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| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
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| 18-23 January | YR – Vision & Hearing Checks |
| Friday 26 January | YR Disco (see Friends section for details) |

Good Manners Awards

Well done to Starfish Class who were awarded the Good Manners Cup, Elephant Class who were awarded the Good Manners Shield and Panda Class who were awarded Buster the Good Manners Dog!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 95.86%.

Congratulations to Panda class who have the highest attendance this week at 99.71%. Fantastic attendance!

Governing Body

We have added details on how to contact our Governing Body at the bottom of this newsletter. This will be on every newsletter.

School Applications

A reminder that if you have a Y2 child or a child starting Reception in September, the closing date for applications is Monday 15 January.

Reading Books

It has come to our attention that some parents have mentioned that their child's reading book is not changed when it has been sent in. Staff have been reminded that this must be done. It has also been mentioned that some parents feel their child's book is too easy for them, however, within a colour banding there is a variety of books and some are easier than others.

Library Books

Below is a reminder of your child's library day. Please ensure they bring their library book back on this day:-

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| Black Bear | Tuesday |
| Spectacled Bear | Friday |
| Sun Bear | Monday |
| Panda Bear | Monday |
| Elephant | Elephant |
| Koala | Wednesday |
| Giraffe | Friday |
| Dolphin | Wednesday |
| Flamingo | Wednesday |
| Puffer Fish | Tuesday |
| Stingray | Tuesday |
| Turtle | Thursday |
| Starfish | Friday |

Sickness & Diarrhoea

Although we always encourage good attendance if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must be kept off school as these bugs spread very quickly. For sickness they must be kept off for 24 hours and for diarrhoea for 48 hours.

Census Day – Menu Swap

Next Thursday, 18 January, is Census Day and there is a change of menu. The number of children who have a school dinner on Census Day indicates the funding we receive for school dinners so it is helpful to have as many children as possible having a hot dinner on that day. If your child does not already have them, please encourage them to try a dinner on Census Day. If you wish to also send a small packed lunch in with them on that day just in case, that is fine. Thank you.

Thursday 18 January

Fish & Chips
Bean & Potato Burrito & Chips
With
Baked Beans, peas

Soft Cheese & Biscuits

Friday 19 January

Organic Beef Pasta Bolognese
Vegetable Biryani
With
Sweetcorn, broccoli

Carrot & Pineapple Cake

One Way System for Traffic

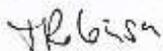
We have, in the past asked parents to observe a voluntary one-way traffic route for school runs and come down Macmillan Drive (from Eldon Road). This is an attempt to reduce congestion at these busy times. For information, the bin lorry collects in the area on Thursday mornings which adds to the mayhem!

Spare Clothes

If you have any spare clothes for when children have little accidents we would be very grateful. We need socks, tights, trousers, skirts (smaller sizes for Reception children). Please also remember to send spares back in if your child comes home in them. Thank you.

Brighton & Hove

The next trip to the Amex is planned for Saturday 24 February, Brighton v Swansea. Kick-off is at 3.00pm and ticket prices are - adult £30.50, +65 £23.50 and children £15. Booking forms are available from the school office and must be returned with payment by Thursday 25 January. Train times will be advised. Mr Bradshaw



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

The first event of 2018 is going to be a treat just for our Reception year group. The Reception Party is going to be held in the school hall on Friday 26 January from 5.00 to 6.00pm. There is going to be a DJ, dancing, fun and games! The Friends will be selling tickets for the party outside the school at drop off and pick up from Monday 22 to Thursday 25 January. Tickets for this event cost £2 for children and adults. Siblings are welcome to attend, and all children must be supervised at least 1 adult to 4 children.

Don't delay getting your tickets – these events always sell out fast! We will be selling hot dogs, snacks and refreshments at the Reception Party. If any Reception parents/carers can help with selling the refreshments on the evening, please do get in touch. I will also need some volunteers to help with the setting up and clearing away. If you would like to be involved, please email motcombefriends@hotmail.com. These events can't go ahead without your help!

Year 1 & 2, your turn is coming! Date to be announced for the Y1 & Y2 Disco very soon.

Are you a regular internet shopper? If so, easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Motcombe School. Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Motcombe School at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/motcombeschool/>

Foundation Stage

We started the new year by finding out about some of our Christmas celebrations and other things you did in the holiday. Thank you for all the observations you put onto Tapestry - the children really enjoyed talking about their holidays and are beginning to think about the ways in

which people might celebrate differently. We have started thinking about some different special times - each class will be celebrating their toy with a party on Friday 20 January, so we have been planning their parties and will continue getting ready for their parties next week. Each class has slightly different plans as we have been following the children's suggestions, and plans are still developing, so please look out for possible texts, notes or 'shout outs' for your child's class with possible further details.

We have now learnt all the letters of the alphabet, focusing on the sounds they usually make in words, rather than the letter names. We are now starting to learn digraphs - two letters together making one sound (for example 'sh' as in 'ship' or 'fish' or 'ng' as in 'king'). This week we have learnt the digraphs 'sh' and 'ch' together with their cued articulation actions. Please see the cued articulation video on You Tube for the actions for each letter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPLnfNciLbA>

We have also learnt to read the tricky words 'he' and 'she'. So far we have learnt to read these 'tricky' words: I, to, the, no, go, he, she. Please help us to look out for them in our books when we are reading at home! Thank you!

Tapestry

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 18 January, Emma Moore will be offering a drop in surgery for anyone who would like support with Tapestry. If you have not yet managed to access Tapestry, are unsure of how to upload observations from home or have any queries about Tapestry, please come to Black Bear class at any time between 3.10 and 4.00pm.

Foundation Stage plea!

Thank you for all the Christmas tree donations! The children have had a great time moving them from the front of the school and cutting the branches off to make a scented carpet for our muddier areas!

Our next request is:

Do you have any old cameras that you no longer use? Please can we have them to start our Photo Booth project? We are also keen to receive any donations of wrapping paper and newspapers. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Home challenge

Next week we are thinking about different ways of celebrating people we love. Over the next two weeks we are preparing for special parties for our class toys – for Black Bear, Paddington, Sun Bear and Lei. Have you ever had a party for someone? It might have been a birthday or another special time. Perhaps you might have had a party yourself! Or perhaps you have celebrated people you love in a different way? Do you have any photos of one of these special times? Put them on Tapestry for us to look at together next week. Thank you!

Y1 News

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been learning and practising using split digraphs (a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e) and the two digraphs 'wh' and 'ph'. We have also been recapping the common exception words (tricky words) ready for our spelling B on Monday.

In English we have been learning to write in the past tense. We listened to the story 'Katie in London' and wrote a diary pretending we were one of the characters from the story, including adjectives and exclamation marks in our work.

In Maths we have been using our adding skills to complete repeated addition and practising counting in 10s, 2s and 5s. It would be great if the children could practise this with you at home.

In Science we have been thinking about the four seasons again and making our own little fact books about each of one. We focused on Autumn and Winter this week. We have also been learning about the countries and capital cities within the UK in our geography sessions.

Y2 News

We are continuing to learn about the Titanic, particularly using primary and secondary sources as part of history.

In Science we have started learning about materials and creating our own questions regarding things we want to find out.

In English we have been refreshing what we understand by the terms noun, verb, adjective and adverb and learning how to use commas in lists.

In Maths, each class has been learning about a different form of measure including time, mass, capacity and money. This will continue over the next few weeks.

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/>