



Newsletter



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Friday 23rd 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

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/>

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/>

WATCOMBE WANTS



TO READ EVERY NIGHT



Early Reflections: The children have set back into school really well and there has been a high level of support put in place to help with this after such a long time absent. They are working well in their class teams and making some good progress across the curriculum. It has been lovely to see them enjoying the outcomes at the end of their learning journeys.

One reason for the successful start to the year has been how well the children, staff and you have all been supportive to adhere to the new processes and routines in place. These are under continual review to ensure we can provide the opportunities possible.

Please can I ask that you continue to support the children to read daily at home – it is so important to practice these skills and develop stamina and also to complete homework as this builds on class learning. I hope those of you who have had contact with teachers this week via the telephone (instead of our normal parent evening) have found this useful.

C19 PRECAUTIONS: As you may be aware, the number of C19 cases in Torbay is increasing and this is also true in schools. In order to ensure that we are working to keep everyone safe and that staff are able to be in school to keep us open the following precautions are planned for the start of the new half term:

- **Essential Parent meetings: staff and parents to maintain social distancing and also wear a mask / face covering.**
- **Recommend that adults dropping off & collecting children from school wear a mask / face covering.**

Y2 Phonics: Parents in R, Y1 and Y2 please continue to support your children with practicing their phonics over half term. 10 minutes a day will make a huge difference. For support with this please access: <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/>

Homework Challenge: Please remember to take part in the half term homework challenge:

<https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/news/letters-home/>

C19 Responses you need to know DURING HALF TERM:

- 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. Please write the subject as COVID TEST RESULTS. (This is checked regularly inc. 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. Please refrain from putting this on social media so that the school situation can be managed calmly and effectively.



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.

Remote Learning: thank you to everyone who has informed us of their capacity at home for children to access an electronic device for home learning should it be required. If you have not done this yet please access: <https://forms.gle/ndmolt73MJxthjEZ9>. This may help us support you if there is any sort of school closure.