



Newsletter No 010 – Friday 16 November 2018

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need! We have raised £307.75 so far! It was lovely to see so many spots around school today and FS were very jazzy as it was also their Pattern Day today!

Mrs Jess Newby will be leaving us on Monday to go on Maternity Leave to have baby number two! Please join me in wishing Mrs Newby and her family all the best at this exciting time!

Congratulations to Mr Adam Robinson on the publication of his first book! 100 Hundred Memorable Matches – a must have for all Chelsea fans if you are looking for a Christmas present! (Available on Amazon!)

Here is a reminder of the diary dates for the rest of this term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 19 November	FS Height & Weight checks
Tuesday 20 November	FS Height & Weight checks
Thursday 22 November	Prospective Parents' Evening (September 2019) – 7.00pm
Friday 23 November	Mufti-Day – Christmas Fair donations KS1 – NSPCC Assembly Prospective Parents' Morning (September 2019) – 10.00am FS Party – 5.00-6.00pm
Monday 26 November	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 28 November	Y1 - Visitor from the Toy Museum
Saturday 1 December	Christmas Fair – 11.00am-2.00pm
Tuesday 11 December	Purple Emperor Nativity to Parents – 9.30am
Wednesday 12 December	Christmas Jumper Day White Admiral Nativity to Parents – 9.30am Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday 13 December	Holly Blue Nativity to Parents – 9.30am
Friday 14 December	Peacock Nativity to Parents – 9.30am
Monday 17 December	FS & Y1 Christmas Party – morning Y2 Christmas Party – afternoon
Tuesday 18 December	Candlelight Assembly (school community only)
Wednesday 19 December	Y2 Expert Day – 9.15am Y1 Expert Day – 10.00am End of Term - School Closes at 12.00 – INSET

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Peacock, the Good Manners Shield went to Tortoiseshell and the Good Manners Cup went to Banded Swallowtail.

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 96.68%.

Congratulations to Chalk Hill Blue class who has the best attendance this week at 99.14%

NSPCC – Speak out. Stay Safe

The KS1 children will be having an assembly next Friday with a representative from the NSPCC to talk about staying safe. Please see attached letter with further details. In conjunction with this we have been asked to be part of a fundraising initiative for the charity which you may take part in if you wish.

Children's Christmas Dinner

The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Wednesday 12 December and this will also be our Christmas Jumper Day. The School Council will be discussing which charity they would like to raise money for on Christmas Jumper Day and we will let you know.

There will be a list outside each classroom from Monday to Friday next week for you to choose your child's Christmas dinner (or to tick that they will have a packed lunch).

Main Meal: Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets
or
Quorn Roast
with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Ball & Gravy
Garden Peas
Fresh Carrots
Sprouts

Dessert: Festive Shortbread / Chocolate Crispie Cake / Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

School Photographs

The individual school photographs are being taken on Monday 26 November. You may send your child to school in their own clothes rather than uniform for this if you would prefer to.

If you would like to bring siblings (who do not attend Motcombe) in to have family photos done, please come in via the office entrance between 8.00 – 8.40am.

Sibling groups for children who are at Motcombe will be taken during the school day so you do not need to bring them in early.

Fireflies

If your child is booked into Fireflies but are not going to go on that evening, please let Fireflies know by text on 07392 848736. Fireflies staff are often looking for the children booked in to the club because they have not been informed that the child is no longer coming.

School Pick-Up

This was mentioned in the newsletter last week but we are still having a lot of children brought to the office at the end of the day because they haven't been collected on time. Staff continue to work after 3.00pm and it is important that you are here on time. A reminder that if you are late to collect your child and we have not heard from you, they will be taken to Fireflies After School Club and you will be charged £11.00 for the session.

Some parents are also calling to ask if they can collect their child 10 minutes early from school – this is an extremely busy time of the day and is very difficult and disruptive. Again we are aware that there are exceptional circumstances where this is unavoidable but this is not always the case.

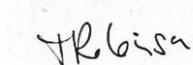
Please remember to write on the board in the morning if your child is attending a club after school or being collected by someone different as we will not release them to someone else if you haven't informed us.

Headlice

We have had several recurring cases of headlice in school recently. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Information on how to treat them is being circulated with this newsletter.

Parking

As always we are experiencing parking issues outside school with cars double parked and people being verbally aggressive when asked to move. This is unacceptable and people should not be on the receiving end of this when they are not in the wrong. It is a shame that this is such a regular feature on our newsletter.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

The Firework Fiesta made £1360! Thank you to all who came a long and supported this event, it was great fun.

FS Party - Friday 23 November, 5.00-6.00pm - Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to help at the FS party. We would love to hear from other parents who are able to help at this event. We need 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 in the playground from Monday 19 November until Friday 23 at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Prices are £2 per ticket - siblings are welcome (they will also need a ticket). A minimum of one adult to every four children is required.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 1 December, 11.00am – 2.00pm - The Christmas Fair is fast approaching! We need volunteers to help on the day so that this event can go ahead so again, if you are available to help please contact us using the email below – you only need to volunteer a small portion of time so that you can also enjoy the event with your family.

Please can we ask that the Fill a Jar entries are brought in from Friday 23 November. Entries will be accepted through the week in the run up to the Fair – don't forget, a jar from each year group will be picked to win a prize.

Muffi Day - Friday 23 November - We are holding a Muffi Day for donations towards the Christmas Fair. Please bring in teddies, good quality toys, wine, chocolates or toiletries. Raffle prizes would also be much appreciated.

Emma and Louise

Co-Chairs of Motcombe Friends
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Foundation Stage

We have seen so many different patterned clothes in school today for our Pattern Day! This is the start of next week's Pattern Week where we will be learning about all different kinds of patterns – patterns in the environment, animal patterns and repeating patterns. See the home challenge below for more!

Our number of the week this week has been the number 6. We have been looking at spotty dice patterns 1 to 6 and seeing if we can recognise the pattern without counting the spots. If you play any games using spotty dice at home, it would be lovely if you could share your child's dice fun with us on Tapestry!

This week we have learnt about 'tricky' words. These are words that you can't 'sound out', but that you must just recognise as whole words. We have been working so hard on blending sounds to read words, that this new concept can be challenging!

This week, we have learnt the tricky words 'to' and 'the'. Please help us to look out for them in our home reading books, as well as all the letters we have learnt so far:

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

Home challenge:

Go on a pattern hunt around your home and out and about. What kinds of patterns do you see? Where do you see patterns? Perhaps on pavements, fences, railings, clothes, wallpaper... Take some photos and put them onto Tapestry so we can look at all the different patterns next week.

Grown-ups: It would be very helpful if you could please put in direct quotes of what the children say as they are telling you about the patterns. For example, you might write: 'Ella saw a pattern on her lunchbox. "It is spotty," she said.' (Direct quotes are very helpful in all Tapestry observations you put on.) Wherever possible, encourage your child to take the photos for Tapestry observations, and don't forget to make it clear in your comments that they took the photo, rather than you. Thank you!

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

Six: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6lpx2o>

Y1 News

We have such an exciting time in Y1 this week. On Thursday we brought our toys into school so that they could have a sleepover. They were very cheeky overnight and got up to all sorts of mischief. We wrote about this in our books using all of our knowledge about the past tense.

In Maths we have been learning about taking away using a number line. We had to be very careful and count back the right number of jumps. We have also been learning how to find the difference between two numbers. We chose two different numbers, made these into two towers of cubes and snapped off the difference. We have been practising saying "the difference is"

In Science we have been looking at the different materials which our toys are made from. We had to sort the toys into two groups and explain why we thought they belonged in that group. We have been learning new words such as flexible, rigid and transparent.

Y2 News

This week in Maths we have continued with addition and subtraction, focusing on problems that bridge across 10's. We have also been using all the new words the children learnt last week to help us.

In English we have been learning how to use the suffix 'ly' to make adverbs eg. Slowly, gently and gracefully. In History we have discussed local history, based around the pier fire of 2014.

We also enjoyed the Kidzfit session, learning about how exercise helps you keep fit and healthy.

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/>