



Newsletter

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Friday 26th June 2020



Holiday Dates

Summer Term 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/>

I hope that you and your families are continuing to stay well and keep safe.

School Opening: This week we have saw another increase in the number of children at school as our final group of returning Reception and Y1 children were welcomed back. We are pleased to be able to offer all of the Y1 pupils currently attending a full-time provision from Monday 19th June. As we are now near our current safe capacity, the School Governors have agreed a 'Priority Admissions Policy' (attached).



Home Learning: for those children unable to attend school at the moment online, weekly home learning can be accessed on the school website <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/parents/home-learning/>. In addition to this the final offline learning packs will be ready for distribution on Monday 29/6. Please contact the school (admin@watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk) to order your pack and arrange collection. These are prepared to order so to ensure the best use of resources.

Summer Holidays: the government has announced that schools will not remain open over the summer holidays. I am hoping, and working, with Kinetic Sport to organise the usual holiday activity club provision to be available and we are awaiting government guidance.

SCHOOL CLOSING ON FRIDAY 17th JULY

In consultation with the School Governors, the decision has been made to close the school a day early at the end of this term in order for staff to reorganise the whole school environment ready for September. Therefore, the last day for children to be in school will be Thursday 16th.

As I am sure you will know, the whole school environment has been completely altered to meet the government guidance and keep everyone safe. Although, we do not know what will be expected in September we do know that the intention is for all children to return to school. There is a huge amount of work (moving furniture) to do in preparation for this. I apologies for any inconvenience this may cause but hope you can understand the need to ensure that the school is prepared for our autumn term.

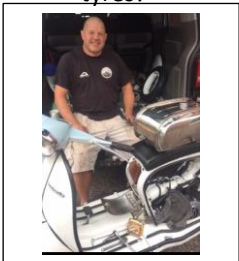


Pupil Challenge

Did you manage to take part in the Devon Virtual Games?

How did you do?

The test ride was successful – after a few tweaks. This week's challenge is to change the tyres!



Next week's challenge for you is to access one of the book trust activities:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some>

Mental Health Support Team. (MHST): We are very fortunate to be part of a new initiative taking place in Torbay which offers a service to support children's mental health. Attached, is a leaflet that explains all about the service as well as the referral form should you wish to seek support for your child.

In addition to this the MHST team are supporting us in identifying and planning a way forward as we come out of lockdown and look to the future. As part of this on Monday we will be sending a link to a survey to complete online, it is vital that we get as any parents as possible to complete this so everyone's experience and views are taken into consideration. If you have any questions regarding this, or would like assistance completing the referral form, please contact Mrs Squire.



Free Parental Online Courses

Devon Local Maternity System have purchased a licence for 4 Solihull Approach online courses, for all parents and parents-to-be to access. The courses are free. (Understanding your pregnancy, birth, labour & your baby / Understanding your baby / Understanding your child / Understanding your teenager's brain)

These courses are for everyone who wants to be the best mum, dad, grandparent, carer that they can be. The Solihull Approach aims to improve emotional health and wellbeing by supporting relationships (www.solihullapproachparenting.com). The courses are written by professionals and accredited by the DfE.

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