hard in preparing for these tests with the adults in their classes and I am sure that they will do really well. Many of the children have been so proud of themselves this week with the progress that they have made over the recent weeks.

To support the children please can we ask that you:

- **Reassure them** - they can only do their best - and they will be fine
- Ensure that they have **early nights** - so they are not too tired to do the test
- Make sure the Y6 children are **in school early (8.30)** for 'Zumba and Bagels'.
- If your child **needs glasses** - make sure they have them in school.

If you have any concerns or issues during the week please inform the school office at the earliest opportunity

Attendance

Well done and a huge thank you to everyone who has been making sure the attendance of their child(ren) has been good this year. We have seen a continuing improvement again last term again in reducing the absence rate. Learning moves so quickly in school these days that any time that is missed is detrimental to their progress. A great effort everyone!

Attendance	Days' learning missed	Outcome
100% attendance	No learning missed	BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS - WELL DONE!
4% absence	1 week, 2.5 days missed	
10% absence	3 weeks, 4 days missed	POOR ATTENDANCE - I'M WORRIED!
15% absence	5 weeks, 3 days missed	
20% absence & below	At least 7 weeks, 3 days missed	VERY POOR ATTENDANCE - SERIOUSLY CONCERNED!

Lost Property

We have an ever increasing mountain of lost property growing in school. If your child has lost a fleece, jumper or even coat please come and have a look at the end of the school day - it may well be able to be reunited with its owner.

Friends of Watcombe (FOW)

The FOW held their AGM last week and reviewed their work over the last year. Those attending were amazed to learn that nearly **£10 000** was raised over the year to support the children within school. This money makes a difference for all children in school and has been used to purchase new play equipment, computing tablets, and interactive monitor screens in some classrooms. I would like to pass my thanks on to all the members of the FOW and hope that you will continue to support their efforts, lend a hand, attend events or even become a member.

Safeguarding

As part of our on-going Safeguarding work with the children we have been looking at materials from the NSPCC 'pants' campaign.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

The message that the children have been given is that what is in their pants is private and if anyone asks to see or touch this area then they should tell someone immediately. As always, it is really useful for you to follow-up and reinforce this message at home. By clicking think link you will be able to read the parent guide from the NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>. Please come in and speak to one of our team if you would like any further information regarding this.

