



Newsletter No 008 – Friday 2 November 2018

Thank you to the Friends for organising the wonderful Firework Fiesta last night. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Thursday 8 November	Bonfire Night Menu (see details below) Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 13 November	Parents' Evening – 5.30 – 8.00pm
Friday 16 November	Children in Need 'Spotacular' – Muffi Day

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Holly Blue, the Good Manners Shield went to Red Admiral and the Good Manners Cup went to Saturn.

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 96.48%.

Congratulations to Chalk Hill Blue class who has the best attendance this week at 98.85%. Look out for their photo in the Golden Frame in the reception area outside the school office.

Thank you to everyone for making it through the gates before it closes at 9.00am in the morning.

A reminder that although we always encourage good attendance, tummy bugs are so easily spread that if your child is sick, they must be kept off school for 24 hours following the last episode and if they have diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

Poppy Appeal

The School Council will be selling poppies in the classrooms next week so please send your child in with a donation if you would like them to have one.

Bonfire Night Menu

There will be a change of menu on Thursday 8 November -
Pork Sausages with Creamed Potatoes or Bean and Vegetable Chilli with Rice (v)
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
Sticky Toffee & Banana Pudding or Fresh Fruit

Due to this change, Thursday's usual menu will be on Tuesday 6 November:-
Chicken & Tomato Lasagne or Vegetarian Tagine

Parents' Evening

A reminder that if you haven't booked your Parents' Evening slot, please do so as soon as possible. The system will close for bookings on Monday 5 November at 4.00pm.

Lego Cards

Please do not send your child to school with Lego cards as we are no longer allowing them to swap them at lunchtimes.

Please remember that they must not bring Match Attax cards to school.

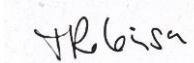
Children in Need – Muffi Day

We will be having a 'Spotacular' Muffi Day on Friday 16 November. In return for a donation to

Children in Need your child may wear something spotty to school instead of their uniform – the spottier better!!

Art Club

There are some places available in Art Club which is running on Tuesdays - 30 October, 6 November, 13 November & 20 December and will then move to Mondays - 26 November, 3 December, 10 December & 17 December. Booking forms are available from the office.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fireworks Fiesta yesterday. It was great fun! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to put this event on and helped throughout the afternoon and evening. A huge thank you for all the cake donations. We couldn't run these events without our volunteers!

Our next event is the Foundation Stage party! This will be held on Friday 23 November. Once again we can only run these events with your help. You can still enjoy the atmosphere of the party while helping out in small 15 minute time slots. Get in touch with us via our email address. Tickets will be on sale soon.

We are asking parents if they know of any local businesses (or own one) who would be interested in donating a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair in exchange for some advertising on our posters and in the programme. Please contact us via our email if you can help!

Coming up: The Christmas Fair – Saturday 1 December!

Emma & Louise

Co-Chairs - The Friends of Motcombe

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Foundation Stage

This week we have been talking about things that make us happy. We talked about what we had enjoyed during the week away from school. We had a very special experience this week when Sarah from Cherry Wood Kids came in and helped us to make a camp fire! We toasted marshmallows on the campfire and this was another thing that made us happy! After our campfire experience we have been responding to it in different creative ways. Some children have made pictures while others have made their own pretend bonfire and returned to the experience through role play.

In Maths this week we have been looking at the number 5. We have also introduced subtraction and have been taking away different quantities from 5. We have enjoyed singing subtraction number songs like '5 little ducks' and '5 little men in a flying saucer', taking one away in each verse. We have learnt how to say subtraction number sentences, such as '5 take away 2 equals 3'.

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt that the sound /c/ can be written in different ways. We have learnt the letter 'c' and the letter 'k' and have also learnt that when we hear the sound /c/ at the end of a word we often write it 'ck' – both letters together – two letters making just one sound!

'c' (caterpillar): 'curl around the caterpillar';

'k' (kangaroo): 'down the kangaroo's body, back up and over his tail and down his leg'. (nb: we write the k with a loop rather than lines.

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

s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, e, d, g, c, k, ck

Please help us to look out for them in our home reading books!

Home challenge

Go for a walk in the dark with a grown up. What can you see? What can you hear? How do you feel? How is it different from daytime? What other things might we see in the dark? Please use Tapestry to share this with us.

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

Five: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6lpx5p>

Y1 News

This week we found a surprise parcel in our classroom. It was a mysterious red box! We shared ideas about what we thought was in the box. On Friday we opened it and found Traction Man inside! Next week we will be reading the story of Traction Man in English.

In Maths we have been practising our number bonds to 10. We have been using Numicon and double sided counters to find all the ways of making 10. We have been using these to help us solve problems.

We have started to look at our new topic all about toys. We have been talking about our favourite toys and why they are special to us. Please talk to your child about the kind of toys you played with when you were younger.

Y2 News

This week we have been learning about mythical creatures including trolls, mermaids, dragons, centaurs and unicorns. We have been using the suffixes -er and -est to describe and compare.

In Maths we have been learning how to find one/ten more and one/ten less than a two digit number.

In Geography we have been looking at the United Kingdom and the countries that are part of it as well as the sea/ocean that surrounds it.

Next week we will be looking at how humans grow. For this it would be very helpful if children could bring in one picture of themselves when they were a baby and one picture from when they were a toddler. Passport sized photographs would be ideal, thank 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/>