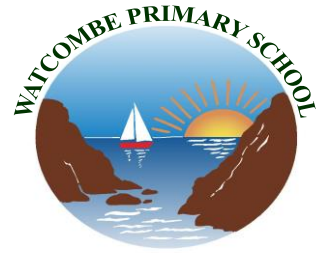




Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

Autumn half term:
21 – 25/10/19

SCHOOL CLOSED
25/11/19

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

Harvest Festival:
16/10/19

Flu immunisation:
5/11/19

Parents evening:
16/10/19

Fireworks: 5/11/19

Anti bullying wk:
12/11/19

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity for you to become a School Governor and be really involved in the strategic developments of our school! There is a vacancy upon the School Governing Body for a Parent Governor. I would like to invite parents to apply for this position and have the chance to be more involved in school development. Our Governing Body has excellent working practice, including a comprehensive induction process for new governors, as identified in a recent Independent Governance Review. The application form is available on the school website (closing date for applications: 14/9/19): <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/governors/>

Phonics changes

Some of you may be aware that we are introducing a new approach to teaching phonics in Reception and Y1. Although, as a school, our phonic results have been very strong over the years when compared to schools nationally, we wanted to develop our teaching to further improve this area of learning and up date the resources that we use. This we hope will improve the systematic approach we use and will ensure that the children are reading books directly linked to the sounds they are learning. Next Friday (4/10/19) Mrs. Donaldson is holding a short presentation of this new approach in her classroom from 9.05 – 9.40. I hope that you can attend to find out more about this and how you can best support the children at home.



Safeguarding Saturdays

Please don't forget that 'Safeguarding Saturdays' are back in operation. Every Saturday you should receive a face post with information relating to e safety. There are some really good tips that will help all family members keep safe on line.



Early Learning

Many little things light up hungry little minds! Children take everything in, and even the smallest things you do with them can make a big difference to the development of their communication, language and literacy skills. Take a look at the Department for Education's Hungry Little Minds website for simple tips, ideas, and fun activities to boost your child's learning! <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>



Board Games

A plea for the lovely Mrs. C. If anyone has any old board games or jigsaws that they are no longer using please could you kindly donate them to us at school. We would like to build up a range of games for children to play at lunchtimes. If you can help please drop them into the front office. Your help is very much appreciated.



Admissions dates:

Parents of Y6- the deadline for registering for a secondary school is 31/10/19.

Just to remind any parents who are hoping to get a Reception place for their child in school for next September 2019 - that you **must** apply for this to the Local Authority- **EVEN** if your child is in the school Nursery. **The closing date is 15/1/18.**