



Newsletter No 007 – 19 October 2018

Thank you so much for your donations towards the Quicken Trust. We have raised £264. This is Joweria who lives in a village called Kabbubu in Uganda who we will be sponsoring.



Thank you also for coming to Expert Day! I hope you enjoyed finding out about what the children have been learning this term

It has been a busy first term which has flown by! Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 29 October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29 October	Term Begins
Thursday 1 November	Firework Fiesta

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Purple Emperor and the Good Manners Shield went to Apollo Class.

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 96.75%.

Congratulations to Chalk Hill Blue class who have the best attendance this week at 98.28%. Look out for their photo in the Golden Frame in the reception area outside the school office.

New Menu

Your child has been given the Autumn/Winter menu to bring home this week. This will also be emailed with the newsletter and is available on the school website.

Reminders for Packed Lunches

Please do not put sweets in your child's lunch box. A reminder that we are a nut free school (including chocolate spread containing nuts) as we do have children with nut allergies. Please also cut grapes in half lengthways as they are a choking hazard.

Bikes for Golden Time

If you have a pedal bike at home that your child no longer rides (appropriate for Motcombe aged children) we would be very grateful to have it for use in Golden Time.

Uniform

Once again the lost property box is overflowing with unnamed items including lunch boxes, rucksacks and shoes. Please ensure you name your child's property as it has a much better chance of being re-united with them. The lost property box is emptied at the end of every term and is given to charity or is recycled.

Little Rugby

There are spaces in Little Rugby on Friday afternoons. £4.50 per session. Please contact Bev on 01323 749640 or email blevett@littlekickers.co.uk to book a place for your child. (Please see attached flyer for further details.)

Parking Issues

It has been reported that cars are now being parked on the grass verges at drop off and pick up times. This is not appropriate and is dangerous. You must park considerately at all times.

Please report any parking issues you are concerned about to EastbournePIC@nsl.co.uk

Parents' Evening

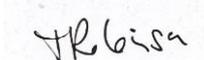
Parents' Evenings are being held on Thursday 8 November from 3.30-6.00pm and on Tuesday 13 November from 5.30-8.00pm.

Instructions for booking an appointment

On Monday 29 October we will send a link to your mobile phone or email address which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you. Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your child/children alongside their teacher.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book. This will even give you the option to add any notes that you might want the teacher to see before the meeting.
5. After you have entered any notes, please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.

At any time before the Parents Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.



Tracy Robison, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

Ticket sales for the Fireworks Fiesta have been going well! Thank you to all who have already bought them. The remaining tickets will be on sale to local residents as well as the school community – please contact the Friends of Motcombe via the email address below if you would like to purchase tickets.

As you know we are trying to be more environmentally friendly and so we are asking people that are joining us for the fireworks to bring their own thermos from home for hot drinks, - those who do will get a discounted hot drink!

Could we also ask for parents to bring in their cake donations for the Fireworks Fiesta on Thursday 1 November in the morning - shop bought or homemade would be most appreciated.

Our Friends meeting was very productive and plans for the Christmas Fair and the FS Party are underway.

Foundation Stage Party – Friday 23 November 5.00pm – 6.00pm - We are asking the parents of the children in the FS classes to help with running the Party – even if it's for 15 minutes to help with applying temporary tattoos or serving drinks. These are fantastic events and a great way for parents to meet each other. Please contact us via the email below to let us know if you are able to help. Tickets will go on sale next term.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 1 December - 11.00am – 2.00pm - We are asking parents if they know of any local businesses (or own one) that would be interested in donating a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair in exchange for a bit of advertising on our posters and programme. Again please contact us on the email below if you have anything that you could contribute.

Does your company match fund? At our recent Friends meeting match funding was mentioned. This is when a company will match the amount of money raised. A great way of boosting funds! Please contact us if you know of a company who offer this.

Emma and Louise

Co-Chairs of Motcombe Friends
motcombefriends@hotmail.com

Foundation Stage

This week we have been thinking more about Autumn. We have made Leaf Man pictures from our Autumn treasures and have been writing about who we think was hiding behind the door in the tower we saw in the park on our Autumn Walk.

In Letters and Sounds this week, we have learnt to recognise the letters 'd', 'g', and 'e'. 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 card and learnt a 'patter' to help us remember how to form each letter:

'd' (dinosaur): 'round his bottom, up his tall neck, down to his feet';

'g' (girl): 'round her face, down her hair and give her a curl';

'e' (egg): 'lift off the top and scoop out the egg'.

These are the letters and sounds we have learnt so far:

s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, e.

We have also been working hard to use these letters and sounds to make and read words, for example, 'ten', 'pet', 'net', 'sad' etc.

Home challenge

Have a great week's holiday! What playing, learning and exploring will you get up to over the holiday? Add some observations to Tapestry to show us what you have been doing, thinking and learning.

Another home challenge for the week's break is to decorate a pumpkin on the theme of a favourite book and bring it in to show us. This is inspired by Stone Cross School. Examples of some pumpkins that families have decorated at Stone Cross are Goldilocks, Captain Underpants and The Rainbowfish.



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

Four: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6m1c9m>

Reading - Thank you to everyone who attended the reading meetings this week. Please keep sharing your child's reading book with them over the week break, so that they can practise some of the Letters and Sounds and reading skills they have been learning at school.

Y1 News

This week in English we have been writing a recount of our fabulous trip to Bodiam Castle. We have been trying really hard to use our time words such as first, next and after in our sentences. Thank you so much to all the parent helpers who came with us, we couldn't have done it without you.

In Maths we have been continuing to look at our number bonds to 10, using our tens frames and part, part, whole models and using these to help us solve some simple problems.

In Science we have been writing up our results from our exciting ice experiment which we did last week. Please ask your child to explain which was the best method of melting the ice so we could

free the princess.

Thank you to all the parents/carers for coming to Expert Day. We really enjoyed sharing our learning with you.

Y2 News

In English this week we wrote a recount of our fantastic trip to the Science Observatory, using different time openers and description. The children then created their own space poems using great noun phrases and actions.

In Maths we have carried on exploring addition and fact families. The children have started to learn about 'unitising', for example $3+4=7$ so 3 tens + 4 tens = 7 tens so $30+40=70$.

In Topic we have looked at and discussed Harvest. The children came up with lots of things that they are thankful for. They then really enjoyed making their own bread rolls and eating them afterwards.

Thank you to the parents that joined us for our Expert Day today. The children really enjoyed sharing all the work they have done on Space this term.

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/>