



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

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

Parents evening 12/2/19

Visiting author 5/2/20

PE Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on a daily basis.

This is an important part of the curriculum, helping to promote healthy lifestyles, and it is important that all children participate.



Children's University

The children who are participating in the Children's University scheme have had a very exciting experience this week. 20 children from Y5 7 6 were invited to attend a Science and Technology event in the university which was presented by both lecturers and students. The children were able to find out more about a whole range of areas such as marine biology. Virtual reality, robotics, animal emotions, animal adaptations and the development of many species. This was a very hands - on experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and were great ambassadors for the school.

The Children's University is free to join and encourages children and families to extend the experiences they may have to develop a wider understanding of the world and opportunities possible.



E-Safety Resources

E-safety advisor provides a number of resources for schools in addition to a free subscription to their e-safety magazine: **Ditto**

The latest edition is attached to the newsletter email for convenience. However, you can subscribe and download additional resources from their site:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/resources/>

Reading

As you know, we value reading highly at Watcombe as we know that research shows that good readers may have greater opportunities in life. Reading is a skill that every one of our children will need throughout their life journey and this is learnt at home and in primary school. For the next few weeks, on the newsletter, there will be a 'snippet' of information to help us understand the importance of reading and how as adults we can help to get our children to be the best readers possible and enjoy books.

SNIPPET 1: sharing a bed time story will help children to

- Develop a strong emotional bond as you share time together
- Build confidence and communication skills - greater vocabulary
- Understand the world around them
- Help them to make progress in all learning in school.

Research (Children's Book Consumer Nielsen 20180) shows fewer children are having this special time. **Please try and make time for it - it is so important.**

Office Audit

A huge well done to the Mr. Saunders and the office team on the outcome of their Local Authority Audit this week. The Auditor reported very positively about the management and operation systems in place - a credit to the school.

Author visiting

Local author David Lawrence - Jones is coming to talk to the children on the 5.2.20. he will tell us the inspiring story of how he became an author and there will be a chance to purchase his books. More info to follow.

