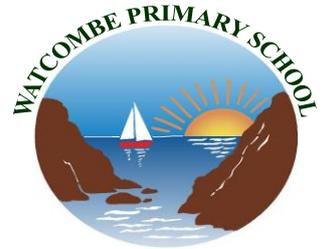




Newsletter

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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

Non school uniform
(Christmas Fair donations): **Fri 29/11/19**

Christmas Fair:
Fri 6/12/19

Christmas dinner:
Wednesday 18/12/19

Phonics Development

This week we have had a visit from a Literacy Specialist as part of our link with the local English Hub. The Literacy Specialist visited the children as they participated in their phonics learning across Reception and KS1.

I am really pleased to report that the visit was a great success - and it was reported that the phonics learning observed was of a very high standard and consistent across the school. The Literacy specialist reported: 'Your school is wonderful and I am really looking forward to working with you.'

Many thanks to Mrs. Donaldson and the teams for their hard work to achieve such high standards.



Challenge Homework

This Christmas the Challenge Homework for families is to create a Christmas character by recycling and decorating an old plastic bottle. It can be any Christmas Character from Father Christmas to Joseph and Mary to a reindeer or elf - it is entirely up to your imagination. As usual, the Pupil Leadership Team will select their 3 favourites and everyone who takes part will receive a small token gift. I hope that as many people as possible will find the time to take part and enjoy the fun.



Christmas Jumper Day

Our school Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day for this year is Wednesday 18th December. This is a special day for the children and staff, where they get to wear their Christmas jumpers and enjoy a delicious hot Christmas meal together. Several of our school governors will also be attending the lunchtime and having fun with the children.



If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner please see the detail to order: <file:///C:/Users/Adam%20Morris/Downloads/Christmas-Dinner-Jumper-Day-2019-1.pdf>

Class Blogs

Just to remind you that all the classes have blogs on which you are able to see some of the activities and learning that your children do in school. School life is really busy and the learning moves so quickly the blogs offer the opportunity for you to explore more of what the children do in their learning: <http://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/>

The Nursery and Reception class do have blogs but only up date these every half term. This is because a programme called 'Tapestry' runs in these classes which give parents the chance to regularly catch up on their children's learning and also to contribute with pictures and information as to the steps of development that the children make. This is a great process that records all the small steps in development as they grow.

Concerns or worries

Just a reminder, that should you have any concerns regarding your child's progress or well - being please don't hesitate to come in and talk to their class adults or catch a member of the staffing team on the playground, before or after school. We would much rather deal with small worries than let things develop into larger ones.

As always, Mrs. Squire as the school SENDCO and Mrs. Rowntree, Mrs. Smart or Mrs. C as the pastoral team are available to support you or the children with any worries. If they are not available at a particular time you can always make an appointment through the office.

MR. WORRY
By Roger Hargreaves

