



Newsletter No 009 – 9 November 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 12 November	Remembrance Service (school community only) – 10.45am
Tuesday 13 November	Parents' Evening – 5.30 – 8.00pm
Wednesday 14 November	Kidzfit – whole school Friends Meeting – 7.30pm
Thursday 15 November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 16 November	Children in Need – Spotacular / Mufti Day

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to White Admiral Class, the Good Manners Shield went to Apollo Class and the Good Manners Cup went to Chalk Hill Blue Class.

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 96.56%.

Congratulations to Saturn class who has the best attendance this week at 100%! Which class will be next to have 100% attendance?

Kidzfit

The children will be participating in a Kidzfit exercise session next Wednesday so please ensure they have their PE kit in school.

Flu Vaccinations

If you have given consent for your child to have their vaccination, these will be taking place on Thursday 15 November.

Children in Need

Our 'Spotacular' for Children in Need is next Friday. Your child may wear something spotty (the spottier the better!) or just come to school in their own clothes, in return for a donation to Children in Need.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Please drop your child to school promptly in the morning (gates open at 8.50am and close at 9.00am) to avoid them missing their early morning learning and being marked as late.

It is equally important to collect them on time at the end of the day. Once again, lots of children are being brought to the office at the end of the day as they have not been picked up. We do appreciate that there are occasionally unavoidable circumstances that come up but this is not always the case. Staff are still working after the children have finished and late collection makes this very difficult.

A reminder that if you are late collecting your child and we have not heard from you or been able to contact you, your child will be taken to Fireflies After School Club and you will be charged £11 for the session.

If you are aware that you are going to be late and need to book your child into Fireflies After School Club, their telephone number is 07392 848736.

National Child Measurement Programme

A letter was emailed this week to Foundation Stage parents regarding the National Child Measurement Programme. Please collect a copy from the office if you have not received it. You will need to opt out if you do not wish for your child to participate in this programme.

Data Collection Sheets

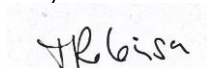
Data sheets are being distributed at Parents' Evenings for you to update the details that we have on record for you. Please complete and return this to the office as soon as possible (please sign and return it even if there are no changes).

It is vitally important that you inform us of changes in your details (address, telephone numbers, medical conditions etc) as soon as possible.

We are currently preparing to have an online app on which you can use to update your details. Further information will be circulated when this is up and running.

Spanish Club

There are still a few spaces in Spanish Club on Wednesday afternoons from 3.00-4.00pm. Please contact Maite Parra on 07577 277253 or via email maitexuparra@hotmail.com to book a place for your child.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm in the butterfly room. All are welcome to come along and hear what the Friends are planning for the Foundation Stage party and the Christmas Fair. Your input would be very welcome.

Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to help at the Foundation Stage Party on Friday 23 November. We would still like some more volunteers to help with face painting, nail painting, applying tattoos and serving refreshments. Please get in touch via the email address below if you can help. Tickets are going on sale next week at drop-off and pick-up times.

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching – 1 December – 11.00am -2.00pm. We will need volunteers to help on the day so that this event can go ahead. Again if you are available to help please contact us using the email below – you only need to volunteer a small portion of time and then you can enjoy the Fair with your families. Following the success of last year's Fill-a-Jar competition we will be running it again this year. The jars will need to be brought to school on Friday 23 November. Here are last year's entries!



Emma and Louise

Co-chairs of Motcombe Friends
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Foundation Stage

We have loved looking at your photos of your night-time walks on Tapestry! This week we have been thinking about different times of day: night time and day time and more specifically morning, afternoon, evening and night time.

We have also been inspired by fireworks this week – there have been lots of different creative responses to fireworks: music, art, junk modelling and dance.

Your night time walks have given us lots of ideas for things to find out more about including space and nocturnal animals.

We have been learning about careful counting and breaking numbers into 2 parts this week. We have watched some Numberblocks episodes and done lots of follow up work based on these episodes. Please see below for links to this week's Numberblocks videos.

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt two new letters:

'u' (umbrella): 'down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle';

'r' (robot): 'down the robot's back and curl over his arm'.

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, u, r.

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

Home challenge: Take some photos of things you do at different times of the day and put them on Tapestry. What do you do in the morning? At lunchtime? In the afternoon? In the evening? At night-time?

I wonder if we can guess the time of day from the photo? (If you take the photo, remind your grown-up to let us know on Tapestry that you took it and not them!)

Can you help? Next week we will be focussing on the number 6. We are looking for plastic egg boxes with six sections to help us learn more about the number six and about different ways to make six. We are also beginning to get ready for Christmas! Do you have any left over pieces of wrapping paper, cards or labels that we can use to enhance our Christmas learning environment? Thank you for your donations; they are greatly appreciated.

Home challenge

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

How to Count: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5dohlx>

The Whole of Me: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5ds19e>

Y1 News

In English we have been continuing to read our Traction Man story. We acted out our favourite part and then wrote some simple sentences about it. We have also been writing firework shape poems using onomatopoeic words such as pow, whizz, bang and whoosh!

In Maths we have started some work on subtraction. We have been taking numbers away from each other and seeing how many are left. We have been using counters to practically take numbers away and then trying to write the matching number sentence in our books.

In Science we have been looking at what materials things are made from, such as glass, wood, plastic and metal. We went on a hunt around the school to see what we could find, made from these different materials.

Y2 News

This week in English we have been learning how to use the un - prefix as well as using commas in lists. We wrote a list of all our favourite things, remembering to use a comma after each item and then an 'and' before the last item.

In Maths we have learnt lots of new words! In an addition sentence we learnt the word addend, which is just a number that is added to another number. So 'addend + addend = sum'. In a subtraction sentence we have learnt the words minuend and subtrahend. A minuend is a number from which another number is taken away. A subtrahend is a number to be taken away from another. So 'minuend - subtrahend = difference'. We have also learnt how to use the column method to solve addition problems.

	Tens	Ones
	1	
	2	9
+		6
	3	5

This week we have also been learning about the celebration of Diwali by making diva lamps and designing our own henna hand-prints. In Science we looked into how humans grow from babies into adults. Thank you for sending in some baby and toddler pictures, the children enjoyed sharing them with their friends. We made timelines of what the children have looked like so far, what they look like now and what they think they will look like when they are grown up.

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/>