



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/>

Children's University

Last week we have had a visit from Plymouth University in preparation for our children to take part and be active in the Children's University Scheme. You will have received an email home explaining how the scheme works.

Our hope is that the children, through taking part in activities that they already do, trying new activities and visiting places of interest, will widen their understanding of the world around them, develop new skills and interests and at the same time work towards achieving certificates in order to attend a special graduation ceremony at Plymouth University later in the year. Mrs. Lucas, in the office, is leading this initiative and hopes that as many families as possible will take part. Good luck!

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.

Learning Phonics

Many thanks to the R and Y1 parents who attended the presentation this morning from Mrs. Donaldson about how we, as a school, are teaching phonics. This early learning is so important to ensure that the children are readily able to access reading as early as possible. I hope the session was informative and the further information will be sent out via email. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's class teacher for further information.

Harvest festival

On Monday (7/10) we are starting our Harvest collection in the entrance foyer. All items collected will be donated to the local food bank that will support local Torbay families. I hope that you are able to support the school collection with a small donation - information on items to donate can be found on: <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/news/letters-home/>

Books

If you have any old books that your children have finished with Mrs. Looker would like to ask if you could donate them to the school so that they may be included in the school library or in a school book sale that will raise money for the library. These books will then be available for all children to read and share. Please drop books to the front office or direct to Mrs. Looker. Many thanks.

