



Newsletter No 027 – 27 April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

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 7 May	Bank Holiday

Good Manners Cup

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

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

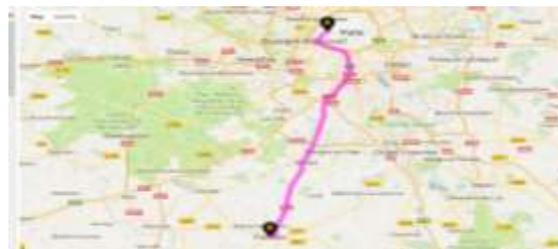
Our current attendance figure is 95.69%.

Congratulations to Turtle class who have **100% attendance** this week! Look out for their picture in our Attendance Gallery outside the school office.

Daily Run

This week we have run 308 laps of the playground in total which makes our “running” total approximately 493 kms.

We have are now travelling towards Spain but have stopped at the former royal town of Etampes for a break.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

It's time to recycle with 'Phil the Bag' on Tuesday 8 May. Please support our fundraising campaign by donating your unwanted textiles. Fill as many bags (bin liners, carrier bags, pillow cases, etc) with the following items: clothing, belts, hats, bags, shoes, sheets, bedding and towels. Please do not include curtains, pillows, duvets, sleeping bags or tent canvas. There will be a collection point at the main school gates on Tuesday 8 May or, in the event of rain, under the shelter by the office. Every bag and every item counts – the more our donations weigh, the more money we receive for our school.

I have finally begun the revamp of the Friends notice board located at the front school gates. There are still a few decorative finishing touches to follow, but it is nearly there! Please have a look the next time you are passing – I hope you will agree that it is looking far more current and, most importantly, informative with regards to the amounts of money we raise for the school.

To find out more about becoming involved with the Friends of Motcombe and our fundraising for the school please email motcombefriends@hotmail.com. You can also follow our Facebook page to keep up-to-date with events.

Clare

Chair of the Friends

YR News

This week our caterpillars arrived! We talked about the things we need to do to make sure we take care of them and keep them safe. We are looking forward to watching them grow and seeing how they change.

Some of the seeds we sowed last week have started to grow. We will keep watching to see how they grow and change. Are you growing any plants at home?

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt to read the 'tricky' word, 'so' and have also been practising spelling the tricky words 'he', 'she', 'we', 'me' and 'be'.

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, said and so.

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

Home challenge

At the moment we are learning about how different things grow and change. Next, we will be thinking about how we have changed since we were babies. We would love to see some baby photos to see if we can guess which baby is which! Please could you either send in a baby photo for us to photocopy and return or upload a baby photo to Tapestry for us to look at next week.

Y1 News

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been revising all the 'oo' family and trying to remember which 'oo' digraph or phoneme to put in each word - book (short oo), moon (long oo), blue (long oo), Rescue (yoo), cube (yoo), flute (long oo).

In English we have been writing our own reviews of the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We also drew our favourite characters and wrote fantastic descriptions using noun phrases e.g. huge giant.

In Maths we have been exploring arrays and using them to write and work out multiplication sentences.

In Science we completed our experiment. The children looked carefully at the cress we planted last week and recorded down their findings. They found out that as well as needing water, sun and warmth, the seeds needed to be placed in large shallow containers as they didn't grow in deep narrow ones.

The children have been working hard on their reading and we would be very grateful for parents to come in and listen to them read, even if it's just for an hour. If you are interested, please see your child's class teacher.

Y2 News

In Maths we have been learning about division and how this is related to multiplication. We have been grouping objects and finding out how many items are in each group. We have then used our new division skills to help us solve problems.

We have been continuing our new topic on Superheroes and this week have been looking at heroes within our family. We have thought very carefully about what makes a person a hero and used our conjunctions when writing our sentences.

We have started a very exciting scientific experiment this week. We have been thinking about plants and how they grow. Would a flower survive longer if it was put in milk rather than water? What would happen if we put the flower in Coca Cola? We shall observe the effects that these different liquids have on the flowers and let you know the results.

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/>