



Newsletter

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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

First day back:

Monday 7/9/20

Event Dates

Easter Bingo

20/3/20



WATCOMBE WANTS



**TO READ
EVERY NIGHT**

Staffing

As I am sure many of you are aware, Mrs. Graham is pregnant and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this week. I am pleased to inform you that Mrs. Looker will be taking over the teaching in Seahorses. Mrs. Looker has already spent much time over this half term working closely in Seahorses and with Mrs. Graham and the other adults to ensure a smooth handover. Mrs. Looker also knows many of the children in this class very well and is looking forward to taking the helm.

On behalf of everyone, I would wish Mrs. Graham well for her maternity leave.



Reading Snippet

By the time children finish Y6 they need to be able to read **fluently** and for a **sustained** period of time. This comes with practice. To see the level of expectation for Y6b pupils please follow the link to see last year's Y6 SATS paper: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-tests-2019-english-reading-test-materials>

This, as you will see, is very demanding! You can help your child(ren) by ensuring they practice reading regularly at home.



Coronavirus

I would like to reassure everyone that we are in continual contact with the DfE, Public Health England and the Local Authority through regularly released updates in relation to the Coronavirus. We are following the advice given and seeking further advice if needed. Currently, we are informed that there is no reason for the school to close and therefore we remain open operating as normal.

We will endeavour to share any updated information with you as it becomes available in order that we can work together for the best outcomes for our community and beyond. Should we be advised to close the school by Public Health England then information will be released to families at the earliest possible time in an attempt to minimise inconveniences. This will happen through all the usual communication pathways. In the situation that the school remains open but there is a high staff absence due to the coronavirus a partial closure may be necessary - again you will be informed at the earliest possible time. Should a closure happen then we will work to ensure that your child(ren) will be able to continue their learning at home through a range of communication links. This information will follow once confirmed.

We continue to support the children in understanding the situation and promoting regular hand washing in order to limit the possibilities of spreading any germs. Please can I ask to ensure your children wash their hands before leaving the house and when they return home. Please could I also suggest that your child brings in their own, named, water bottle to reduce the need to use communal drinks fountains.

If you have any concerns please phone the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 (Mon-Fri, opening hours 8am to 6pm) or 111.

CAP Team

This week the children were visited in assembly by the CAP team who taught the children about Child Assault Prevention - how to keep themselves safe. This is a programme within our curriculum that supports children in keeping safe. The team work with the children every 18months to share and re-cap on some important messages.

