



**Newsletter No 012 – Friday 30 November 2018**

The staff and children have had great fun with the NSPCC Danceathon today! If your child has been sponsored, please send the money in by Thursday 6 December. Thank you as always for your support.



They will receive their Buddy Badge on Thursday 13 December for taking part in the fundraiser.

A huge thank you to Sandra, Maridy and Beatriz from the Craft Group for making the beautiful Nativity costumes!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<b>Saturday 1 December</b>	Christmas Fair – 11.00am-2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 11 December</b>	Purple Emperor Nativity to Parents – 9.30am
<b>Wednesday 12 December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day White Admiral Nativity to Parents – 9.30am Children's Christmas Dinner
<b>Thursday 13 December</b>	Holly Blue Nativity to Parents – 9.30am
<b>Friday 14 December</b>	Peacock Nativity to Parents – 9.30am
<b>Monday 17 December</b>	FS & Y1 Christmas Party – morning Y2 Christmas Party – afternoon
<b>Tuesday 18 December</b>	Candlelight Assembly (school community only)
<b>Wednesday 19 December</b>	Y2 Expert Day – 9.15am Y1 Expert Day – 10.00am <b>End of Term - School Closes at 12.00 – INSET</b>

**Good Manners Cup**

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Peacock, the Good Manners Shield went to Ulysses and the Good Manners Cup went to Monarch.

Well done to those classes!

**Attendance**

Our current attendance figure is 96.67%.

Congratulations to Holly Blue and Monarch classes who have the best attendance this week at 97.8%.

We have 212 children who had 100% attendance in November! Congratulations to these children – look out for the special sticker they have received today. Even bigger congratulations to the 136 children who have had 100% attendance all year so far! Look out for their special stickers, too!

**Governor Vacancies**

We have two vacancies on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor and a Co-opted Governor.

A Parent Governor is a representative for our parents and is elected by other parents at school. You will need to collect a nomination form from the school office to complete and return by Friday 14 December addressed to Clerk to the Governors.

If more than one nomination is received a ballot will be held and you will be notified of the date accordingly.

A Co-opted Governor is a person who does not have to be a parent at the school but has the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The Co-opted

Governor is appointed by the Governing Body and you will need to send your details via email to [govsclerk@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:govsclerk@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk) by Friday 14 December if you are interested in this vacancy.

Governors are a vital part of our team and I hope that there are parents willing to give their time, sometimes during the day and sometimes during the evening, and their commitment to this important role. It is hard work being a Governor, but also very rewarding.

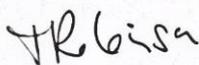
Governors usually serve for four years and can serve out their term of office even if their child leaves the school.

### **Foodbank**

The Foodbank are appealing for all items for Christmas parcels. If you are able to donate something, please follow this link for collection bin locations - <https://eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

### **Albion in the Community**

AITC are running Soccer Schools over the Christmas break. Please see their website for further details and to book. <http://www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/>



**Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher**

### **Friends of Motcombe**

**Thank You** - so much for coming out for the Foundation Stage party – the children had a lot of fun! A huge thank you to the volunteers, without you we couldn't put on these events. Thank you for all the donations for the fair. The Fill-a-Jar entries are fantastic!

### **Congratulations to the winners!**



**FS – Isabella, Y1 – Freddie, Y2 – Lola**

The donations of Christmas bakes are looking delicious and are much appreciated – there is still time to donate baked goods – whether they are shop brought or homemade, bring them along to the fair on Saturday!

**Christmas Fair - Saturday 1 December, 11.00am – 2.00pm** – this is fast approaching! You can still volunteer at this event, just turn up on the day and ask someone in a Friends of Motcombe t-shirt where you are needed. Volunteering for just half an hour will make a huge difference.

### **Volunteering.**

We have a Whatsapp group that anyone is welcome to be a part of so they can contribute ideas or just keep up with what events are coming up. Forward your name and phone number to the email address below and we'll add you on.

**Christmas jumper swap!** - This was a great idea put forward by a parent at the school.



The poster features a central title 'CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP' in a decorative, serif font. Below the title are six Christmas jumpers arranged in two rows of three. The jumpers have various designs: a green one with a reindeer, a red one with a Christmas tree, a dark blue one with a snowman, a red one with a gingerbread man, a dark blue one with a penguin, and a red one with a reindeer. Two large yellow stars are positioned on either side of the jumpers, each containing the text '£2 per jumper'. The entire poster is framed by holly leaves and red berries in the corners. Below the jumpers, the text reads: 'FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 14:45 - 15:15'. Below that, it says: 'How does it work? Donate your outgrown Christmas jumpers at the tables by the gates at drop off on the morning of the sale. Then come along at 2.45 to find a new festive gem. All sizes gratefully received.' At the bottom, it says: 'Don't forget it's Christmas Jumper day at school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December!'.

Any ideas are gratefully received by the friends, please forward your ideas to our email address below. Alternatively speak to one of us in person.

*Emma and Louise*

**Co-chairs of Motcombe Friends**

[motcombefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:motcombefriends@hotmail.com)

### **Foundation Stage**

Our number of the week this week was the number 8. We have had lots of fun with spiders and their eight legs! We have also been thinking about different ways of representing and making eight.

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

f (flower): Down the stem and draw the leaves.

l (leg): Down the long leg.

We have also learnt 'tricky' word 'no'.

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, b, f and l.

Tricky words learnt so far: l, to, the, go, no.

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

### **Home challenge**

Thank you to all the parents who have added an entry to Tapestry reflecting with their children on their children's learning journey so far. It has been lovely to share these with the children. At Motcombe we feel it is important that children and their families contribute to their learning journey so that everyone involved has ownership of it – not just the school staff.

If you have not yet added an entry reflecting on your child's Learning Journey with them, please do so this week. Talk with your child about what they have enjoyed doing and what they have been learning and upload an entry about their thoughts.

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 video.

Eight: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6lpx1a>

### **Y1 News**

In English this week we have been thinking about what makes a story exciting! We have written our own Traction Man stories, thinking really carefully about the setting, characters and plot. All of our stories had a beginning, middle and end and Traction Man had lots of exciting adventures!

Our focus in Maths this week has been shape. We have been naming 2D and 3D shapes and investigating what they look like. Could you go on a shape hunt around your house and see which 2D and 3D shapes you can find?

We had a very exciting visit from the Toy Museum this week! We were able to look at and handle a variety of toys from the olden days. We discussed how toys have changed over time. We also used our scientific knowledge about materials to investigate which materials the toys were made from and why none of them were made from plastic.

### **Y2 News**

In English this week we have been using and applying all that we have learnt to create great descriptions of ingredients that went into George's Marvellous Medicine as well as adding our own exciting things. We also listed what would happen to each animal if it was given the medicine. This is in preparation for re-writing the story and making our own versions next week. We can't wait to read them!

In Maths we have been focusing on and exploring money. We worked out how much an amount was worth by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as solving problems by using our addition and subtraction facts.

In Topic we have really enjoyed making our own puzzles this week based on George's Marvellous Medicine. The children look forward to bringing these home to share with you.

In Science the children were shown 'The Egg in the Bottle' experiment and were very excited to see what happened, coming up with some great predictions.

Thank you for all the fantastic home learning work. The children have made some wonderful things and love sharing these with their peers.

### **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/>