



**Newsletter No 024 – 23 March 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

The children were looking very sporty today for Sport Relief! We have raised £275.13. Thank you!

YR had a very exciting morning when some fire fighters brought their fire engine to Motcombe for the children to look around! The children met some bona fide super heroes! Thank you to Ms Alexander for organising this with Justin Stoneham and Scott Saunders from East Sussex Fire Service who both have children in Spectacled Bear Class at Motcombe School.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<b>Monday 26 March</b>	<b>Hall out of action this week – please send your child with a packed lunch all week if you have not opted for school to provide one.</b>
<b>Thursday 29 March</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.15am Y1 & Y2 Expert Day following the Easter Bonnet Parade YR Expert Day – 2.30pm <b>End of Term</b>
<b>Monday 16 April</b>	<b>Term 5 Begins</b>

**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 Stingray Class.

Well done to those classes!

**Attendance**

Our current attendance figure is 95.58%.

Congratulations to Turtle class who has the highest attendance this week at 98.67%. Look out for their photo in the gallery by the school office!

**Daily Run**

This week we have run 310 laps of the playground in total which makes our “running” total approximately 360.12 kms.

We have stopped at a lovely town called Cambrai for a lovely break !



**Packed Lunches**

A reminder that the hall is out of action next week so please send your child a packed lunch every day if you have not chosen for Chartwells to provide one.

A reminder that if you provide grapes for your child in their lunch to please cut them in half (lengthways) as they can be a choking hazard. Thank you.

**Easter Bonnet Parade & Expert Day**

The Easter Bonnet parade is next Thursday. We are looking forward to seeing all the home made bonnets!

Please come along to see the Parade at 9.15am in the main playground.

Y1 & Y2 parents may then stay to visit their child's Expert Day. Y1 parents please wait in the main playground and Y2 parents please wait outside the Y2 morning entrance for the children to get ready to show you what they have been learning this term.

YR Expert Day is at 2.30pm on the same day. The YR gates will be open at 2.25pm for you to come along to your child's class.

### **Collection**

An increasing number of parents are coming to collect their child ten or fifteen minutes early from school for various reasons but very regularly. This is not appropriate as the children are still in their lessons. We appreciate that sometimes there are appointments which you must go to but this is not always the case and causes disruption to the school day.

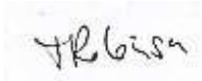
I would also like to remind you that children are not allowed to play on the logs or go in the Enchanted Garden before or after school.

### **After School Clubs**

There will be no Football or Karate Club next week as the hall is out of action.

### **Chartwells**

The new Spring/Summer menu is being circulated with this week's newsletter.



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

### **Friends of Motcombe**

Motsy Bear will be returning this year for our Year 2 leavers. Motsy is a lovely keepsake to remind children of their time at Motcombe School. Keep a look out for flyers coming home in bookbags soon.

The end of term cake sale will take place on Thursday 29 March from 3.00pm. Please bring in your donations of nut-free homemade or shop bought cakes on the morning of the sale. The Friends will be at the gates to receive your contributions. Maybe we'll see some Easter themed treats this term?

A meeting to begin planning the summer fair will be taking place on Wednesday 18 April, 7.30pm in the Butterfly Rooms. Everyone is welcome to attend. At the end of this school year the Friends will be losing many long-standing members who have been part of the school and the PTA for several years and it would be lovely to meet some new people who are willing to offer support and, perhaps, some new ideas.

*Clare*

### **Chair of the Friends**

### **YR News**

We have been so lucky today to have a visit from fire fighters and their fire engine! We have been learning about super heroes this term, so it was great to find out more about some real life heroes. The children loved looking inside the fire engine, having a good look at all the equipment on the outside of the fire engine and even having a go at using the hose!

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt the tricky words 'are' and 'all'.

We have now learnt to read all these digraphs and trigraphs:

sh, ch, th/th, ng, oo/oo, igh, oa, ar, ow, or, ur, er, oi, air, ear, ure.

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

## **Home Challenge**

Make an Easter bonnet! Bring it in on Thursday, ready for our Easter Bonnet Parade.

## **Y1 News**

During Phonics sessions this week, we have carried on revising 'ai', 'ay' and 'a-e' as well as the 'igh' family - 'igh', 'ie', 'y' 'i-e' - making sure we spot them in words and are being great digraph detectives.

In English, we retold the story 'Captain Flinn and the pirate dinosaurs' and had a great time changing the ending. The children created their own story maps and then rewrote the whole story with their own super endings.

In Maths we have been revising subtraction and had a go at working out missing number problems e.g.  $9 - \_ = 2$ .

In Science we very much enjoyed carrying on looking at different types of animals and learning about three more types - mammals, amphibians and insects.

Thank you to those that brought in moving parts books. The children have been creating their own backgrounds and moving parts pictures.

New spellings will be sent home on the first day of next term.

## **Y2 News**

In English we have been focusing on reading comprehension. We have read a variety of texts about Easter and have discussed how to answer them.

In Maths we have used all the strategies used this term for addition and subtraction to answer missing number problems. We also revised using the bar method for fractions and how to answer multiplication number sentences.

We have looked at the work of Charles Cater in Art and have prepared a background using tissue paper which will be completed next week.

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### **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/>