



# Newsletter



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Friday 18<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



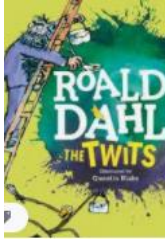
**TO READ EVERY NIGHT**

### Thank you:

Thank you to 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 you know are regularly reviewing the school risk assessment. Any suggestions or questions relating to this are welcome. The risk assessment can be viewed: <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/school-information/covid-19/>

**Learning Journeys: Seahorses, Lobsters & Sharks** had an exciting hook on Monday with a special message from the rather revolting Mr Twit (from Roald Dahl's book 'The Twits'). Much fun, and a little disgust, was had as we explored the slimy and disgusting foods that Mr Twit might have in his beard. Mr Twit has set an art and DT based challenge including: to design a prank to play on Mrs Twit!



**Information from the Police and Social care:** Torbay Education Safeguarding Service (TESS) is a social work led service working in partnership with schools and social care to promote the welfare of children and young people, and to ensure they are safe from harm. As part of their work they will receive information from partner agencies, such as the police and social care. The police send a daily Child at Risk Alert (CARA). This is generated if there has been an incident when the police are called to any household where a child is resident. It may be that the incident relates to only of one your children, however, it is likely that any police involvement with one member of the household may affect all of the siblings. For this reason, the CARA will be sent to all of the schools attended by the child/young person of the family.

There may be occasions when you have not consented to the sharing of the information. For minor incidents, if you withhold consent to share information TESS will not receive an alert. However, incidents graded medium or high are shared with schools as these are deemed potential child protection matters. This principle is similar to that employed by the police for Operation Encompass, an initiative managed by the police and nothing to do with TESS. If information is shared, this will be in accordance with the key principles of the Data Protection Act and be on a need to know basis, and will only occur to help schools protect and promote the welfare of your son or daughter. When there is any sharing of information, schools should discuss this with you to enable a partnership approach to meeting the needs of your son or daughter.

If you have any questions about the service please ask your school, or telephone Sarah James, TESS Team Manager: 07525 815441

### Y2 Phonics

The government have announced that the Y2 children who missed doing their phonics threshold benchmark last summer term, when in Y1, will be undertaking this in the second half of the autumn term. The children in Y2 will have some catching up to do as they will have missed learning in the summer term. To support this, we will be holding a parent meeting in the next couple of weeks to share ways in which parents can support their children in developing phonics - information will follow shortly.

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/>

