



# Newsletter



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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 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

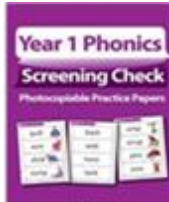
First day back: 19/4/21

½ term: Mon.31/5 – 4/6/21

Last day: 23/7/21

**C19 POSITIVE TEST:** please could I politely request, that should anyone be in the unfortunate situation of having a positive test within their house that you refrain from putting this on social media so that the school situation can be managed calmly and effectively. On being informed that a result has come back as positive there will be a forensic risk assessment carried out involving the Local Authority, DfE & Public Health England within the hour. Actions then will be communicated to parents.

**Y2 Phonics:** Y2 children who missed doing their phonics threshold benchmark last summer term, when in Y1, will be undertaking this in late November. The children in Y2 will have some catching up to do as they will have missed learning in the summer term whilst in Y1. It is therefore really important the children are supported as much as possible to practice and recall their learning in preparation for their screening. Please can I ask, that parents, try to support the children with this at home -ideally little and often (10mins - / day). To help you with this Mrs. Donaldson has kindly made a video (as we are unable to hold our usual parent meeting) to outline the standards that the children are expected to achieve and how you can help. Please view this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q05NAhBpubE>  
Our school website has some ideas and resources that you can access to support phonics: <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/our-curriculum/phonics/>  
Also this link is useful for parents: <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-tutorial-phonics-screening-check/>



**Parent Evenings:** this term the parent consultations are happening via telephone calls. The teachers will be organising the phone calls in line with the times that you / they have requested. This will be a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into school since September and how you can support them to make the best progress possible in a difficult year. Please can I request that you are available at the requested time and remind you that the phone number will display as an unknown number.

### 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/>

## PLEASE KEEP READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME



### C19 Responses you need to know:

- If a member of your household is symptomatic, please contact the school and book a test asap
- Please inform school **directly** of the test result asap. Please do this via: [covidtestresults@watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:covidtestresults@watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk). Please write the subject as COVID TEST RESULTS. (This is checked regularly over the weekends).
- Please can you include in the email– if the test is positive: child's name or name of the person tested (& relation to child if appropriate), date and time of onset of symptoms and date last in school.



If the school is informed of a **positive test result**, then this will immediately be communicated to the Local Authority who will convene a risk assessment meeting within the hour. If this is early in the morning, there may be the possibility of a whole / partial school closure on that day while further risk assessments are carried out. We will do our utmost to ensure that all communication is prompt and timely.

Should you have any concerns in relation to the symptoms presenting please look at the 'What if guide' that is attached to the email or view:

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

Schools risk assessment can be viewed:

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

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE.**

## School / class blogs

Don't forget you can keep up with your child's learning on the school and class blogs:

<http://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/>



**TO READ EVERY NIGHT**

## KEEP SAFE ON LINE

THINK U KNOW: offers advice for all ages and parents / cares:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

