



Newsletter

Moor Lane, Torquay, TQ2 8NU tel.- 01803 327419

Friday 11th October 2019



In this issue:

- Parent Governor Vacancy
- Learning Journeys
- Tag Rugby
- Parking request
- Admissions dates

Holiday Dates

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

Half term:

17 – 21 Feb 2020

Easter Holiday

Last day: 27/3/20

School open: 14/4/20

Bank Holiday: 8/5/20

Summer half term:

25/5/20 – 29/5/20

Last day: 17/7/20

Event Dates

Harvest Festival:

16/10/19

Flu immunisation:

5/11/19

Parents evening:

16/10/19

Fireworks: 5/11/19

Anti bullying wk:

12/11/19

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity for you to become a School Governor and be really involved in the strategic developments of our school! There is a vacancy upon the School Governing Body for a Parent Governor. I would like to invite parents to apply for this position and have the chance to be more involved in school development. Our Governing Body has excellent working practice, including a comprehensive induction process for new governors, as identified in a recent Independent Governance Review. The application form is available on the school website (closing date for applications: 14/9/19): <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/governors/>



Learning Journeys

This week the children in Sharks, Lobsters and Seahorses took part in a Viking workshop with the Historian and Storyteller, Clive Pigg.

All the children listened to stories from Viking times together and later each class took part in their own workshop, which included the children having to re-enact their own Viking voyage of discovery! This was a truly exciting experience in which history was 'brought to life' for the children.



The Nursery and Reception children have been reading the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and on Monday, they had a wonderful first-hand experience of seeing and handling real owls, and learning about them. Julie from the Devon Bird of Prey Centre brought in a tawny owl, a barn owl and an eagle owl. The children listened carefully, took turns, asked questions and learnt lots of interesting facts about owls. Did you know that when an owl flies, it is absolutely silent? Or that female owls are always bigger than male owls?



Tag Rugby

Some children from year 3 and 4 teamed up to go to Paignton Academy for the Tag Rugby Megafest. They spent the morning taking part in drills focusing on TREDs (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship). They later took part in a mini tournament where they had to play 5 matches. They were given points, not just on how many tries they scored, but how well they did with TREDs. The team won matches, drew matches and lost matches and came away in 5th place out of 10. They had an amazing time and came away with big smiles on their faces. Well done, you should be so proud!!



Parking Request

The neighbours to the school have politely requested that I remind parents to park with consideration to them and avoid blocking their access. Many thanks.

Admissions dates:

Parents of Y6- the deadline for registering for a secondary school is 31/10/19.

Just to remind any parents who are hoping to get a Reception place for their child in school for next September 2019 - that you must apply for this to the Local Authority- EVEN if your child is in the school Nursery. The closing date is 15/10.