



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

Autumn half term:
21 – 25/10/19

SCHOOL CLOSED
25/11/19

Christmas Holiday:
Last day: 20/12/19
First day back: 6/1/20

Half term:
17 – 21 Feb 2020

Easter Holiday
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

Event Dates

Harvest Festival:
16/10/19

Flu immunisation:
5/11/19

Parents evening:
16/10/19

Fireworks: 5/11/19

Anti bullying wk:
12/11/19

Local Visits

KS1 went to Brunel Woods for their Learning Journey this week. They started by looking at a pictures from the artist ANDY GOLDSWORTHY and they watched a video of him creating the work called 'WOODLINE'. During the trip, the children worked really well collaboratively to create their own sculpture called Woodline, in Brunel woods. They also thought of other natural objects we could collect to use to create our own works of art back at school. The children came up with some really creative ideas.



Yesterday, Sharks, Seahorses and Lobsters all visited Brunel Manor as part of their art topic.

The weather was beautiful and the children soon all settled down to sketch the Victorian building. Now the children have a sketch from 'real life' they will be working on, developing and refining their sketching skills, and will eventually produce a finished sketch which Brunel Manor are hoping to put on display.



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/>



Attendance Policy

Just to remind you that the School Governors have reviewed the Attendance policy and have made some changes which **have taken effect from Sept. 18.** The changes consist of:

- Ideally the school would like 4 contact numbers as a list of contacts for a child
- The Headteacher is unable to authorise absence of any child with attendance below 96%. This will be calculated over the 12 month period prior to the date of application.
- Attendance of 96% is the threshold that may initiate actions throughout the policy

The policy has been up dated to help us to continue to improve the attendance of children in school. We have already made great strides in doing this and hope that this trend will develop further. With children in school regularly they will be able to achieve their full potential.

Admissions dates:

Parents of Y6- the deadline for registering for a secondary school is 31/10/19.

Just to remind any parents who are hoping to get a Reception place for their child in school for next September 2019 - that you **must** apply for this to the Local Authority- **EVEN** if your child is in the school Nursery. **The closing date is 15/1/18.**

Sports Award

At the very end of last term we were awarded the School Games Award at a Silver level. We are delighted with the high quality PE lessons and the huge range of sporting opportunities that the children can participate in, both within the curriculum and beyond the school day. We also have holiday clubs, kindly organised and run by 'Kinetic Sport,' that are very successful and have a very high attendance rate. Well done to all the children who participate in these opportunities. Thank you to Miss. Abel for working hard to gain this accreditation.

