



Newsletter No 026 – 20 April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

Here is a reminder of the dates for the rest of the year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 2 May	Y1 Show (Flamingo/Elephant and ½ Giraffe) – 9.30am
Thursday 3 May	Y1 Show (Dolphin/Koala and ½ Giraffe) – 9.30am
Monday 21 May	Class Photographs
Tuesday 22 May	YR Trip
Friday 25 May	Y2 Expert Day – 9.15am YR Expert Day – 2.30pm (Y1 will not have Expert Day as they have performed their show to you) End of Term
Monday 4 June	Term Begins
Thursday 7 June	Y2 Swimming – first session (you will receive a letter soon)
Monday 11 June	Y1 Phonics Week
Tuesday 12 June	Y1 Sports Day – 9.15am Y2 Sports Day – 10.45am
Wednesday 20 June	YR Sports Day – 9.15am
Tuesday 26 June	Reserve date for Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (timings as above)
Wednesday 27 June	Reserve date for YR Sports Day – 9.15am
Thursday 28 June	Mufti Day for Summer Fair contributions
Friday 29 June	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 2 July	New Parents' Evening – September 2018 intake
Tuesday 3 July	Transition Day New intake – Teddy Bears' Picnic
Saturday 7 July	Summer Fair – 11.00am – 2.00pm
Tuesday 10 July	YR Show (Black Bear/Spectacled Bear) - 9.30am
Wednesday 11 July	YR Show (Sun Bear/Panda Bear) – 9.30am
Friday 13 July	Y1 Expert Day – 9.15am Y2 Leavers Party – 12.00 – 2.00pm
Tuesday 17 July	Helpers Assembly – 9.30am (by invitation) Y2 Show (Stingray/Puffer Fish) – 2.00pm
Wednesday 18 July	Y2 Show (Turtle/Starfish) – 2.00pm
Thursday 19 July	Picnic on the Field – 2.00 – 3.00pm
Friday 20 July	INSET Day – school closed End of Term

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Panda 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

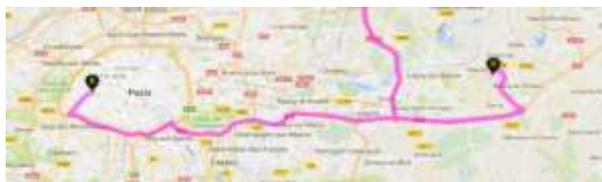
Our current attendance figure is 95.61%.

Congratulations to Sun Bear class who have the highest attendance this week at 99.33%.

Daily Run

This week we have run 327 laps of the playground in total which makes our "running" total approximately 450 kms.

We have are now travelling towards Spain but have stopped at the Eiffel Tower for some sightseeing.



Sun Cream

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please put suncream on your child before they come to school. Boots have a brand called Once which gives eight hours of protection and is reasonably priced.

Please also remember to send their water bottle in with them every day.

Handwritten signature of Tracy Robinson.

Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

The Friends had a productive meeting on Wednesday evening, planning the Summer Fair and the Y2 leavers party. Thank you to everyone who attended for your input and continued support.

The date for the Summer Fair has been changed and will now be held on Saturday 7 July 11.00am – 2.00pm. We hope that this does not cause inconvenience, but it was a necessary change to make.

The Y2 leavers party will be taking place on Friday 13 July during school time. This is a change to previous years where it has been held at the weekend. The Friends and the School hope that by holding the event during school hours, all of our leavers will be able to attend. As in previous years we will order yummy pizzas for the children and Colossal Events will be providing the inflatable entertainment – all we ask you for is a very small contribution of £2.00. Further information and permission forms will be sent home in the coming weeks.

'Phil the Bag' will be back on Tuesday 8 May. Phil the Bag is a free clothing initiative that turns unwanted textiles into cash for our school. Information flyers will be sent home next week.

Hopefully the Y2 children have all brought home their Motsy Bear order form. If your child would like one, please complete the form and return along with £5.00 and a named Motcombe School jumper as soon as possible and by Friday 1 June at the latest. Money and form can be posted into the red friends post box and jumpers can be placed in the box below. The Friends have a limited number of Motcombe school jumpers if you do not have your own - we don't want anyone to miss out!

Claire

Chair of the Friends

YR News

We have been busy this week being scientists. We have been using our observational skills and thinking about things that change. Across the year group we have been investigating the changes in the weather, making gloop and planting seeds – we have been very busy!

In Maths this week we have been learning about halving. We have talked about the fact that when you halve something you end up with 2 things, or 2 groups, and that both of these things or groups are the same size. We have learnt that if we want to cut something in half, we need to cut it exactly in the middle, or the two pieces will not be the same size. If you have any opportunities to talk about halving with your children this weekend, in real-life contexts – for example, if you are having sandwiches for lunch and cut the bread in half – please put your conversations with your child onto Tapestry for us to see them applying their learning at home.

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt to read the 'tricky' word, 'said'.

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, all and said. Please help us to look out for them in our books when we are reading at home! Thank you!

We will be visiting Spring Barn Farm later this term – please find the letter about the trip in your child's bookbag today! More information about this term's learning - and more! - is in this term's year group letter which has been emailed to you.

Home challenge

What things can you think of that change? How do they change? Draw pictures, write about it or get your grown up to film you talking about it. Put your ideas on Tapestry.

Y1 News

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been revising all the 'ee' family and trying to remember which 'ee' digraph or phoneme to put in each word - monkey (ey), feet (ee), baby (y), beach (ea), she (e), thief (ie).

On Monday morning we all had a very exciting surprise. We found some huge glasses and a letter from George the Giant. We have been trying to help him work out who stole his things by coming up with questions and writing a letter back to George.

In Maths we revised 2D shapes and have been learning about 3D shapes. The children had a go at writing the names and working out the different properties of the 3D shapes.

In Science we carried out an experiment. The children have planted some cress seeds and put them in different places to find out what they need to grow. We will be writing our findings next week.

In Topic we found out about a landscape architect called Lancelot 'Capability' Brown and why he is famous and important. It would be great if you could ask your child about this at home.

The children have been working very hard this week practising our show ready for our performance.

Y2 News

We have started our exciting new topic this week, all about Superheroes! We have been looking at fictional superheroes, such as Batman, Wonder Woman and The Flash. We focused on using all of our writing skills, including using a range of openers, adverbs and conjunctions, to create a wonderful piece of factual writing. We have also researched some real life superheroes, such as Martin Luther- King and Mother Teresa.

In Maths we have been investigating multiplication and division. We looked at matching multiplication and division pairs e.g. 2×3 and 3×2 and then drew the number sentences as arrays. We also used these skills to solve one and two step problems.

We have been thinking about materials in Science, in preparation for making our own bags with Mrs Pymble. We have described and sorted different kinds of materials, such as paper, plastic, metal and wood, and discussed which of these would be most suitable to make a bag from.

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/>