

## Motcombe School



### **Newsletter No 016 – 19 January 2018**

Dear Parents

We are pleased to launch our new mission statement "*Flying High Together.*"

The children know that we have changed our school logo and the reasons for this have been explained to them. We wanted to make sure that our mission statement links to the butterfly which all children recognise as being Motcombe.

"*Flying*" because we are a high attaining school and the children work extremely hard and we often say "you are flying today."

"*High*" because we expect high standards of learning and behaviour from every child.

"*Together*" because the children understand that if things are tricky they have friends and grown-ups who will support them to achieve.

As part of this launch, every child will be making a 3D butterfly which will be displayed around the school.

Our thanks to Peter Sands (Graphic Designer) who has created our new logo for us free of charge.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>22-23 January</b>	School Nurses – YR Vision & Hearing checks
<b>Tuesday 23 January</b>	YR visit to church
<b>Friday 26 January</b>	YR Disco – 5.00pm

#### **Good Manners Cup**

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Sun Bear class, the Good Manners Shield went to Koala class and the Good Manners Cup went to Turtle class.

Well done!

#### **Attendance**

Our current attendance figure is 95.89%.

Congratulations to Starfish class who have the highest attendance this week at 98.56%. Look out for their photo in the gallery by the school office!

#### **Daily Run**

We have launched a Daily Run to encourage health and fitness. Mrs Butler's daughter, Jess, measured the perimeter of the playground to be 142m. Therefore, 7 laps of the playground will be 1km (ish!). The School Council are keeping a tally of the number of laps every class completes each day and they will be presenting this information to me on a Friday so that I can calculate the combined distance that the school has run. We will be reporting this in the newsletter as well as showing the children on a map of Eastbourne where they could have reached if we were running from school.

This week we have run 248 laps of playground in total which equals approximately 35 kms. We nearly got to Brighton this week!



### **YR Vision & Hearing Checks**

The School Nurses are currently carrying out vision and hearing checks. If you receive a letter from them with information following these checks, please inform your class teacher. For example, if your child has to have their hearing re-tested as it will be useful for the teacher to know.

### **Parent Helpers**

If you would like to help out in school, please collect a Volunteer Application Pack from the office. Once your DBS is in progress you may help in school but you will be unable to work on your own with children until we have confirmation of your clearance. We also require two references to support your application and we would be grateful if you would ask that your referee sends this back to us promptly. Thank you.

### **YR Show**

Please note, the date for your child's YR show has changed. Black Bear and Spectacled Bear will now be on Tuesday 10 July and Sun Bear and Panda Bear will be on Wednesday 11 July 2018. The shows are at 9.30am.

### **PE Kits**

A reminder that all children must keep their PE kits in school during term time.

### **Library Days**

Apologies to Elephant Class on the list of reminders last week! Your library day is Monday.

### **Fireflies**

Fireflies holiday club is open from 8.00am-6.00pm, Monday - Friday for February half term. We will be exploring all things circus! Contact Emily on [07392848736](tel:07392848736) or [firefliesasc@outlook.com](mailto:firefliesasc@outlook.com) to book your place!

Handwritten signature of Tracy Robinson

### **Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher**

### **Friends of Motcombe**

Everything is in place for the Reception Party on Friday 26 January. A huge thank you to those who have already been in contact offering to help on the evening. There is no such thing as 'too much help' so if you would like to be involved, please email the friends on [motcombefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:motcombefriends@hotmail.com).

Tickets for the party will be going on sale from Monday 22 to Thursday 25 January at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Tickets are £2 each (for adults and children). Children must be supervised by at least one adult per four children. Hopefully you will see us outside at the very front of the school, but if weather conditions are less than favourable we will be sheltering under the canopy.

If you will be attending the party and are first aid trained please make yourself known to the ladies/gentlemen selling the tickets or me via email. We always need first aiders in attendance at our events in the highly unlikely event that they are needed.

Finally, a plea for help to everyone. I need some people to volunteer to sell tickets next week for our Reception Party. This will be at drop off and pick up, Monday to Thursday. If you can get to

school 15 minutes early in the morning and/or stay behind for 15-20 minutes in the afternoon, please email [motcombefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:motcombefriends@hotmail.com). Thank you.

### **Foundation Stage**

We have been very busy this week preparing for our class toy's party! We have made presents and cards, party food and party hats, written invitations and planned party games and music. Today we had a great time celebrating at the party! We have also been learning about addition this week, using our party shop to help us. (I went to the shop and bought 3 party hats and 4 party cups - how many things did I have in my bag altogether?) We will be continuing to work on addition next week. If you have any opportunities to do any practical addition activities at home (for example, while tidying the bedroom - 'I've picked up 5 toys and you've picked up 2 - how many have we picked up altogether?') please put your observations onto Tapestry so that we are able to build up that broader picture of your child's learning.

This week we have learnt the digraphs 'th' (as in 'thumb' and 'that' - voiced and unvoiced), 'ng' (as in 'ring') and 'oo' (as in 'book' and 'moon' - short and long) together with their cued articulation actions. Please see the cued articulation video on youtube for the actions for each phoneme. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPLnfNcilbA>

We have also learnt to read the tricky word 'was'.

So far we have learnt to read these digraphs:

sh, ch, th/th, ng, oo/oo

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

### **Home challenge**

We have talked about lots of different celebrations this term - Christmas, birthdays and special days. What other celebrations have you enjoyed with your family and friends? (Perhaps weddings, christenings, housewarmings, Eid, Diwali, graduations...) Where did you go to celebrate? A restaurant, church, mosque, temple, at home or somewhere else? We would love to find out about these celebrations so we can continue to explore and celebrate similarities and differences between families, cultures and traditions in our classes. If you have any photos of different celebrations you have enjoyed, please upload photos and information to Tapestry so that we can talk about them next week. Thank you!

### **Y1 News**

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been revisiting the alphabet saying the letter names. We have also been learning about the alternative pronunciation of the letter 'a' in words, for example the 'a' in 'apricot' makes an 'ay' sound, the 'a' in 'bath' can be pronounced 'ar' and the 'a' in 'squash' makes the 'o' sound. Thank you again for all your support with reading and practising spelling at home.

In English we asked questions about The Great Fire of London. We were very excited that we were able to share a piece of Samuel Pepy's diary. Then we discussed how we would feel if we were Samuel Pepy's waking up to a fire and wrote our own diary entry.

In Maths we have been learning about multiplication through grouping and using equipment to help us work out the number sentence and answer. For example, 4 groups of 2 makes 8 is the same as  $4 \times 2 = 8$ .

In Science we have looked at the weather in different countries and compared them by temperature, rainfall and daylight hours. The children were very surprised to find out that Greenland only had 5 hours of daylight in January.

In topic we have been finding out about The Great Fire of London and the children really enjoyed creating their own silhouette pictures as well as watching the Samuel Pepy's 'Magic Grandad' episode on BBC Watch. Here is the link if your children would like to watch it again with you at home - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VarSSAwiimU>

### **Y2 News**

In English this week we have been writing our own Titanic stories as though we were actually on board the unsinkable ship. We thought really carefully about how we would be feeling and remembering to use our noun phrases.

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about different measurements including time, capacity, length and mass. Please ask your child to tell you about which measurement they have been learning this week.

In Topic we have been learning the different continents of the world. We have looked at some of the countries in each of the continents and plotted the route that the Titanic took, starting in Southampton, travelling across the Atlantic ocean and where it hit the iceberg.

**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).

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