



# Newsletter

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## Holiday Dates

### 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

### First day back:

Monday 7/9/20

## Event Dates

Easter Bingo 20/3/20

## World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the World Book Day celebrations at school. As usual the children enjoyed coming into school in non uniform and, for many of them, in their pyjamas. This we hope helps to remind us how important it is to share a bedtime story with children so that it develops and strengthens emotional bonds, encourages children to enjoy books, widens their vocabulary and allows them to experience the 'written' word as well as the spoken. The children had a lovely day and enjoyed talking about the stories / books they have and are enjoying.

We were also treated to some lovely performances from the Story Club, who performed to the school and their parents, three different stories including The Guffalo, The Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle & Princess and the Pea. It was great to see the children sharing their plays so confidently. Thank you to Mrs. Looker for organising this with the children and Izzy who stood in at the last minute..

Thank you also to everyone who has donated a £1 for World Book Day - this money will go towards buying more books for the school library.



## Reading Snippet

**A child who reads for 20 minutes per school day will experience 1, 800, 000 words compared to a child who reads for 1 minute just 1 minute per school day who will only experience 8,000 words.**

**Reading at home will make a significant difference to the vocabulary a child experience and this will impact upon learning and understanding across the whole curriculum**



## Friends of Watcombe

Thank you to everyone who supported the FoW 'Glow Zumba' evening event last week. Those that attended had great fun taking part in the Zumba with glow products and face paints as well as great lighting. A great way to have fun and keep fit!



## Netball

This week the school netball team took part in their first local tournament. They represented the school amazingly, showing respect, passion and teamwork throughout the day. The team played 5 matches against local schools and came THIRD in the shield competition. Well done netballers!



## Coronavirus

I would like to reassure you all that as a school we have been keeping upto date and following Public Health England advice relating to the Coronavirus. The health and safety of everyone is at the forefront of our minds. As we have been, we will keep you abreast of any new and updated information.

If you have any concerns please phone the DFE helpline on 0800 046 8687 (Mon-Fri, opening hours 8am to 6pm) or 111.



**WATCOMBE  
WANTS**



**TO READ  
EVERY NIGHT**