



# Newsletter

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## Holiday Dates:

End of summer term:  
22/7/16

Start of Autumn term:  
5/9/16

Autumn half term:  
24/10/16 – 28/10/16

Christmas holiday  
(last day 16/12/16)  
19/12/16 – 4/1/17

## Event Dates

Sports Day: 1/7/16

Nursery Sports day:  
8/7/16

Reports out: wk bg:  
11/7/16

Informal parent evening  
18/7/16

Leavers' assembly:  
20/7/16

Leavers' disco: 21/7/16

### Attendance

As I mentioned last week in the school newsletter our attendance is ever improving. To continue to improve this the School Governors have made a minor change in the schools attendance policy. On Page 6 of the policy the figure set as a bench mark for raising a 'concern' has been 90% but has now changed to 95%. What does this mean?

In practice this will not really have any noticeable impact (as we work with this bench mark) but it means that when a pupil's attendance drops to 95% then their attendance will be reviewed and possibly monitored until it is back above this figure.

The reason supporting this change is twofold:

- To ensure good attendance and support families to achieve this early
- To ensure that families do not fall into a position that the LA may take legal action.

I hope that you can understand and recognise this as a positive move in helping to ensure all pupils have good attendance.

Attendance policy link: <http://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/school-information/policies/>

### Keeping Safe On -Line



I would just like to remind you that there is a social media guide that Miss. Leaman has written to specifically help you keep your children safe if they use Facebook. This is a social media that is meant for older children than primary age but we are aware that many children do have access and we hope that this is useful to help ensure it is used as safely as possible. It is available on the school website:

<http://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding/>. please take time to have a look.

### $\frac{1}{2}$ Marathon

Good luck, this weekend, to all the children who have been attending the school running club and are going to be taking part in the Torbay  $\frac{1}{2}$

Marathon. Over the weeks the children have clocked up an impressive 12 miles of running (a mile a week) and they will run their 13<sup>th</sup> mile on Sunday and then receive a medal for their achievement. Good luck to you all! (Make sure you beat Mr. Saunders & Mrs. Squire.)

### Watcombe records

Well done to all the children who have won certificates in the Watcombe World Records athletic challenges. The children have all been competing within school in a range of athletic disciplines such as the javelin and standing jump to see who can set new school records. This has formed an integral part of the PE curriculum and the children seem to have enjoyed the challenge. Many thanks to Mrs. Thomas for organising these events and presentations.



### Summer Fete

Many thanks to the Friends of Watcombe for organising another successful summer fete that was enjoyed by all who attended. An early decision was made to have the fete indoors as the forecast (right up to the last minute) was looking terrible but this didn't dampen spirits and we still raised £ 1100. This events takes a lot of organisation and congratulations to all for a great team effort.