

Newsletter

Moor Lane, Torquay, TQ2 8NU tel.- 01803 327419
Friday 5th July 2019



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19/7/19 : **1.30pm finish**

First day of autumn term
4/9/19 (School)
9/9/19 (Nursery)

Autumn half term:
21 – 25/10/19

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25/11/19

Christmas Holiday:
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First day back: 6/1/20

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17 – 21 Feb 2020

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Sports Day (nursery):
5/7/19

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4/7/19

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LEAVERS assembly:
17/7/19

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Exe Valley Challenge

Congratulations to the 12 children who took part and completed the Exe Valley Challenge. They showed great character and resilience on the challenge as the weather was quite hot making the 10 mile hike and treasure hunt more demanding. Many of the children demonstrated great empathy and team work in order to complete the challenge. Thank you to Mrs. Looker for making this opportunity possible and to all the adults who have given their time to help.



Torbay & Devon Civic Award

A huge well done and congratulations to the children who have managed to successfully complete the Torbay & Devon Civic award. This award is something that has required great commitment over the year with the children having to raise money for charity, start new hobbies, do something to help with in the school community and the wider community and to stay away from home on an adventurous activity. 8 of our Y6 children were successfully certificate recognising their efforts at a special presentation ceremony at Cuthbert Mayne. Thank you to Mrs. Makeinson and the children's families for supporting them in this great achievement.



Visiting Author



We have been very lucky this week to have a visiting author come to school and talk to the children about his job. He engaged with the children really well and talked about his route to being an author - sharing his own work. The children really enjoyed this visit and asked very thoughtful questions. I hope that this has inspired some of our children to really develop their writing so that they, one day, may achieve the same. If you would like to know more about Grant Koper please use the link: <https://grantkoper.com/>



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have an opportunity for you to become a School Governor! 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 involved in the strategic development of the school. Our Governing Body has excellent working practice as identified in a recent Independent Governance Review and they would welcome a new parent representative to be part of the team. The application form has been e mailed home and is on the school website (closing date for applications: 12/7/19): <https://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/governors/>

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the summer fair. The Friends of Watcombe did another amazing job and raised £ 1000! This money will go directly back to supporting the children in school. Thanks you to Julie And Laura and everyone that helped make the event a success. And the sun shone!

EARLY CLOSING

The school will be **closing on the last day of term (Friday 19th July) at 1.30**
Please collect your child(ren) in the normal way at 1.30. Many thanks.



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Staffing changes

We will sadly be saying good bye to Miss Self at the end of next week, who has been teaching the Sharks class this year while Mrs. Bailey has been on maternity leave. She has been a fantastic asset to the school and we wish her luck in her new teaching post in Paignton.

We will be welcoming Miss Bailey back to school after her maternity leave and will also be welcoming Miss. Burke who will be joining the Early Years Foundation Team in September.

School structure for Sept. 2019

As well as finishing a very busy term we are also preparing for the coming September when the children will be starting in their new classes. You will receive a letter informing you of your child's new class on Friday 12/7/18. Following this the children will have a transition day in the last week of term (18/7/19) where they will spend time in their new classes so to meet the new teaching team and start to establish expectations and routines.

The Reception children have already start to meet their teacher for next year through a number of shared story times and other activities.

The teaching and learning structure across the school from September is as follows:

| | Teachers | Team Support Staff |
|------------------------|--|---|
| Foundation Stage | Nursery - Miss Ley Reception - Miss Schofield | Miss. Hele / Miss. Rydings / Miss. Burke / Miss. Cross |
| KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) | Seals - Mrs. Donaldson Dolphins- Mrs. Smyth | Miss Dart / Mrs. Maunder / Ms. Scott / Miss. Woolacott / Miss. Feasby |
| Lower KS2 (Yr 3,4 & 5) | Sea Horses- Miss. Willard Lobsters -Miss. Hebbes Sharks - Mrs. Boother/ Mrs. Squire | Miss. Collings / Miss. Donaldson / Miss Allen / Miss Moates |
| Upper KS2 (Yr 5& 6) | Starfish- Miss. Leaman / Mr. Bates (Miss. Abel: ½ day) Hermit Crab -Miss Bailey & Miss Abel | Mrs. Davies Mrs. Merrikin Miss. Coria Miss. Bent |

| Pastoral & Family Support Team | Intervention support |
|--|---|
| Mrs. Smart / Mrs. Rowntree / Mrs. Constantinou | Maths - Miss. Trenfield / Reading - Mrs. Looker / Speech & Language & Computing - Mrs. Cotton |
| Cover Supervisor: | Mrs. Hughes |

Your child's school report will be sent home with them on Friday 12th July, their class allocation for next year will also be in the envelope.

There will be an informal parents evening on Monday 15th July from 3.05 to 3.45 where you are invited to come and meet your child's new teacher and / or meet their current teacher to discuss their report.