

Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

Bank Holiday: 25/5/20
SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer half term:

25/5/20 – 29/5/20

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/>



Challenge

Well, 50% successful this week. An improved sourdough bread but no less mess (and a very grumpy Mrs. M!)! I am going to keep trying & not give up.

What have you achieved this week? Please email the admin address - we would love to know.

This week's challenge is to do something **KIND!**



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 Up - date: Torbay Schools are working closely with the Local Authority (LA) and other partners to support families during the Covid 19 pandemic. Following the announcement about some children returning to school from the 1st June, we have been working with all schools and the Local Authority to consider how to provide an offer to those families that are eligible. Of course, your child may be attending school already and they will still be able to do so. Primary schools and nurseries are now planning to open to more year groups after half term, if it is possible to do this safely.

In partnership with the LA and Torbay schools it has been agreed that we will look forward to welcoming back all eligible year groups on a part time basis in the priority order of the youngest first as set out by the government.

Increasing the number of children in school raises many challenges to ensure that this can be done safely - it will not be like school has been before.

We are planning to have the eligible groups of children returning to school on a half time basis. Some children will attend from Monday to Wednesday 12pm and a second group will attend from Wednesday lunchtime to Friday. If you fit into one of the other government's recognised groups (Key Worker or Vulnerable children) then you will be able to access full time provision as is the current case. **Further information** will follow over the coming days to inform you as to which group your child will be in (the first / second part of the week) and information you will need to know to ensure safe practices.

Currently, we are planning to re-open school at lunchtime on Wednesday 3rd June to one of the groups of children. We are anticipating our staffing capacity to enable us to manage nursery, reception and Y1 pupils as well as Key Worker and Vulnerable children. At this moment in time we are unable to cater for the Y6 children.

The government still have to confirm schools will open on 28/5/20

Children will be organised into small groups ('bubbles') with set teaching spaces in and outdoors and will remain in these throughout the day, with the same adults (not necessarily their class teacher) and these bubbles will not mix.

I am aware not all parents will wish to send their children into school. If you choose to keep your child at home, there will be **no** attendance ramifications. This is parental choice.

On and off - line home learning for the children not attending will still be provided and the children in school will follow this planned learning.

There will be a number of letters being released over the next week which will include a great deal of information. Please take time to read them carefully. You will also receive a letter so you can inform us as to whether you will be sending your child in or not.

Learning resources and opportunities:

Earth School: offer a daily adventures - or Quests - that will help you understand and celebrate our natural world, while learning about how dependent we are on our planet.

<https://ed.ted.com/earth-school>

STEM (Science and Technology): To support parents and carers with home learning, subject experts have put together a selection of activities and materials, all of which are completely **free for everyone** to access - covering all ages. <https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning>

Book Trust: Looking for something fun as a family? Enjoy storytime with free online books and videos, play games, win prizes, test your knowledge in our book-themed quizzes, or even learn how to draw some of your favourite characters. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>