



# Newsletter

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## Holiday Dates

**Summer half term:**  
25/5/20 – 29/5/20  
**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 seen some more children returning to school in line with the government guidance. As well as continuing to open for the children of Key Workers we have seen some children for Nursery, Reception and Y1 back in school. Although school is organised in a very different way from usual, the children and adults have enjoyed being back. It has been lovely to see their smiles.

There has been a great deal of time spent compiling risk assessments and organising the environment and timetables to ensure that we meet the government guidance and can open safely. The school looks very different: there are lots of markers on the floor, one - way systems and changes to the classrooms to help remind us of social distancing.

This has been a very successful phased start and We look forward to seeing more children next week. **Please could I ask:**

- Parents of Nursery, Reception & Y1 children who have changed their mind about sending their child(ren) into school to please call the office who will advise on the next steps.
- Key workers who need to access the provision, who are **not** doing so already, should contact the office. Key workers who are using the provision will be sent a booking form today for the next two weeks – PLEASE complete it on time. Key workers continue to be able to book five days a week.
- All children in school should have a named water bottle and be wearing sun cream.
- The one-way system outside of the school is to ensure everybody's safety – this means that the estate gate is only to be used when entering the school NOT EXITING. We appreciate that it will take a few minutes more. If you are not sure about the best way to access or the best order for dropping off children then please speak to the office who will help.



### Challenge

How did you get on with last week's challenge of doing something **kind**? Can you do it **again** this week? My bread making challenge has gone well – improved loaves, less mess and a much happier Mrs.M



Next week's challenge is to do some mechanics on my scooter! I have bought a manual!

**Home Learning:** Another section has been added to the school website to allow parents to access the home learning more easily. <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/parents/home-learning/>. Home learning will be uploading to the school website and then you will receive a link to this. If you would prefer to have offline learning then please contact the office who will prepare it ready for you to collect.

If a session of home learning becomes stressful for both you and your child don't be afraid to 'take a break' from it. There are plenty of learning opportunities to be had from activities such as; cooking and baking; nature walks; TV programs such as Horrible Histories; reading about something that interests your child, or try some of the links in the recent newsletters (<https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/news/>). You will then both feel better and more ready to learn when you return to the on-line learning.

**Assemblies:** this coming week you will also receive an email that supports an assembly theme for you to share with your child(ren). This will come weekly and cover a range of themes both, current and promoting the school values, for you to discuss.

**Challenges from Authors:** For a daily dose of creativity and fun, check out the '10 minute' challenges', which are set by bestselling authors and illustrators. There is a new challenge everyday: <https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/>

**Public Health:** has released a video to show how government guidance can help to keep schools safe. [Prevention webcast – WITH MUSIC](#)

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