



Newsletter No 025 – 29 March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see all the wonderful Easter Bonnets in the Parade this morning! Thank you for joining us and for coming to our Expert Days today.

Enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 16 April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 16 April	Term Begins <i>Please provide your child with a packed lunch on Monday and Tuesday this week as hall may still be out of use</i>

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 95.56%.

Congratulations to Flamingo class who has the highest attendance this week at 98.71%. 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!

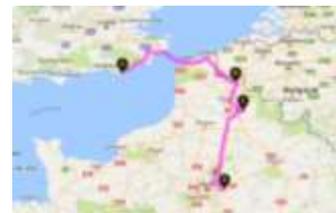
Early Morning Learning

Thank you so much for your continued support in arriving to school on time in the morning. We have had much better punctuality this term, in all classes. This makes such a difference to the children's learning as they do not miss the first session of the day, which starts at 8.50, as soon as the doors open. It also means that the children settle more easily into the day and do not feel anxious that they might have missed anything. We look forward to seeing continued improved punctuality next term!

Daily Run

This week we have run 297 laps of the playground in total which makes our "running" total approximately 402 kms.

We have made it to Disneyland Paris!



Packed Lunches

A reminder to provide your child with a packed lunch for the first two days of the new term as the work being done may not be finished.

Enchanted Garden

Join Sarah (Nature Club) for a day of creating, woodworking, planting and organising the Enchanted Garden. We'll cook a treat on the fire! Friday 6 April from 10.30am. Contact Sarah if you'd like to come - 07887 556336"

After School Clubs

KiddiActive (Mon) & KiddiTennis (Thurs) after school clubs are now taking bookings for Term 5. Contact Emma on 07811 447711 or email kidditennis@gmail.com to sign your child up.

A Message from School Trends (our uniform supplier)

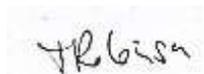
We are updating our carriage charges for our on-line uniform service.

We have listened to feedback from parents about the cost of our delivery service, and so from 27 April 2018 we are reducing the carriage cost of parent orders from £4.95 to just £2.99. This charge will apply to all parents' orders, whether delivered to home or to school.

Free delivery will apply on all orders over the value of £75 including VAT.

You will now be able to have delivery to home or an alternate address before the start of term, and to school during term times and all at a very reasonable cost.

I hope you will agree that this is a much-improved option for both School and Parent.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Eastbourne & South Downs Cricket Group

The Group is offering free sessions for your child if they would like to try cricket. Sessions are currently running every Sunday afternoon up until 29 April 2018 from 4.30-6.00pm. Please email esdcg@sussex.cricket if you would like to find out more or book a place for your child.

Friends of Motcombe

Thank you for all the delicious cake donations for our end of term cake sale. I hope everyone managed to grab a tasty treat.

A meeting to begin planning the Summer Fair will be taking place on Wednesday 18 April at 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.

Enjoy the Easter break!

Clare

Chair of the Friends

YR News

We have had a super(!) term learning all about superheroes, following a fortnight focused on the story, The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have been learning about counting in 2s, counting in 10s, doubling and subtraction. We have enjoyed reading the superhero stories, 'Supertato', 'Max', 'Super Stanley', 'Superkid' and 'Super Daisy', as well as others the children have brought into share with the rest of the class. We have loved making up and writing our own superhero stories. Thank you to everyone who was able to come in to see some of the children's super learning in our Expert Day this afternoon.

This week, we have also put our reading skills to good use, reading clues for our Easter Egg hunts!

In Letters and Sounds this week we have been consolidating all the learning so far – and there has been such a lot!

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

What will you be getting up to over the Easter holidays? Please take every opportunity to upload observations to Tapestry of your child's playing and learning at home and the adventures you have during the two weeks off. Anything that strikes you as a 'wow' moment that you would be

excited to share with the rest of your family – let us know too! As much as possible, if you can write what they say in their own words, and put it in quotation marks, that would be helpful.

If you are celebrating Easter, how did you celebrate? Did you have an Easter egg? Did you spend time with family? Did you go to church? Easter is a great opportunity for us to return to ideas of similarities, differences and respect and understanding of different cultures and beliefs – concepts that we focussed on after Christmas and throughout term 3.

Y1 News

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been revising all the sounds we have learnt so far and making sure we are great digraph detectives by spotting the sounds in words.

In English, we explored some Easter poems and shared our own opinions about them by writing what we liked or didn't like.

In Maths we have been revising addition and subtraction as well as having a go at writing numbers to 20 in words rather than digits.

In Science we recapped all the different animal types and groups that the children have learnt this term.

In Topic we listened to and learnt about the 'Christian' Easter story and what the different Easter symbols represent. The children shared their different opinions about the story.

The children had a lovely time during Expert Day, sharing all their amazing work. Thank you to all those who managed to come to share this with the children today. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

Y2 News

We have enjoyed lots of Easter activities this week!

In RE we learnt about how Christians celebrate Easter. We discussed in detail why Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are special days for Christians.

We have made Fairtrade Crispy Cakes which we enjoyed sharing with you at Expert Day.

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/>