



Newsletter No 019 – 9 February 2018

Dear Parents

Thank you for coming to our Expert Days and our Chinese New Year Parade today. I hope you enjoyed them.

Today we say farewell to Miss Springall who is going on maternity leave. Please join us in wishing her all the best at this very exciting time!

We say goodbye to Mr Atherton who has been here as part of his teacher training and will be welcoming Mrs Willats back to Motcombe to continue her teacher training.

Have a wonderful half term!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 19 February	Term 4 Begins
Tuesday 20 February	Y1 Trip
Wednesday 21 February	Y1 Trip

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Spectacled Bear Class, the Good Manners Shield went to Flamingo Class and the Good Manners Cup went to Stingray Class.

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 95.75%.

Congratulations to Giraffe class who has the highest attendance this week at 99.36%. Almost 100%! Fantastic! Look out for their photo in the gallery by the school office!

Congratulations also to the 181 children who have had 100% attendance this term!

Daily Run

This week we have run 250 laps of playground in total which equals approximately 35 kms making our "running" total approximately 151 kms.

We have made it (well nearly!!) to Ashford International Station to board the Eurostar!



E-Safety

The children will be talking about E-Safety when we return after half term. If you would like to talk to your child about internet safety you may wish to watch the following video which the children will be watching in class. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nMUbHuffO8>

Internet Usage – Slenderman

In connection with the above, it has come to our attention that some children have been playing games in the playground connected to the character 'Slenderman' (a frightening supernatural character). This character has become part of a children's online game Roblox.

These children have been spoken to and parents have been informed as this is highly inappropriate for young children and definitely not created for under 18s. Roblox is not accessible on school computers due to our filter system, however, can be searched for on You

Tube so please be aware (children do not have access to You Tube at school).

Y1 & Y2 Spellings

There will be no spellings to learn over half term. The next set will be emailed to you on Monday 19 February and the children will be tested on the following Monday.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 16 March, slightly later than official World Book Day. This is because we will be holding a book fair in the school hall during the week of Monday 12 March where the children will be able to spend their Book Token if you wish.

Your child may come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday 16 March and the kitchen are also having a "Mad Hatters Tea Party" on the same day. The menu will be:-

Cheese, Ham or Tuna Baguettes, Cucumber & Carrot Sticks, Pizza Slices, Finger Sausages & Vegetarian Sausages, Cake, Shortbread, Fresh Fruit. (Jacket Potatoes will also be available)

MDSA Vacancy

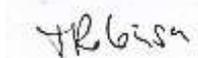
We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant, fixed term until July 2019. The position is Monday – Friday, 12.00 – 1.15pm, 6.25 hours a week, £7.78 per hour. If you are interested, please collect an application pack from the school office or download one from the school website.

Spare Clothes

We are still short of trousers, socks and pants to use as spares. We would be grateful of any that you no longer need.

Nature Club

Nature Adventures after school club has space on Wednesdays in Term 4. This term it's woodworking, rabbits, campfires, ponds and badgers! To book, please contact Sarah on 07887 556336 or sarah@cherrywoodadventures.co.uk.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

Thank you for all the generous donations for our cake sale today. A cake sale is one of the simplest (and tastiest) ways of fundraising for Motcombe School. I hope everyone managed to grab themselves a treat!

Year 1 & 2 Disco

The Disco will be taking place on Friday 2 March 5.00 to 6.30pm. Flyers with details were sent home in bookbags this week. Tickets go on sale from Monday 26 February to Thursday 1 March at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. As usual, we aim to be outside the gates, but in the event of wet weather tickets will be sold under the butterfly rooms shelter. Get in quick – it will be a sell out!

The Friends plan to provide hotdogs and refreshments on the evening, plus fun temporary tattoos and the ever-popular nail bar. Volunteers will be needed otherwise we will not be able to provide all these services. Please get in touch to offer your help either via the email motcombefriends@hotmail.com or our Facebook page.

Claire

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Foundation Stage

Thank you to everybody who came to watch our Chinese New Year parade this afternoon. We have had so much fun this week learning about Chinese New Year traditions, using chopsticks to eat noodles and learning the story of the dragon Nian amongst other things.

This week we have learnt the digraphs 'ar' (as in 'car'), 'ow' (as in 'owl') and 'or' (as in 'fork').

We have also learnt to read the 'tricky' word, 'my'.

So far we have learnt to read these digraphs and trigraphs: sh, ch, th/th, ng, oo/oo, igh, oa, ar, ow, or and these 'tricky' words: I, to, the, no, go, he, she, was, my Please help us to look out for them in our books when we are reading at home! Thank you!

Home challenge

What will you be getting up to over half term? Please let us know about your child's playing and learning and any other adventures on Tapestry. This term we have been especially thinking about these learning skills: using our imagination, having a go – even if it seems tricky or it is something new – and also persevering – keeping on trying when something is tricky to begin with. Please look out for these learning skills over the half term as you watch your child playing at home and put any examples of using imagination, having a go and persevering onto Tapestry so we can celebrate these skills at school! Thank you!

Y1 News

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been revising the sounds last week and learning about the alternative pronunciation of the letter 'y' in words, for example the 'y' in 'sky' makes an 'igh' sound and the 'y' in 'scary' makes an '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 we have been exploring poetry. We read and recited a poem about fire and then worked in groups to come up with a verse for a class poem. The children worked really hard to make their poem rhyme.

In Maths we recapped what we have learnt so far. Then we learnt about the greater than and lesser than crocodile symbols.

In topic we looked at Chinese New Year, which is on the 16 February this year. The children worked hard to make their own dragon masks and did lots of lovely activities surrounding this.

The children also completed their beautiful butterflies ready to be put around the school. Thank you again to the parents who gave up their time to help support the children.

Please can PE kits be brought back on the first day of the term ready for the children to take part in their PE lessons.

Thank you to all those who were able to join us in our Expert Days today. The children had a lovely time sharing with you everything they have been learning.

Y2 News

In Maths this week we have been investigating money. We have been exploring how many ways we can make the same amount using different coins. We have been practising making totals by adding two amounts together and some of us have even been giving change!

In RE we have been looking at the story of Moses. We watched a DVD of the Prince of Egypt and discussed the story of his life. We then wrote some questions about Moses which we will find the answers to next term.

We have completed our topic work on the Titanic and loved sharing the information with you at Expert Day this morning!

We are now looking forward to our new topic 'Where the Wild Things Are'.

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/>