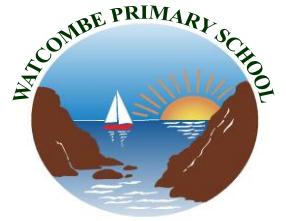




# Newsletter



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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Holiday Dates

½ term: Mon.26 – 30/10

School closed: 30/11/20

Christmas last day:  
18/12/20

First day back: 6/1/21

½ term: Mon.15-19/2/21

Easter last day: 1/4/21

First day back: 19/4/21

½ term: Mon.31/5 – 4/6/21

Last day: 23/7/21

## FSM

If your circumstances have changed and you may be eligible for **free school meals** please visit:  
<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/fsm/>



## Bagels

Unfortunately, in September we will not be able to give out the bagels. Please ensure you have breakfast at home.

## WATCOMBE WANTS



**TO READ EVERY NIGHT**

**Welcome Back:** It has been lovely to see the children returning to school and getting back to their learning. It has been a very long time for many of our children to be away from school but they have shown amazing resilience and determination this week on their return. The school has a great buzz about it as the children settle back into classes, re-establish and build their relationships with their peers and adults. We are looking forward to seeing the children get back to making fantastic progress in their learning that they are so good at.



This year has been a very different start to the year for everyone. I would like to say thank you everyone for supporting the new organisational procedures in place to keep everyone safe. Some of the new procedures can be a little inconvenient - but thank you for sticking with them and your patience.

As a school we are regularly reviewing our risk assessment. We welcome any suggestions or questions relating to the established routines. The risk assessment can be viewed:

<https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/school-information/covid-19/>

In relation to this, please could I request that, for children who come to school with an adult:

- Children continue to arrive and be collected with no more than one adult at the start and end of the day **at the set times** (especially important when the weather is poor).
- At the start of the day, please can children remain with parents until they are called in by an adult.

This will ensure that the children are able to come into school in a staggered approach supporting social distancing for them and parents. Thank you.

This week we welcomed the children into our reception class. They have all settled really well and are enjoying making lots of new friends. A very exciting time for them.



**Learning Journeys:** For the **Seals & Dolphins**, their learning journey this half term is based upon Geography and Art. The children will be studying geographical features of the local area and using this knowledge to stimulate art ideas. They will be basing their art work on Van Gogh and the local Artist Becky Bettersworth- (<https://beckybettesworth.co.uk/>) who we hope will be visiting us to inspire the children soon. We hope to present the final pieces of art in a gallery for you to enjoy.



**Seahorses, Lobsters & Sharks** have a surprise awaiting them. These classes will find out what their topic is on Monday!

**Starfish and Hermit Crabs** are starting the term off with an exciting art topic called 'World of Illusions'. The children are going to be looking at the work of an artist called Escher and will be improving existing and learning new drawing skills. We are hoping to create a virtual gallery as the outcome to this topic.



## Safeguarding:

Important information regarding TikTok. It has been brought to our attention that there is some particularly viral content on TikTok at the moment. National guidance is that it's best **not** to alert children to viral incidents/content but to alert parents so they can be vigilant. TikTok are dealing with the situation and the content should be cleared within the next few days. We are alerting you as you may want to prevent your child/children, if they have access to TikTok, from viewing content for the next few days.

