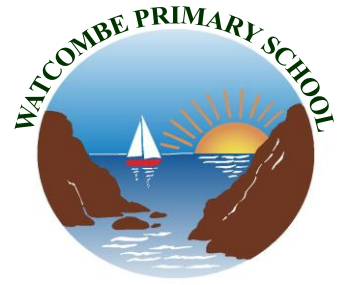




Newsletter

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School Values

Thank you to everyone who took time and respond and thus contributed to the thoughts in order to create our new school values. Lots of groups (inc. children, teachers, TAs, kitchen and office staff, MTAs, parents and governors) have now shared their ideas as to which values they considered should influence the work of the school. These values are important in the fact that they under - pin the achievement of the overall school aims: creating successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

Much discussion has happened in classes and with the Pupil Leadership Team and the values that were finally agreed were:

**RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
CONFIDENCE &
ASPIRATION**



We will now spend time understanding what each of these mean and what we will see people in school doing if they are doing it well.

School Blogs

Please take a minute to look at the school and class blogs on our website - they will give you a chance to see what has been going on in school this week and an opportunity for your child to talk about some of the learning they have done. <http://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/>

Clowns

Following several news items this week there has been a lot anxiety rising around the image of clowns. Some of the children in our school (and other schools) have built up worries and have become quite anxious. We have reassured the children in KS2 today that there is nothing to worry about and I am hoping that you may be able to reassure your children if needed.

Moor Lane

Moor Lane is soon to become a 20 mph zone - I believe by the end of November. This will help to protect and ensure the safety of the children and families who come into school by crossing this road.



Sports News



Well done to the Yr 5 & 6 football team who played away this week to Homelands. They perform well and managed a 6- 0 victory. A great first league result. Good luck next week to the girls who have their first match and the Yr3&4 team who are playing.

Spelling

Just to remind you all that the children have a set of spellings (<http://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/our-curriculum/english/>) that they should be able to spell by the end of their current year group. If you have time it would be of great value to have a look at the word lists and see if you can help your child to learn some of these spellings. They could practice the; look- cover - check or create mnemonics to help them remember. However they do it, it will really help them. Just a word of caution - these word lists are for the end of the year so there is no pressure to get them all right now! Many thanks for your anticipated time with this.

Holiday Dates

Autumn half term:
24/10/16 – 28/10/16

School closed: 28/11/16

Christmas holiday
Last day 16/12/16
First day back 4/1/17

Feb half term:
13/2/17 – 17/2/17

Easter:
3/4/17 – 18/4/17

May Half Term:
29/5/17 – 5/6/17

Last day of summer term:
Fri 21/7/17

Event Dates

Parent Evening
19/10/16

Anti - Bullying Week
14/11/16

Fireworks
5/11/16