



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

Easter holiday:

8/4/19 - 22/4/19 (back on 23/4/19)

May half term:

27 - 31 5/19

Last day of summer term:

19/7/19

First day of autumn term

4/9/19

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

Event Dates

Easter Bingo

5/4/19

PE KITS

Please can I remind you that the children needs to have their PE kits in school on a daily basis.

Attendance

Amazing - well done and a huge thank you to everyone who has been making sure the attendance of their child(ren) has been good this year. We have seen a continuing improvement this term again in reducing the absence rate and particularly the number of children who have an absence rate above 10% - this has massively reduced.

All of these efforts will have a very positive impact upon the attainment of the children as they are in school and accessing the learning that they need to. Learning moves so quickly in school these days that any time that is missed is detrimental to their progress. A great effort everyone!



| Attendance | Days' learning missed | Outcome |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 100% attendance | No learning missed | BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS - WELL DONE! |
| 4% absence | 1 week, 2.5 days missed | |
| 10% absence | 3 weeks, 4 days missed | POOR ATTENDANCE - I'M WORRIED! |
| 15% absence | 5 weeks, 3 days missed | |
| 20% absence & below | At least 7 weeks, 3 days missed | VERY POOR ATTENDANCE - SERIOUSLY CONCERNED! |

Play Equipment

On behalf of the Pupil Leadership Team, I would like to pass on our great thanks to the Friends of Watcombe who have very generously paid for the new outdoor play equipment. Some of the older equipment has needed to be replaced and the children, through the Pupil Leadership Team, have selected the new pieces of equipment that have now been installed. It has lovely to see the children enjoying playing on it this week.



Challenge Homework

Last year there was an amazing response and some fantastic and creative entries to the challenge. This is a great opportunity for families to work together and have fun in designing and making an Easter hat. If you have seen the challenge it is available on the school website:

<https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/news/letters-home/>



Collecting Crisps

We are asking for your support to help save the environment and raise money for books. We would be very grateful if you could bring in any of your empty crisp packets for recycling. We can make money by collecting crisp packets (and the multi-packs) and hope that we can use these funds to buy some more books for reading fun for all our children.

Reading challenge

Well done to the Seahorses for winning this week's home reading challenge. We are seeing a real difference in school in children's reading at school when they have been practicing their reading at home.

