



Newsletter No 006 – 12 October 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 15 October	Y1 Trip (Tortoiseshell/Red Admiral) Harvest Assembly Y2 – Sustrans Bike Lessons FS Reading Meetings in classrooms – 2.30pm
Tuesday 16 October	Y1 Trip (Apollo/Ulysses)
Thursday 18 October	FS Reading Meetings in School Hall – 6.30pm
Friday 19 October	Muffi Day in support of the Quicken Trust KS1 Expert Day – 9.15am

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to White Admiral and the Good Manners Cup went to Banded Swallowtail.

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 97%.

Congratulations to Purple Emperor class who has the best attendance this week at 99.33%. Look out for their photo in the Golden Frame in the reception area outside the school office.

Harvest Assembly

A reminder that it is our Harvest Assembly on Monday 15 October. Please send your donation for the Foodbank in with your child on Monday morning. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, they are particularly in need of toiletries at the moment. Thank you

Quicken Trust – Muffi Day

A reminder that we are having a Muffi Day next Friday in support of the Quicken Trust. Your child may wear their own clothes to school and give a donation to the charity.

Quicken Trust is a Sussex-based charity which is transforming the lives of people living in poverty in the Ugandan village of Kabubbu. It works in partnership with a range of organisations around the UK and worldwide. <http://www.quickentrust.com/dev/>

Medicines In School

A reminder that any medicines which are brought into school must be handed in at the office and the consent form must be completed so that we are able to administer it to your child.

Bank Staff Midday Supervisory Assistant

If you are interested in joining our team of Midday Supervisory Assistants who cover sickness and absence, please collect an application pack from the office or email office@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk to request one. The hourly rate for MDSAs is £8.50.

The closing date for applications will be Wednesday 31 October and interviews will be on Tuesday 6 November.

Morning Drop-off

A reminder that after half term, the gates will be closed at 9.00am. Please ensure you bring your child to school before the gates are closed to avoid them missing their early morning learning and

being marked as late in the register.

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Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

The Firework Fiesta is all set and ready to go on Thursday 1 November. Please note as stated last week we will no longer be sending out information leaflets. Tickets will go on sale next week (w/c 15 October) and will be on sale at drop off and pick up times outside the main Reception area. Ticket prices are £3 per child, £4 per adult and £12 for a family of 4. You can pre-book your hotdogs or vegetarian hotdogs for £2 when you purchase the tickets. A reminder that hotdogs are only available for pre-order and cannot be purchased on the night. The tickets will be available all week unless they sell out – it is a first come first served basis so be quick in order not to miss out on this great event. We are looking for volunteers to help sell the tickets for approximately 30 minutes at morning drop off and pick up. If you are able to help please contact us via the email motcombefriends@hotmail.com.

The next Friends meeting is on Monday 15 October at 7.30pm in the Butterfly Room. All are welcome so please come along as it would be great to see some new faces! We will be discussing the Christmas Fair which will take place on 1 December.

The Foundation Stage disco will take place on Friday 23 November - more details will follow.

Emma and Louise

Co-Chairs of Motcombe Friends

Foundation Stage

This week we have started thinking about autumn. We have really enjoyed looking at all the autumn treasures you have brought in to show us and we had a super time on our Autumn Walk to Motcombe Park today.

We have also been learning more about numbers to 10. We have been ordering these numbers, finding one more and one less than these numbers, adding to and taking away from these numbers and finding different ways to make these numbers. We have been busy!

In Letters and Sounds this week, we have learnt to recognise the letters 'l', 'n', 'm' and 'o'. We have also learnt an action for each letter, using the Cued Articulation system. Search for Cued Articulation on You Tube for a video showing all the actions. As well as learning to recognise each letter, and learning an action to go with each sound, we have also looked at a picture cue and learnt a 'patter' to help us remember how to form each letter:

'l': 'down the insect's body and a dot for its head';

'n': 'down Nobby and over his net;

'm': 'Maisie, mountain, mountain';

'o': 'all around the orange'.

Home Challenge

Please bring in a bulb for us to plant and watch grow through autumn and winter and into spring. Our patios and outside spaces will look beautiful in the spring with more than 100 flowers growing!

You might like to watch this week's Numberblocks videos.

Three: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5do6m7> One, Two, Three:
<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5do6o0>

Tapestry - Thank you to everyone who attended the Tapestry meetings this week. Your child has brought home your user details today. Please change your password straight away once you have initially logged on. Log on and see some of the ways your child has been playing and learning. Feel free to start adding your own observations straight away!

Reading - Please do attend the reading meeting next week. Your support in helping your child make good progress in their reading is invaluable. The reading meeting will help you understand how we teach reading at school and help you to make the most of your reading sessions at home.

The meeting is in your child's classroom on Monday 15 October at 2.30pm and you can come into the classroom in the usual way via the green path. The meeting will be repeated on Thursday 18 October at 6.30pm in the hall if you are unable to attend the earlier meeting – or if you would like to hear the information a second time to take it all in properly!

Y1 News

We have been writing our own Knight School stories this week. We used our plans which we created last week to write an exciting story with a beginning, middle and end. We then read our stories to our talk partners.

In Maths we have been continuing practising splitting whole numbers into parts. Our focus this week has been on finding all the ways we can split the magic number 10. We have been using the part, part whole model and our double sided counters to show this practically before drawing it in our books.

In our topic work this week we had to rescue a princess from the dragon's tower! The dragon had frozen the key in water and we investigated which would be the quickest way to melt the ice and release the princess! We made our predictions and then tried all the different ways to see which was the quickest.

Y2 News

This week we needed to help Hootopize (the alien from our key text) by writing some instructions about how to wash your hands.

In maths we have been exploring fact families and the bar model. For example, $7=3+4$, $7=4+3$, $7-4=3$, $7-3=4$. The children tried hard to solve some word problems.

We had a fantastic time on our trip to the Herstmonceux Science Observatory and we were incredibly impressed by the questions children asked and answered.

A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who volunteered to come on the trip. We couldn't have done it without you.

Motcombe School Governing Body

If you would like to find out about the role of the Governing Body or wish to contact a member, please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body via email govsclerk@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk.

Alternatively, please follow this link for further information
<http://motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk/the-governing-body/>