



Newsletter No 018 – 2 February 2018

Dear Parents

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Friday 9 February	Friends Cake Sale – 3.00pm End of Term
Monday 19 February	Term 4 Begins

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Black Bear Class, the Good Manners Shield went to Koala Class and the Good Manners Cup went to Starfish Class.

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 95.39%.

Congratulations to Stingray class who has the highest attendance this week at 98.06%. Look out for their photo in the gallery by the school office!

100% attendance

Thank you for your continued support with your children's attendance. Today we celebrated those children who have had 100% attendance this month – they have come home with special stickers. Some children have a different special sticker because they have 100% attendance for the whole year so far! Well done!

Daily Run

This week we have run 304 laps of playground in total which equals approximately 43 kms making our "running" total approximately 115 kms.

The distance we have run this week is equivalent to the London Marathon!

We are now heading towards Ashford International Station to board the Eurostar and have stopped off in Tunbridge Wells to catch our breath!



Dropping off

Please do not leave your child unattended before school. You must wait with them and see them safely in to school.

Staff Car Park

May we remind you that parents/carers are not permitted to drive into the staff car park unless you are a Blue Badge holder.

Pancake Day Menu

A pancake day menu for Friday 9 February is being circulated with the newsletter today.

Thank you from KS1

A big thank you to all the parent helpers who have been in to help make butterflies recently. Your help is very much appreciated.

Y2

Please can year 2 bring a small (500ml maximum) empty screw top bottle into school by Tuesday please. We are making Sensory Bottles in connection with our MindUp lessons.



Fire Drill

We practised a fire drill this week. We do this six times a year so the children are well prepared if this needed to happen in a real situation. The children were all out of school into the main playground in under two minutes. They always behave impeccably and follow the procedure in an outstanding way.

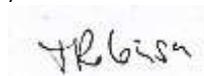
Lock Down

We have also practised our lock down procedure today. An alarm sounds and teachers close the classroom door and pull the blind down. The children perceive this to be a game of hide and seek and the Senior Leadership Team walk round school to ensure they cannot be seen or heard. All the children receive a sticker and are very proud of themselves. Every school is required to have this procedure in place as part of safeguarding. To see the details of our Lockdown Procedure please following this link:-

<http://motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Lockdown-Procedure.pdf>

School Messaging System

Please note, the text messaging system we use can receive messages from you, however, the email system we use to send newsletters etc does not accept replies. Please use the office@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk email address if you wish to contact school this way. Thank you.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

Our first Reception Party was a huge success. Everyone looked like they were having a great time. Thank you to everyone who came – you have raised a fantastic £440 for Motcombe School. We always appreciate your comments and feedback following an event. Please get in contact via the email motcombefriends@hotmail.com or our Facebook page.

Years 1 & 2 will be having their turn with a disco on Friday 2 March. Flyers with more information will be sent home in bookbags before the half term holiday.

It feels like it has been a long time coming, but there will be an end of term cake sale on Friday 9 February! We will be selling them from 3.00pm either at the front of school or under the shelter by the office entrance (weather depending). The Friends will be at the gates on the morning of the sale to collect your delicious contributions. Homemade and shop bought are equally appreciated and please remember that Motcombe is a nut-free school. Thank you.

Foundation Stage

We are coming to the end of our work on celebrations! We have had a great time learning about lots of different celebrations from lots of different cultures. Next week we will be learning about Chinese New Year, another exciting celebration! The children will be taking part in a Chinese New Year parade next Friday (9th February) at 2.30 and you are all invited to come and watch! Please could the reception children come to school wearing red clothes next Friday as part of this special event.

This week we have learnt the digraph 'oa' (as in 'goat'), and the trigraph (three letters making one sound) 'igh' (as in 'knight'), together with their cued articulation actions.

We have also learnt to spell the tricky words 'no' and 'go'.

So far we have learnt to read these digraphs and trigraphs:

sh, ch, th/th, ng, oo/oo, igh, oa 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 been learning about adding this term. Can you practise your adding skills at home, using objects and numbers below 10. Use objects to make up some number stories. For example: 3 apples add 5 apples equals 8 apples. 4 toys and 5 toys equals 9 toys. For a challenge, can you find all the different ways of making eight, using objects eg. 7 raisins add 1 raisin equals 8 raisins etc.

Y1 News

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been revising the sounds from last week and learning about the alternative pronunciation of the letters 'u', 'ow', 'ie' and 'ea' in words, for example the 'u' in 'music' makes a 'you' sound, the 'ow' in 'snow' makes a 'oa' sound and the 'ie' in 'chief' makes the 'ee' sound. It would be great if the children could see if they can spot any of these in their reading books at home.

In English at the beginning of the week, we wrote about what we did at the weekend including past verbs in our writing. We then carried on with our newspaper reports, practising writing in the past tense and using factual information.

In Maths we learnt about division as grouping and practised working out division number sentences by looking at the first number and counting out that many objects and then grouping them by the second number. e.g. 10 grouped into 2s equals 5.

In Science we explored different types of trees. We went on a lovely winter walk around the school to see if we could spot 'evergreen' trees and 'deciduous trees'. The children came up with some great adjectives to describe the trees they saw.

In topic we looked at different types of bridges. The children used their team work skills to work together in groups to build their own bridge using straws and masking tape. We then tested and spoke about the strength of their bridges, thinking of how we could make them stronger.

Y2 News

This week in English we have been practising using commas in lists. We started by using 'Dolphin Boy' as a stimulus to make a list of all the things Jim could have seen on the beach, eg. It could be a piece of driftwood, a large rock, a lobster pot or a treasure chest.

We have also used commas in lists when writing about materials which we could use to make a boat out of. We then used our scientific knowledge about their properties to identify which material would be the most suitable.

In Maths we have been continuing learning about different measures. We are all becoming experts at measuring length, capacity, mass and telling the time.

We have continued making our beautiful butterflies for the school display. They are going to look amazing!

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/>