



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

Summer Term Last Day
17/7/20

First day back:
Monday 7/9/20

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/>



Pupil Challenge

Did you do something new last week? What was it?

My new mechanics challenge has been 'mostly' successful! The new petrol tank is in, after some considerable time! Now, I just have to test ride.



Next week's challenge is to take part in the Devon Virtual Games. (See last week's newsletter.)

ACORN FOOD ARMY

Rachel on 07942759987
or Message Acorn Community Centre via Facebook

I hope that you and your families are continuing to stay well and keep safe.

School Opening: This week we have seen the number of children (children of Key Workers, 'Vulnerable' and from Nursery, Reception and Y1) returning to school slowly increase. The attendance for these year groups is above the national average. We continue to review our capacity for accommodating more children with the hope of extending further.

The new systems appear to be operating well and keeping everyone safe. Thank you everyone, staff, children and parents for your patience and following these new ways of working.

It has been lovely to see some of the children tending to the environmental area outside and growing their vegetables - some of which have already been used in the school kitchen.



School reports: This year has been like no other! As a school, we usually provide 3 termly reports a year for you and your child to gain an understanding of how well they are achieving in school, identifying some strengths and areas for development. This year you will have received 2 reports to date; 1 in the autumn term and a mid-year report in the spring term both accompanied by the opportunity to meet the teaching staff at a parents evening to discuss progress.

The Spring term reports were shared at the end of February and the school then closed (except for key worker and vulnerable pupils) on 20/3/20. This means that between the spring report and the school closure there was a very limited time to be making any further assessments to report on. Due to this short time period the children will not be receiving a summer term report this year. I recognise that this is a great shame for everyone, but the timing has meant that the spring report is fully up to date, prior to closure, offering information on: attendance, attainment, progress, effort as well as strengths and targets for development.

Throughout the closure period, Y6 teachers have been liaising with secondary schools to ensure that the relevant information has been passed on for the Y6 pupils who will be making this transition in September. Unfortunately, the secondary schools are unable to offer their usual transition visits and opportunities this year due to the current situation. If you have any concerns or questions in relation to this information, please contact your child's teacher (via their email contact) or myself via the admin email address.

Home Learning: Online, weekly home learning can be accessed the school website <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/parents/home-learning/>.

HOME
LEARNING

Acorn Choir: Wren Music (who support Acorn Choir) have released their second music video for you and your child(ren) to enjoy: <https://youtu.be/PfhT4m3JPno>



Online safety: in the current climate, more children than ever are accessing learning on line. It is vital that we ensure that they are keeping them safe. To support you with this please access these links:

Where's Klaus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4GKXsAOYZE>

Think U know: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/>



CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) - learning at home packs. Activity packs for parents: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

From all @ Watcombe - best wishes, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you.