



### **Newsletter No 011 – Friday 23 November 2018**

Thank you for all the donations you have given for our Christmas Fair. We couldn't hold these events if it wasn't for your generosity and support. We hope you can come along on Saturday 1 December to have some festive fun!

Our Foundation Stage children are looking forward to their party this afternoon and I am sure they will have a great time!

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>	
<b>Monday 26 November</b>	Individual School Photographs
<b>Wednesday 28 November</b>	Y1 - Visitor from the Toy Museum
<b>Saturday 1 December</b>	Christmas Fair – 11.00am-2.00pm

#### **Good Manners Cup**

Well done White Admiral who got Buster the Good Manners Dog this week.

#### **Attendance**

Our current attendance figure is 96.81%.

Congratulations to Apollo class who has the best attendance this week at 99.70%.

#### **NSPCC Assembly – KS1**



Sally from the NSPCC has visited our school to deliver their SPEAK OUT.STAY SAFE Assembly to the KS1 children. To support the work of the NSPCC, the children will be taking part in a sponsored Danceathon next week which will be lots

of fun! If you would like to sponsor your child, please return their form and money to school by Thursday 6 December.



#### **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.

#### **Artbuds**

Artbuds Christmas Craft Fair & Santa's Workshop is being held on Saturday 24 November between 10.00am and 1.00pm at Ratton School. Come & browse a range of handmade craft stalls & purchase beautiful gifts for loved ones. Masterpiece pottery studio & Artbuds will be attending giving children the chance to make decorations & gifts. Free entry please see event page on Facebook for more details <https://www.facebook.com/events/450474182115134/?ti=icl>.

#### **Albion in the Community**

Bookings for Term 3 can be made from Monday 26 November for the after school Football Club. Please follow this link to book a place for your child:-

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-MCIS-2>

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**Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher**

### **Friends of Motcombe**

**Foundation Stage Party - Friday 23 November 5.00pm – 6.00pm** - Thank you to all the parents that have already volunteered to help at the Foundation Stage Party, it's not too late to help out! When you arrive for the disco feel free to jump in and help with tattoos, refreshments, face paints or nail painting. There is a small charge for these things so don't forget to bring your change. We have been selling tickets all week and will also accept cash on the door – it is £2 per ticket and siblings are welcome (they will need a ticket too). Entry is free to under 1's! We need a minimum of 1 adult to every 4 children. See you all at the Party!

**Christmas Fair - Saturday 1 December – 11.00am – 2.00pm** - The Christmas Fair is fast approaching. 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, alternatively the class TAs have a rota for you to put your name down – you only need to volunteer a small portion of time and then you can enjoy the Fair with your family.

Thank you to the children that have already bought in their fabulous "Fill-a-Jar" entries. Please bring these in by Friday 30 November so they can be entered in the competition – don't forget there will be a winner from each year group!

Please bring homemade or shop bought cakes/biscuits in on Friday 30 November. Your contributions are very appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support – it is a particularly busy time of year for the Friends and we appreciate all the help offered by the parents. We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in becoming a Friend of Motcombe School please don't hesitate to contact us through Facebook or on the email address below.

*Emma and Louise*

**Co-chairs of Motcombe Friends**

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### **Foundation Stage News**

This week we have been learning all about patterns. We have looked at animal patterns, patterns in the environment (thank you for your home challenges!) and also repeating patterns.

In Letters and Sounds we have now learnt the letters 'h' and 'b', together with their cued articulation actions (have a look on YouTube) and their letter formation patter.

h: Down the horse's head to his hooves and over his back.

b: Down the boot's laces to the heel and around the toe.

We have also learnt 'tricky' words 'l', 'to', 'the' and 'go'. (These are 'tricky' words because you can't sound them out - saying the sounds g-o does not end up with the word 'go'!)

These are 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, h and b.

Tricky words learnt so far: l, to, the, go

Please help us to look out for these letters and words in our home reading books!

Home challenge Have a look at your Tapestry Learning Journey with your grown up. What have you enjoyed doing? What have you been learning?

Grown-ups: Please could you put a new entry onto Tapestry telling us what they say about their Tapestry Learning Journey so far. It would be very helpful if you could please put in direct quotes of what the children say as they are telling you about their playing and learning. This home

challenge might not have a photo to go with it as they are just talking about their Learning Journey and that is fine! (Although if you would like to upload a video clip of them talking about their Learning Journey, that would be lovely!)

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

Seven: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6m19ki>

### **Y1 News**

In English we have been planning the Traction Man story. We have been thinking very carefully about the beginning, middle and end and acting it out to make sure we are very familiar with the events. We have then used our plans to write amazing stories remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths we have been looking at more and less than. We have been making numbers using counters and have been finding numbers which are more or less than these. We have also learnt an exciting new word. Please ask your child about **addends** and what they are!

In our topic work we have been making toys with moving parts. We used our designs from last week to make a teddy bear picture with moving arms and legs. Can you have a look at home and find some toys which have moving parts?

### **Y2 News**

In English this week we have been learning how to use possessive apostrophes. The children wrote about what they like about characters' features and possessions. For example "I like George's potion because it makes Grandma fly". We have also started to use alliteration and the children designed their own marvellous medicine with ingredients like 'tempting toothpaste'.

In Maths this week we have been adding 3 one digit numbers together. We did this by first looking to see if there were any two numbers that could be number bonds to 10. Eg.  $6 + 3 + 4 = ?$  6 and 4 is a bond to 10 that children can find to help them solve the problem.

In Art this week the children have been learning about the illustrations of Quentin Blake. They followed a video to help them draw pictures of Willy Wonka and we have been amazed by some of their fantastic Mr Magnolia drawings.

### **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](mailto:govsclerk@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk).

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